



**THE INTERNATIONAL GP14 CLASS ASSOCIATION**  
**UK National Championship 2023**

**Organised by Looe Sailing Club in conjunction with the**  
**International GP14 Class Association**  
**August 5-11th 2023**

**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* will be located outside the beachmasters office. The office will be at the top of the river slipway.
- 1.3. RYA Post Race Penalty and Arbitration will be available.
- 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. 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 by registration and may also be available on the Association web site 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.

**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 Class Association.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached entry form and submitting it to the GP14 Class Association web site [www.gp14.org](http://www.gp14.org)
- 4.3. The closing date for entries is midnight on **Tuesday August 1st 2023**.
- 4.4. The deposit, adult and youth entry fees are listed in NoR 5 below.
- 4.5. Substitution of the person named as helm on the entry form will not be allowed after registration. See NoR 6 below.
- 4.6. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.7. The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: A maximum of 75 entries will be allowed.

- 4.8. 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.
- 4.9. Competitors shall declare their fleet grading when entering. The guidelines for fleet selection are noted on the entry form.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1. Required fees are as follows:  
 Deposit to secure an entry - £30 payable by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2023  
 Full fee for adult helmed boat - £280 up to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023, after which a late fee of an additional £50  
 Youth helm fee before June 30<sup>th</sup> - £210, after which a late fee of an additional £50  
 Youth helm and Crew before June 30<sup>th</sup> - £140, after which a late fee of an additional £50.  
 (Youth entrant is defined as under 22 years old as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023~)
- 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.

## 6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6. As detailed in NoR 4.5 substitution of the person named as helm during the event is not allowed after registration. Substitution of the person named as crew during the event will be permitted only with the written permission of the Race Committee.

## 7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulations 20.9.2 applies [DP].

## 8. SCHEDULE

The Championship will comprise 9 races

Date		Time	
Saturday Aug 5th	Registration Race briefing	10.00 -18.00 20.30	<b>RNLI Station TBC Looe SC</b>
Sunday Aug 6th	Registration	09.30-11.30	<b>RNLI station TBC</b>
Sunday Aug 6th	Race 1	Warning at 12.55	
Monday Aug 7th	Races 2 & 3	First warning at 10.55, subsequent races back-to-back + Crews race	Crews race there is a form on which to pre-register an interest.
Tuesday Aug 8th	Races 4 & 5	First warning at 10.55, subsequent races back-to-back	
Wed Aug 9th	Alternative race day	See NoR 8.4 below	
Thurs Aug 10th	Races 6 & 7	First warning at 10.55, subsequent races back-to-back	
Fri Aug 11th	Races 8 & 9	First warning at 10.55, subsequent races back-to-back	
Fri Aug 11th	Prize Giving	From 19.30 at Looe SC	Looe SC

- 8.1. Competitor Briefing: There will be a briefing for competitors at 8 .30pm Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> in the club house.
- 8.2. The Championship will consist of a single series of races open to all competitors.
- 8.3. On the last scheduled day of racing the first warning signal of a race will not be made after 14.30 hrs.
- 8.4. The reserve race day (Aug 9<sup>th</sup>) may be used in the event of bad weather delaying earlier races or a forecast of bad weather jeopardising the schedule later in the week. Notice to competitors, if Wednesday is to be used, will be published no later than 18.00 on Monday Aug 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 9.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate at registration. Only certified sails may be used.
- 9.2. All boats are liable to equipment checks on arrival or to be measured at any time during the Championship. The purpose of such inspections is to check the boat's conformity with the Class Rules. Competitors are reminded of their responsibility in the Risk Statement section of this Notice for the condition of the safety of their boat.

## **10. VENUE**

- 10.1. The Championship will be at Looe Sailing Club , 2, Buller Street, West Looe, Looe PL13 1AS.
- 10.2. The Racing area will be on the sea in Looe bay .

## **11. COURSES**

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

## **12. SCORING**

- 12.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - b) When four to seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - c) When eight or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores less her two worst scores.

## **13. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 13.1. Support boats will not be permitted.

## **14. BERTHING**

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

## **15. 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. INSPECTIONS**

The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

## **18. INSURANCE**

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.

## **19. PRIZES**

Trophies and prizes will be awarded to winners 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.uk](http://www.gp14.org.uk)

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

### **Additional Information**

1. Accommodation
2. **Socials** - Nightly prize giving at Looe SC followed by a social.  
**Sunday** – welcome by the commadore  
**Monday AGM and Quiz**  
**Tuesday Local sea shanties**  
**Wednesday no social**  
**Thursday Fancy dress disco**  
**Friday prize giving and a party with live music**
3. 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 and the Class GDPR policy on [www.gp14.org](http://www.gp14.org) in order to comply with GDPR.

The Personal Data Permission Form, handed 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.

#### 4. Details of terms of cancellation

If a competitor wishes to cancel their entry, then;

- a) Cancellations up to and including June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 will be entitled to a full refund of all amounts paid, less an administration fee of £30
- b) No refunds will be made after the closing date.
- c) 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 4.10, the amounts to be refunded will match the dates and amounts in 4 a-c above.

#### **Fleet Allocation Guidance**

**Gold** A competitor with aspirations of winning the event. For National/Inland Championships or Grand Prix overall results a competitor would generally have a track record of winning an Area championship or a top 10 position in a UK National Championship or a top 5 position in an Inland Championship.

**Silver** An experienced dinghy racer with aspirations of finishing in the top half of the fleet. For National/Inland Championships or Grand Prix overall results the sailor may have been successful at open meeting or area level but has yet to finish in the positions described as a Gold fleet sailor.

**Bronze** A bronze fleet competitor is likely to have a track record of finishing in the bottom half of the fleet or be new to dinghy racing.

## **GP14 UK National Championship Entry Form**

### **EVENT DETAILS**

Event Name	The International GP14 Class Association UK National Championship
Venue	Looe Sailing Club, Looe Cornwall
Date	August 5-11 <sup>th</sup> 2023
Event coordinator	Looe SC in conjunction with the GP14 Class Association

### **PARTICIPANT CONTACT DETAILS**

Name of helm	
Address	
Contact Number	
Email address	
Date of Birth	
If you are under 18, your parent or guardian must complete and sign the Parental/Guardian Agreement Form at page [ ]	
Name of Crew	
Address	
Contact Number	
Email address	
Date of Birth	
If you are under 18, your parent or guardian must complete and sign the Parental/Guardian Agreement Form at page [ ]	
Boat Number:	Club:
Fleet allocation; Gold/ Silver / Bronze – please circle relevant fleet.	See Notice of Race for guidance on fleet allocation

## ABOUT YOU *(to be completed for helm and crew)*

In the interests of your safety do you have any medical conditions or physical or mental impairments that the safety officer needs to be aware of that may affect your ability to take part in the Event?	Yes/ No If you answer yes please provide further details in the Medical Information and Impairments section of this form at page [ ].
Name and telephone number of emergency contact(s) for helm and for crew.	<i>Note – these contacts should be a person not afloat in the same event</i>

## BOOKING TERMS

### 1. RISK STATEMENT

It must be recognised that sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the Event, you agree and acknowledge that:

1. (i) You are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and you accept responsibility exposing yourself to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the Event;
2. (ii) You will comply at all times with the instructions of the Event Co-ordinator particularly with regard to handling of boats, wearing of buoyancy aids and the wearing of suitable clothing for the conditions;
3. (iii) You accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by your own negligence;
4. (iv) You will not participate in the Event if your ability to participate is impaired by alcohol, drugs or if you are otherwise unfit to participate;
5. (v) You will inform the Event Co-ordinator if there have been any changes to the information provided on this form at the time of the Event.
6. (vi) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
7. (vii) You are aware of any specific risks drawn to your attention by the Event Co-ordinator.
8. The fact that the race Organiser conducts inspection of a boat (for purposes of checking conformity to Class Rules) does not reduce the responsibility of the Boat set out in the Notice of race
9. You have read the NoR section 16 which explains the risks inherent in a racing event.

### 2. CANCELLATION

You understand that the Event Co-ordinator may cancel or postpone the Event at any stage in the event of bad weather, equipment failure or otherwise. Cancellation terms are explained in the Additional information section of the Notice of race

### 3. MISCONDUCT

You understand that the Event Co-ordinator may exclude anyone from a particular session and evict anyone from the premises who refuses to comply with these Booking Terms or who misconducts themselves in any way or who causes damage or annoyance to other persons.

**4. DATA PROTECTION**

The Organiser has a Data Privacy Policy which can be found at [www.gp14.org](http://www.gp14.org) Your data will be stored and used in accordance with that policy.

The information you provide in this form will be used to facilitate your participation in the Event and to contact you.

The Organiser would also like to include your contact details on a mailing list in order to make you aware of membership opportunities and future events.

If you would like to be included on this mailing list please tick here .....

If you wish to withdraw your agreement at any time, please contact the Class Association at [info@gp14.co.uk](mailto:info@gp14.co.uk)

**5. USE OF YOUR IMAGE**

The Organiser may arrange for images or videos to be taken at the Event and published on the Event or Organiser’s website or social media channels to promote the Event or Organiser.

If you agree to the use of images of you being used for this purpose, please tick below

Helm..... Crew.....

**Parental agreement for images of participants aged under 18 is included in the Parental/Guardian Agreement Form at page [ ].**

If you later wish to withdraw your agreement, please contact [info@gp14.org](mailto:info@gp14.org) . Please be aware that if you later decide to withdraw your agreement it will not be possible to remove your image from any printed material in circulation, or until the next edition or print of the item containing your image is released.

By agreeing to your images being used, you agree to assign any right of ownership of these images to the Organiser.

I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern these races. In particular, I confirm that I have read the Notice of race and understand its provisions and agree that my boat will conform to the requirements set out in the Notice of race throughout the event.

**AGREEMENT**

I confirm that I have read and fully understand the above Booking Terms and agree to comply with them.

Signed..... (The Helm)

Signed..... (The Crew)

Date.....

Date.....



**MEDICAL INFORMATION AND IMPAIRMENTS**

**The provision of this information is voluntary**

If you declared that you have a medical condition or physical or mental impairment that the organizer, or an emergency first responder would need to know to be able to treat you. needs to be aware of because it may affect your ability to take part in the Event please provide details below.

Name:....., Boat Number..... Helm

Name:..... Crew

**SPECIAL CATEGORY DATA**

I confirm that I have given the Organiser the medical information listed on this page (if any) for the purposes of my participation in the Event. I understand that this information will only be used for that purpose and will be retained for as long as necessary to comply with the Organisers legal obligations.

I agree/ I do not agree (Please circle)

Signed.....

Boat Number.....

Date.....

**PARENTAL/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT (to be completed if the participant is aged under 18)**

***Optional Medical consent if parent/guardian is not on site***

I give permission to the organisers to administer any relevant treatment or medication to the above-named participant when or if necessary. ....

In an emergency situation I authorise the organisers to take my child to hospital and give my full permission for any treatment required to be carried out in accordance with the hospital's diagnosis. I understand that I shall be notified, as soon as possible, of the hospital visit and any treatment given by the hospital. ....

**Use of your child's image**

The Organiser may arrange for images or videos to be taken at the Event and published on the Event or Organiser's website or social media channels to promote the Event or Organiser.

If you agree to the use of images of your child being used for this purpose, please tick here. ....

If you later wish to withdraw your agreement, please contact [info@gp14.org](mailto:info@gp14.org). Please be aware that if you later decide to withdraw your agreement it will not be possible to remove your image from any printed material in circulation, or until the next edition or print of the item containing your image is released.

By agreeing to images being used, you agree to assign any right of ownership of these images to the Organiser

**PARENTAL/GUARDIAN AGREEMENT (if under 18)**

I agree that \_\_\_\_\_ may take part in the Event. I confirm that I have read through the above conditions with him/her and that she/he understands and agrees with them. I also confirm that he/she takes part in the Event with my full agreement that that the particulars given above are correct and complete in all respects.

Signed.....Parent/Guardian.....

Date.....