





<p>The International GP14 Class Association UK National Youth Championship</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: left;">  <p>www.gp14.org</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>1st / 2nd September 2023</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p>South Staffordshire Sailing Club</p> </div> </div> <p>The organising authority is South Staffordshire Sailing Club in conjunction with the GP14 Association</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsored by Rooster Sailing</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Notice of Race (NoR)</p>	
	<p>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).</p>
1	RULES
1.1	The event is governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
1.2	Competitors should note that the South Staffordshire Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2020-2024 (yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website www.rya.org.uk/racingrules
1.3	Appendix T will apply
1.4	Racing Rules 40 and 61 will be changed as follows: Rule 40 – personal Flotation devices – Rule 40.1 shall apply to any person on the water or on the jetties Rule 61.1 (a) 2 is deleted – therefore a protest flag is required
2	SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
2.1	The sailing instructions will be available at the time for registration at the host club and may be available on the Class web site beforehand.
3	COMMUNICATION
3.4	[DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat 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 event is open to all boats of the GP14 class that holding a valid Class Certificate. The boat owner shall be a current member of the GP14 Class Association.
4.2	<p>4.2.1 A limit applies for the ages of the helm and crew. Both helm and crew shall not have reached their 22nd birthday by December 31st, 2023</p> <p>4.2.2 A Regatta Fleet will be included within the event. This fleet is suitable for helms who are inexperienced at racing. The age eligibility for the helm is as in 4.2.1. There is no age limit on the crew.</p> <p>Competitors in the Regatta Fleet will not be eligible to compete for the Youth Championship. the organisers will award a prize to the winning boat in the Regatta Fleet.</p>
4.3	Competitors who are under 18 before and including the last day of the event must have a declaration form completed by their parent or guardian before they will be allowed to compete. The parental declaration form is part of the entry form.

4.4	Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, on line to www.gp14.org . or to GP14 Class Association, Albert House, 42, Seymour Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton BL1 8PT, UK.
4.5	To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
4.6	A parent or responsible adult must, at the club, accompany a competitor under the age of 18 years and comply with the Club Safeguarding Policy.
5	FEES
5.1	The entry fee for the event is £20.
6	CREW LIMITATIONS
6.1	Change of helmsman will not be permitted, change of crew may be permitted with the prior approval of the race committee.
7	ADVERTISING
7.1	Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
8	SCHEDULE
8.1	The event will take place on 02/09/2023 – 03/09/2023.
8.2	Registration will be on the first day of the event between 9.00 am and 11.30 am.
8.3	The warning Signal for the first race is 11.55 am.
8.4	A briefing will take place at 11.30 am prior to the first race.
8.5	Six races to be sailed, with one discard. If less than four races are sailed, all races will count.
8.6	No more than 3 races will be sailed per day.
8.7	On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15.00hrs.
9	EQUIPMENT INSPECTION
9.1	Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.
9.2	Boats may be inspected at any time.
10	VENUE
10.1	Races will be sailed at Lower Pool, Gailey Lea Lane, Penkridge, Staffs. ST19 5PT.
11	COURSES
11.1	The courses to be sailed and the marks to be used will be described in the Sailing Instructions which will be available at the registration time for each event.
12	SCORING
12.1	Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
12.2	RRS A5.3 will apply
13	SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS
13.1	Support vessels are not allowed.
14	DATA PROTECTION

14.1	<p>Medical form must be completed for this event - these will be destroyed after the event. Under 18 years must bring a parental permission form - these will be destroyed after the event. GDPR forms must be completed for this event.</p>
15	RISK STATEMENT
15.1	<p>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 involves an element of risk.</p> <p>By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the 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. h) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims. <p>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.</p> <p>DECLARATION By entering the event competitors agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and all other rules that govern this event. In particular, confirm that they have read the Notice of Race and accept its provisions and agree that their boat will conform to the requirements set out in the Notice of Race & the Sailing Instructions throughout the event.</p>
16	INSURANCE
16.1	<p>Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.</p>
17	PRIZES AND TITLES
17.1	<p>The first all youth crews of the final official ranking list of the Championship will be declared "GP14 Youth Champion".</p> <p>The first mixed crew of the final official ranking list of the Youth Helm non youth crew</p>

	fleet will be declared “GP14 Youth Helm and Adult Crew Champion”. Other prizes will be given at the discretion of the organisers.
19	FURTHER INFORMATION
19.1	For further information please contact www.gp14.org
	END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Additional Information

On site camping will be available on Friday and Saturday nights.
The galley will be open for food on Friday and Saturday evening.

Accommodation Links:

[Premier Inn – Cannock South Hotel](#)

[Marston Inns – Spread Eagle](#)

[Premier Inn – Cannock \(Orbital\) Hotel](#)

[Holiday Inn Express - Stafford](#)

[Premier Inn - Stafford North \(Spitfire\) hotel](#)

[Premier Inn - Stafford North \(Hurricane\) hotel](#)