



THE INTERNATIONAL GP14 CLASS ASSOCIATION
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Organised by Plas Heli in conjunction with the Int.GP14 Class
Association
August 10th to 16th 2024



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]. <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/rules>
- 1.2. All documents, including any amendments, pertaining to this event are available at *The Official Notice Board*
- 1.3. The RYA 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 to see at registration and will be available on the Association web site and *The Official Notice Board* beforehand.
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/rules>

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 www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/7896
- 3.3. In addition notices may be posted on the Notice Board outside the Race Office.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta is open to boats of the GP Fourteen Class whose helm and crew are members of the International GP 14 Association.
- 4.2. World Championship Titles
This event comprises championships in the following categories in which the fleets will compete together.
 - a) An overall Championship for the helm and crew of the leading boat in the event.
 - b) A male World Champion helm and crew for the leading boat sailed by two men.
 - c) A female World Champion helm and crew for the leading boat sailed by two women.
 - d) A mixed World Champion helm and crew for the leading boat sailed by a man and a woman.
 - e) A youth World Champion helm and crew for the leading boat sailed by two people whose 22nd birthday has not

been reached by Dec 31st, 2024.

All boats will be entered into category (a) and competitors may choose one other category, which is met by the helm and crew, at the time of entry.

The award of the titles above depends on the minimum numbers in each category being met in compliance with World Sailing Regulation 10.4; that is

Male Champion helm and crew – minimum entry 30 boats, Female World Champion helm and crew – minimum entry 20 boats, Mixed gender World Champion helm and crew – minimum entry 20 boats, Youth World Champion Minimum entry 15 boats.

The scoring system is detailed later in this Notice of Race, the titles above will be awarded to the leading boat in each category taken from the overall event results for all entries.

- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached entry form and submitting it, together with a deposit of £50 sterling to the World Championship event section of the GP14 Class Association web site www.gp14.org

The balance of £320 shall be paid to the Int GP14 Class Association. This balance shall be paid by May 1st, 2024.

Deposit of £50 until midnight February 1st.

Full payment £370 until midnight May 1st after this a £50 late fee will be added taking the total to £420.

Youth Boat with a 50% subsidy from the class until 1st May £185 and after this, £210.

Youth helm with a 25% subsidy from the class until 1st May £277.50 and after this, £315.

For entries received after the 1st of May 2024, but before the closing date, the entry fee will be a £420.

The closing date for entries is midnight on Sunday July 7th, 2024. Entries after this are at the organising authority's discretion.

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

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

- 4.6. The event is restricted to maximum of 130 entries.

- 4.7. 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.

- 4.8. 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.

- 4.9. 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

- 5.1. Required fees are as follows:

See NoR 4.3 above

- 5.2. 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.

- 5.3. 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: Plas Heli Race Office. For times see NOR 8.4.
 b. Competitor Briefing: 10.00 hrs on Sunday August 14th, Plas Heli Main Hall
 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 10 ^h	Registration: Race Office	10.00 to 18:00	To be confirmed
	Equipment Inspection and event measurement: Plas Heli Main Hall	09:30 to 18:00	
Sunday August 11 th	Registration: Race Office	09:30 to 11:00	
	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 12 th	Points race Points race	11:55 To follow)
Tuesday August 13 th	Points race Points race	11:55 To follow	
Wednesday August 14 th	Alternative race day	As required	
Thursday August 15 th	Points race Points race	11:55 To follow	
Friday August 16 th	Points race Points race	11:25 To follow	
	Prize Giving Plas Heli	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 14th 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 Carmarthen Bay, Admiralty Chart #5609_4 Small craft chart Barmouth to Abersoch (Northwest Wales) applies.

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 3 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

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Additional Information

- 1 For information about arrivals and where to stay, go to the 2024 World Championship section of the GP14r Class website.

- 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 later.

- 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 (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. Details of terms of cancellation

If a competitor wishes to cancel their entry, then.

- a) Any deposits paid are fully refundable up to December 31st, 2023.
- b) Cancellations up to and including May 1st, 2024, will be entitled to a full refund of all amounts paid, less and administration fee of £30.
- c) Competitors cancelling after May 1st and before the closing date of midnight on July 26th, 2024, will be entitled to a refund of all amounts paid less £75 to cover the committed costs of Pals Heli 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)

If the organising authority implements a decision to cancel under the provisions of NoR 4.11 the amounts to be refunded will match the dates and amounts in 5,a-d above.



PRESCRIPTIONS

With effect from 1 January 2021, the RYA prescribes

RULES

4 Acceptance of the Rules

Add new rule 4.6:

Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules.

Add new rule 4.7:

The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

6 Anti-Doping

The national authority procedural rules required to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the RYA Anti-Doping Rules, as published on the RYA website.

40 Personal Flotation Devices

When a rule requires a personal flotation device to be worn, the device shall comply with the specifications for the personal flotation devices that the boat is required to carry. If more than one specification applies, the personal flotation device worn shall comply with the highest of them.

67 Damages

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

70.5 Right of Appeal

1. RYA approval is not required to deny the right of appeal under rule 70.5(a).
2. The RYA will not consider approving the denial of the right of appeal under rule 70.5(b) unless
 - (a) the RYA decides there is good reason to approve. The cost of an international jury which would otherwise be appropriate for the event is not a good reason.
 - (b) the protest committee is approved by the RYA.
 - (c) application to the RYA is made no later than one month before the notice of race is to be issued. In exceptional circumstances, the RYA may consider a later application.

A copy of the RYA letter of approval shall be displayed on the official notice board.

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3. However, the denial of appeal shall not apply to a party to a hearing under rule 69.2, Misconduct, but the decision of the protest committee shall determine the results of the event.

78 Compliance with Class Rules; Certificates

Add new rule 78.3:

The race committee or technical committee may inspect or measure any boat or personal equipment, at any time.

Terms in bold are as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

86.3 Rule Changes

An organizing authority wishing to develop or test alternative racing rules, other than test rules approved by World Sailing, shall obtain prior approval from the RYA. An application form is available from the RYA. The notice of race shall include the approved alternative rules. The organizing authority shall promptly report the results of the development or test to the RYA.

88.2 Changes to National Authority Prescriptions

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the RYA.

However, when an international jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions to rules 4, 6, 67, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.

APPENDIX G, IDENTIFICATION ON SAILS

G2 Other Boats

Re-number rule G2 as G2.1.

Add new rule G2.2:

A boat, other than a boat of a World Sailing Class, shall comply with rule G1 except as follows:

1. Sail numbers shall be issued by any of these Authorities
 - a. Y, M, N, T, A, L and X series issued by the RYA.
 - b. R series issued by the Royal Ocean Racing Club.
 - c. C series issued by the Clyde Yacht Clubs Association.
 - d. National class series issued by the RYA.
 - e. Series issued by RYA affiliated class associations.
 - f. Series issued for a class by a single manufacturer approved by the RYA.
2. Identification
 - a. under rule G1.1(a), class insignia need not be carried when the boat carries a sail number from one of the series specified in prescription G2.2(1)(a) to (d).
 - b. under rule G1.1(c), a sail number of more than four digits may be carried.
 - c. under rule G1.1(c), one of the authorities specified in G2.2(1) above shall allot an appropriate sail number.
 - d. under rule G1.2(b), the height of a letter included as part of a sail number shall be the same as any numerals included in the sail number.

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e. under rule G1.3(a)(ii), the national letters may be placed in front of or above the sail numbers.

3. Exceptions

- a. Class rules may state that national letters and sail numbers need not be displayed on a spinnaker
- b. A boat that normally races in a country outside the United Kingdom shall comply either with the rules for sail identification applicable in that country or with this prescription.

APPENDIX R, PROCEDURES FOR APPEALS AND REQUESTS

R2.1 Submission of Appeal

Rule R2.1 shall apply except as changed by the following:

1. The appellant shall notify RYA Racing stating an intention to appeal within the relevant time limit in rule R2.1. No details are needed at this stage.
2. Within 15 days thereafter, the appellant shall send to the RYA a completed appeal form with a copy of the protest committee's decision and other documents listed in rule R2.2, all as far as reasonably possible.
3. Unless the appellant is a personal member of the RYA, an appeal fee, stated on the appeal form, is payable to the RYA and shall be sent with the appeal form.

The appeal form is available from www.rya.org.uk/racingrules or by request to RYA Racing.

R2.4 Failure to Comply with Procedures for Appeal or Request

Add new rule R2.4:

If the appellant does not comply with rule R2.1 as prescribed or the protest committee does not comply with rule R2.3, the RYA will refuse to hear the appeal unless there are exceptional circumstances. If other parties to the protest or the protest committee do not meet the requirements of the procedure, the RYA may decide the appeal as it thinks fit.

R2.5 Expedited Appeals

Add new rule R2.5:

The time periods in rules R2.1, R2.3 and R4.4, as amended by prescription, may be shortened by the RYA if it decides that an appeal or request for confirmation or correction has a timeline necessitating that it be heard on an expedited basis.

WORLD SAILING REGULATION 20, ADVERTISING CODE

20.2.3 Right to Display Advertising on a Boat

When the right to display advertising on a boat is subject to prior authorisation by the national authority in accordance with regulation 20.2.3.3, the approval of the RYA is automatically granted provided that such advertising is permitted by the relevant rules of the class, rating system or handicapping system.

20.8.2 Fees

When the person in charge of a boat chooses to display advertising, the RYA will not impose a fee as permitted by regulation 20.8.2.

NOTE: The RYA prescription to rule 88.2 was approved by World Sailing on 29 July 2020.