



Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club
GP 14 Spring Series 2024
Sunday 18th February - Sunday 24th March 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority is Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, (RNIYC) Seafront Road, Cultra, Holywood, Co Down, BT18 0BB

- 1 **RULES**
 - 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the appropriate class association, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendment thereto.
- 2 **ADVERTISING**
 - 2.1 All entries may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority (see RRS 6 and the world Sailing Advertising Code) and other information related to advertising.
- 3 **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 3.1 The event is open to all GP14's.
 - 3.2 Eligible boats may enter either by completing the online entry form (<http://www.rniyc.org/sailing-events>) or by completion of an entry form at the club prior to briefing. Entries to be valid must be complete in all respects and enclose the required entry fee. Entry fee is £40 for the series, £10 for single day racing.
 - 3.3 No boat can race without having entered.
- 4 **SCHEDULE**
 - 4.1 Registration shall take place at the Club House from 11.00 to 12.00hrs on the first day of the series. Sailing Instructions will be available to competitors at registration, and may, where possible, be posted on the RNIYC website (www.rniyc.org) in advance of the series
 - 4.2 A briefing will be held in the dinghy park at 12.00 hrs on the first day of scheduled racing.
 - 4.3 Three races are scheduled for each sailing day of the series. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is 13.26hrs on the first and subsequent days of racing. Start times may be altered up to 24 hours prior to racing. Notification will be made on the club notice board and communication will be made with competitors via social media. The second and subsequent race(s) on each day will commence as soon as possible after the completion of the previous race. Three races are scheduled for each day, however the total number of races to be sailed on a day may be altered depending upon conditions at the discretion of the PRO.
- 5 **RACE AREA AND COURSES**
 - 5.1 Details of the race area and courses to be sailed will be available at registration.
- 6 **SCORING FOR THE SERIES**
 - 6.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

6.2 Only boats that have entered the series are eligible to be included in the series results. Boats that have entered for the day will be treated as a separate class and their positions will be ignored for the purpose of scoring the races for the series.

6.3 Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

6.4 When more than 6 and fewer than 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

6.5 When more than 10 and fewer than 16 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

6.6 When more than 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

6.7 RRS A5.3 shall apply to this series. For the purposes of calculating points for DNC, the number of entrants shall be taken as at the final day of the series.

6.8 For the purposes applying RRS A5.3, a boat which launches and sails out from the shore shall be deemed to have come to the starting area for all the races that day.

7 SCORING FOR DAILY RESULTS

7.1 Separate results will be published for each day of racing where at least one race is completed. These daily results will be independent of and have no effect on the overall series results.

7.2 The Low Points System of Appendix A will apply.

7.3 The results for each day will include boats that have entered the series and come to the start on that day as well as boats that have entered for that day.

7.4 A boat's score will be the total of her race scores for that day, this amends RRS A2.

8 PRIZES

8.1 Prizes will be given for first, second and third in the overall series. Other prizes maybe awarded at the discretion of the organizing committee. The prize giving will be held after racing on the final scheduled day of racing.

9 RISK STATEMENT

9.1 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."

9.2 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:

9.3 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;

9.4 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

9.5 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

9.6 Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

9.7 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;

9.8 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

10 INSURANCE

10.1 All boats and competitors shall comply in full with the insurance and safety requirements. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident/event or the equivalent.