



## The GP14

What you need to know .....

### Specification

Hull: Can be made of wood, glass reinforced plastic (GRP), foam reinforced plastic (FRP) or epoxy

Length: 4.27m (14 ft)

Beam: 1.54m

Weight: 133kg

Sail Area: Main and Genoa (jib) 12.85m<sup>2</sup>  
Spinnaker 8.4m<sup>2</sup>

Sail Material: Dacron or laminate

Mast: Coated Aluminium

Portsmouth Yardstick Number:  
(2015) 1130

### What it costs

From about £1,500 for a second hand in good condition, through to new boats starting at £4,995 to around £7,500 depending on manufacturer and construction



### Manufacturers

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### Perfect for learning to sail, racing and cruising

The GP14, designed by Jack Holt in 1949, was originally conceived as a general purpose family dinghy with a mainsail and small jib. Modern GP14s have three sails; a mainsail, an overlapping foresail called a Genoa, and a symmetrical spinnaker set on a pole. GP14s are used for all levels of sailing from training beginners through to club racing, cruising, competing on the Open Meeting circuit and in major GP14 Class Association championship events. It is an exciting racing boat and can be sailed by people of all ages as there is a wide tolerance of all-up crew weight. It is an impressive testimony to the designer that the original concept has become an outstanding racing dinghy, offering close and rewarding competition at the very highest level.

### Both versatile and challenging

It is a two-person sailing dinghy but its stable design means it is big enough for a family to cruise in and easy to sail so especially suitable for learning the basics of sailing. There is a thriving Vintage and Cruising fleet who enjoy relaxing on the water and can take advantage of GP14 Class Association events arranged specifically for them. The Association is proactive in providing support to sailors of all abilities and committed to developing a programme of coaching events throughout the year. Youth sailors have the opportunity to take part in the Howard Davies Memorial Week, a unique week long training event run by professional coaches. Coaching events, tailored to the needs of the participants, are held at clubs throughout the country, and coaching sessions delivered at national events to help everyone improve. The features of the boat which can affect sailing performance are strictly one-design so at the highest level GP14 racing is a pure form of tactical sailing.

### Developments

Construction materials have moved from the original wood and marine ply, through traditional glass-reinforced plastic (GRP) to the latest foam reinforced plastic (FRP) and epoxy designs which offer superb stiffness and durability. Modern methods have ensured that wooden boats continue to make up a large proportion of the fleet and are regularly sailed by the winners of major championships. The Series II design with a double bottom enables the boat to come upright easily and drain quickly after a capsize.

### Ideal racing opportunities

As well as enjoying regular club racing, GP14 sailors can participate in competitions run by the GP14 Class Association. These include a considerable number of Open Meetings, Regional Championships, an Inland Championship and a Youth Championship, plus a National Championship annually and a biennial World Championship.

### Class Association Details

GP14 Class International Association

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