



**THE INTERNATIONAL GP14 CLASS ASSOCIATION  
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2022**

**Organised by Skerries Sailing Club August 13<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> 2022  
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*Changes from Editions 1 and 2 published on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 and February 2022*

- a) Eligibility for World Champion titles in NoR 4.2*
- b) Limit on competitor numbers in NoR 4.9*
- c) Change of entry fee surcharge date in NoR 4.4*

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

*The notation [DP] in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Jury, be less than disqualification. The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a)*

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS].
- 1.2 All documents, including any amendments, pertaining to this event are available at *The Official Notice Board*
- 1.3 The Irish Sailing prescriptions that apply are stated in NoR Addendum A
- 1.4 Racing rules will be changed as follows:
  - RRS 61.1(a)2 – requirement for protest flag;The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5 Boats are required to carry a tow rope separate to the other rigging on the boat of a minimum 10metre length of a minimum of 6mm diameter cordage (DP)
- 1.6 Boats may be required to carry trackers supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 1.7 Protocols relating to COVID19 may be published at any time and will state if they have the status of a rule.

### **2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be available on the Association web site and *The Official Notice Board* beforehand.

### **3 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 3.1 (DP) Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.2 The official notice board will be online at <http://skerriessailingclub.com/gp14-worlds-2022-official-noticeboard/>

### **4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The regatta is open to boats of the GP Fourteen Class whose helm is a member of the International GP 14 Association.

4.2

World Championship Titles  
All boats will compete together.  
The following titles will be awarded

- a) Overall Champion for the helm and crew of the best ranked boat in the event
- b) Male World Champion for the helm and crew of the best ranked boat sailed by two male competitors. (minimum entry: 30 boats)
- c) Female World Champion for the helm and crew of the best ranked boat sailed by two female competitors (minimum entry: 20 boats)

- d) Mixed World Champion for the helm and crew of the best ranked boat sailed by a male and a female competitor (minimum entry: 20 boats)
- e) Youth World Champion for the helm and crew of the best ranked boat sailed by two competitors, male or female, whose 22nd birthday has not been reached by Dec 31st 2022 (minimum entry: 15 boats).
- All boats will compete for the overall World Champion title and any other title for which they are eligible based on the information on the entry form as confirmed at registration. . The full list of boats competing for each category will be published as soon as possible after the close of registration.

Series scores will be calculated for the overall World Championship and other titles will be awarded to the best ranked qualifying boat in the overall Championship ranking.

#### 4.3 Existing entries and new entries

a) As the event was postponed due to COVID19 in 2021 many competitors have entered that postponed event and paid a deposit to the GP14 Class Association. For those competitors the deposit is acknowledged and, to complete their entry for 2022 they will need to

- i) complete a new entry form as detailed below
- ii) pay the balance of the entry fee as detailed below

4.3.1 For new entries, competitors will need complete the entry form and pay the deposit and balance as detailed below.

4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached entry form and submitting it, together with a deposit of £30 sterling to the World Championship event section of the GP14 Class Association web site [www.gp14.org](http://www.gp14.org)

The balance of EURO 260 shall be paid to Skerries Sailing Club in the GP14 World Championship section of the club web site [www.skerriessailingclub.com](http://www.skerriessailingclub.com) . This balance shall be paid by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.

For entries received after the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2022 but before the closing date, the entry fee will be a deposit of £30 and a balance of EURO 310. For balance payments received after the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2022 but before the closing date, the balance payment will be EURO 310, irrespective of the date of payment of the deposit of £30 Sterling.

4.5 The closing date for entries is midnight on Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> 2022.

4.6 For boats sailing with one youth sailor (see NoR 4.2d for criteria) the entry fee will be discounted by 25%

For boats sailing with two youth sailors, the entry fee will be discounted by 50%.

4.7 Substitution of the person named as helm on the entry form will be considered as a new entry. (See also NoR 6)

4.8 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.9 The event is restricted to maximum of 150 entries.

4.10 Competitors who are under 18 before and including the last date of the regatta must have a declaration form completed by their parent or guardian before they will be allowed to compete. This applies to helms and crews. The parental declaration form is part of the entry form.

4.11 Competitors shall declare their World Championship category (see NoR 4.2) and fleet grading when entering. The guidelines for fleet selection are noted on the entry form.

4.12 After entry applications are opened and until the start of the event, the organising authority will monitor the coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic or other potential disruptions to the event and, having regard for the health and safety of all participants as well as any government travel restrictions or government mandated conditions on gatherings that affect participation in or conduct of the event, may at its sole discretion:

- Postpone or cancel the event
- Change the status of the event
- Alter the maximum number of entries
- Make any other decision deemed necessary in the circumstances

## 5 FEES

5.3 Required fees are as follows:

See NoR 4.5 above

5.4 Cancellation of entry will incur a cancellation cost which is detailed on the entry form and in the additional information section after the end of this Notice of Race.

5.5 The fee covers entrance to some social events, details at the end of this Notice of Race.

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Substitution of the person named as helm or crew on the entry form will be permitted up to the start of the Championship with the agreement of the Organising Authority.

6.2 During the event, the crew may be substituted only with the prior written agreement of the International Jury.

During the event, substitution of the person named a helm, with the prior written permission of the International Jury, will be considered as a new entry.

## 7 ADVERTISING

- a. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority [DP]..

## 8 SCHEDULE

- a. Registration: Skerries Sailing Club, Race Office. For times see NOR 8.4.  
 b. Competitor Briefing: 10.00 hrs on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup>, Skerries Sailing Club (SSC)  
 c. Nine races are scheduled. All categories will race together.

### d. Schedule

Race times are the time of the first warning signal.

<i>Date</i>		<i>Time</i>	<i>Time of high tide</i>
Saturday August 13 <sup>th</sup>	Registration: Race Office	10.00 to 18:00	13:17 (4.1.m)
	Equipment Inspection and event measurement : SSC	09:30 to 18:00	
Sunday August 14 <sup>th</sup>	Registration : Race Office	09:30 to 11:00	14:01 (4.1m)
	Equipment Inspection and event measurement: SSC	09:30 to 11:30	
	Competitors Briefing : SSC	10.00	
	Practice race Points race	12:55 To follow	
Monday August 15 <sup>th</sup>	Points race Points race	11:55 To follow	14:42 (4.0m)
Tuesday August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Points race Points race	11:55 To follow	15:22 (3.8m)
Wednesday August 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Optional race day.</b>	As required	16.03 (3.6m)
Thursday August 18 <sup>th</sup>	Points race Points race	11:55 To follow	16.47 (3.4m)
Friday August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Points race Points race	11:25 To follow	17:39 (3.2m)
	Prize Giving SSC	20:00	

- e. The practice race may be abandoned after starting and if so, will not be resailed. The start for Points-race one will follow.  
 f. Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August is an optional race day. The Race Committee may programme racing as necessary to complete the schedule.  
 g. On the last scheduled day of racing the first warning signal of a race will not be made after 14:30hrs.

## 9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- a. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate at registration. Only certified sails may be used.

- b. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the notice of race or sailing instructions. When requested by a race official, a boat shall be made available for inspection. [DP]
- c. At registration all boats shall present a completed self-declaration measurement form. The form to be completed will be made available to all boats entered after the entry closing date.
- d. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in the rules, including this Notice of Race.

## **10 VENUE**

- a. Racing area will be in Skerries Bay, approximately 1 mile. east of Skerries Sailing Club.

## **11 COURSES**

- a. The courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- a. The intention is to appoint an international Jury as provided in RRS 70.5
- b. Appendix P, Special Procedures for rule 42 will apply. P2.2 shall apply to second and subsequent penalties.
- c. RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply. If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that was present may take a Post-Race Penalty as defined in RRS T1(b) at any time until the Protest Committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS T1(a).

## **13 SCORING**

- a. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b. a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - i. When 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - ii. When more than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **14 SUPPORT BOATS**

- a. Support boats will not be permitted.

### **14.2 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS**

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the race.

## **15 BERTHING**

(DP) Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

## **16 DATA PROTECTION**

Competitors (both helm and crew) will be requested to complete a data protection form at registration. Details are given in the Additional Information section after the end of this Notice.

## **16 RISK STATEMENT**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## 17 INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EURO 3,000,000 per event or the equivalent. Competitors shall sign a declaration to that effect at registration. Insurance is the sole responsibility of the competitors.

## 18 PRIZES

- a. Trophies will be awarded to winners of the Championship categories defined in NoR 4.2. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of the Championship. Prizes may also be awarded to the winners of the Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets. The entry form contains guidelines for selection of fleet and competitors shall nominate their chosen fleet on that form.

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

## 20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the International GP14 Class Association via the web site [www.gp14.org](http://www.gp14.org) or Skerries Sailing Club via their web site at [www.skerriessailingclub.com](http://www.skerriessailingclub.com)

## END OF NOTICE OF RACE

### Additional Information

- 1 For information about arrivals and where to stay, go to the Skerries Sailing Club website for a list of local information, Local Accommodation.
- 2 Boat Drop off  
When you arrive at the club you will be required to unhitch your boat from the car, a designated person will be there to advise you on where to park your boat and car.
3. A full social programme is being organised and will be advised at a later date.
4. GDPR – Personal Data permission.  
Legislation from May 2018 onwards changes the way in which personal data can be collected, used and destroyed. The Organising Authority (OA) for this Championship will follow the guidelines of the national authority ( Irish Sailing) in order to comply with GDPR.  
The Personal Data Permission Form, made available to each competitor at registration, covers items such as, but not limited to,
  - taking of photographs and videos for use by the Club or the Class
  - retention of contact data to inform about future events
  - publication of names, clubs and boat numbers on Class web site before the regatta
  - publication of race results during and after the regatta.

The OA has adopted a data protection policy which will be on display at the registration desk.
5. The Clubhouse car park will be closed for the week to cater for a Marquee, there is free parking at the top of the harbour in red island a five-minute walk from the sailing club. All parking on the street beside the clubhouse is pay and display.
6. Details of terms of cancellation  
If a competitor wishes to cancel their entry then;
  - a) Any deposits paid are fully refundable up to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.
  - b) Cancellations up to and including May 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 will be entitled to a full refund of all amounts paid, less and administration fee of £30.
  - c) Competitors cancelling after May 1<sup>st</sup> and before the closing date of midnight on July 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 will be entitled to a refund of all amounts paid less EURO 100 to cover the committed costs of Skerries Sailing Club and an administration fee of £30.
  - d) No refunds will be made after the closing date.
  - e) All notifications of cancellation must be made in writing (an email is sufficient) to the GP14 Class Association office before the date specified above ([admin@GP14.org](mailto:admin@GP14.org) )

If the organising authority implements a decision to cancel under the provisions of NoR 4.12, the amounts to be refunded will match the dates and amounts in 7 a-d above.

## Addendum A –

### IRISH SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS to the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021 – 2024

#### Prescriptions that apply at an event with an International Jury (see Prescription 88.2)

*The Irish Sailing Prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing were approved by the Board on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020. This document sets out those prescriptions that apply when approval has been given for the appointment of an international jury (rule 91(b)).*

With effect from January 1 2021, Irish Sailing prescribes

- Rule 46 PERSON IN CHARGE**  
To be eligible to compete in any event run by an organisation affiliated to Irish Sailing, the designated Person in Charge shall:
- i) Be an Irish Sailing Personal Member, a member of an Irish Sailing affiliated Category 1 Club or an equivalent club in Northern Ireland or
  - ii) When the designated Person in Charge is not ordinarily a resident within the jurisdiction of Irish Sailing, the competitor shall comply with the requirements of the National Authority of the country of which he is a national or ordinarily a resident.
- 60 RIGHT TO PROTEST; RIGHT TO REQUEST REDRESS OR RULE 69 ACTION**  
Irish Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for filing protests or requests for redress.
- 67 DAMAGES**
- i) No claims for damages arising from an infringement of any of the rules, as defined, shall be adjudicated upon by any protest committee or appeal authority but shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
  - ii) A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.
- 86.3 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES (★)**  
The written approval of Irish Sailing is required for the implementation of rule 86.3.
- 88.2 CHANGES TO PRESCRIPTIONS**  
Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of Irish Sailing. However, when an international jury has received approval from Irish Sailing, under rule 91(b), only the prescriptions to rules 46, 60, 67, 86.3, 88.2, 91(b) and Reg 21.18 will apply.
- 91(b) PROTEST COMMITTEE (★)**  
The written approval of Irish Sailing is required for the implementation of rule 91(b) except when the International Jury is appointed by World Sailing.

**21.18 Additional Roles and Responsibilities of Member National Authorities**

Irish Sailing has adopted the Sports Ireland Irish Anti-Doping Rules. A link to these rules is available on the Irish Sailing website. These rules have been adopted by Irish Sailing in compliance with World Sailing Regulation 21, Anti-Doping Code.