



ROYAL NORTH OF IRELAND YACHT CLUB

The International GP 14 Class Association
Irish National Championship 2022

Notice of Race

July 2nd/3rd 2022

1. RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the organising Authority (OA) which is the Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.
- 1.2** All documents, including any amendments, pertaining to this event are available at the Official Notice Board.
- 1.3** Boats are required to carry a tow rope separate to the other rigging on the boat of a minimum of 10 metre length and of a minimum of 6mm diameter.
- 1.4** Protocols relating to Covid 19 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 **RNIYC** website and the official event notice board.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1** 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** The regatta is open to boats of the GP 14 Class whose helm is a member of the International GP 14 Association.
- 4.2** All boats shall have a valid Class Certificate of registration and measurement issued prior to the commencement of this event.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form available on the RNIYC website (www.rniyc.org) and submitting it online.

4.4 The closing date for entries is midnight on 28th June.

4.5 All competitors will be deemed to be temporary members of RNIYC for the duration of the event.

5. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising as directed by the OA.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1

Day/date	Time	Schedule	HW Belfast
Friday 1 st July	17.00- 20.00	Registration	13.33
Saturday 2 nd July	09.00-10.00	Registration	14.07
Saturday 2 nd July	10.30	Event briefing	
Saturday 2 nd July	WS 11.55	Races 1,2,3	14.07
Sunday 3 rd July	WS 10.55 ASAP after final race	Races 4,5,6 Prizegiving	14.43

6.2 - 6 races are scheduled with succeeding races being started as soon as practicable after the preceding race.

6.3 On the final day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 15.30

6.4 The race committee reserves the right, depending on the prevailing weather conditions to sail an extra race on either day. To signal the intention to do so, the race committee will display code flag F on the finishing vessel at the finish of the appropriate race.

7. Race area

7.1 The race area will be in Belfast Lough approximately 1 nm east of RNIYC

8. Courses

8.1 The courses will be as defined in the sailing instructions.

9. Penalty System

9.1 Appendix P will apply

9.2 Scoring – 44.3 will not apply

10. Scoring

10.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series

10.2. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst result.

11 Risk assessment

11.1 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."

11.2 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:

1. (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
2. (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
3. (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
4. (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
5. (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;
6. (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;
7. (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.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in

conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta

13. INSURANCE

a. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 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.

14. PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given as follows: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd Silver Fleet 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bronze Fleet. *Association Trophies will be awarded to race winners.*

Association Trophies shall be held by the winners and returned by them (in good time and in good order) to the Organisers of the event in the following year. The winners shall be responsible for engraving the trophies, Any GP14 Association Trophies presented shall not be removed from Ireland.