

**GP14 Class Midlands & Masters
Championships
Miracle Class Midland Championship
Fireball Class Open event
Sat/Sunday 22nd/23rd April 2023**

Organised by Staunton Harold Sailing Club

Sponsored by Craftinsure

Notice of Race

1. RULES

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021–2024 and the rules of the GP14, Miracle, and Fireball Class associations.

Racing rules 40 and 61 will be changed as follows

Rule 40 – personal flotation devices – Rule 40.1 shall apply

Rule 61.1 (a) 2 is deleted. A protest flag is required for the GP14 Class only

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on line at www.shsc.org.uk and www.gp14.org approximately 2 weeks before the event.

3. COMMUNICATION

(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 & ENTRY The event is open to all Miracles, Fireballs and GP14 boats which hold a current class measurement certificate. In addition, the helm for GP14 class must be a member of the International GP 14 Association (temporary memberships of the Association may be available).

- a. Eligible boats shall enter on line via www.gp14.org.uk (GP14s).
Or at www.shsc.org Miracles and Fireballs.

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- b. Entries will only be accepted when registration is complete and payment in full has been made.
- c. Closing date for entries is midnight on Wednesday 19^h April
- d. GP14 Competitors shall declare their fleet grading on entering. Guidelines for fleet selection are noted on the entry form.
- e. GP14 competitors entering the Masters must declare their category as follows:- Master 40-54, Grand Master 55-64, Great Grand Master 65+ (Age as at 31/12/23).
- f. Competitors who are under 18 before the 24th April 2023 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.

5. FEES

The entry fee is £32 per boat for GP14s up to midnight Wed April 19th, £37 thereafter

The entry fee is £30 for Miracles and Fireballs.

6. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority

7. SCHEDULE

- a. Pre-registration is required. See 4. (b) above.
- b. A pre-event briefing is available and should be viewed by competitors prior to the event via www.shsc.org.uk
- c. A competitor briefing will be held at 11.00 on the first day of racing.
- d.
- e. It is intended to hold 6 races over two days, 4 on Saturday, and 2 on Sunday (5 races for the Miracle class). Please note this is subject to change - based on the wind conditions and the PRO's decision on the day. Races may be run back to back. No more than four races will be run on one day. Miracles will join the first of the club races on Sunday afternoon to make their 5th race.
- f. For GP14s and Fireballs, the warning signal for the first race will not be before 11:30, on Saturday 22nd April 2023 and 11.00 on Sunday 23rd April 2023.

For Miracles, the warning signal for the first race on Saturday will not be before 14:00 and 11:00 on Sunday.
- g. On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

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10. 8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate. All boats are liable to equipment checks on arrival or to be measured at any time during the event. The purpose of such inspections is to check the boats conformity to 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.

9. THE VENUE and COURSES

- a. Racing will take place at Staunton Harold Sailing Club, Melbourne, DE73 8DL which is the organizing authority for this event.
- b. The courses to be sailed will use the club marks a plan of which will be available with the sailing instructions.

10. SCORING

- a) 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b) When less than 4 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- c) Miracles only. When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- d) Miracles only. When 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.
- e) GP14s and Fireballs. When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11 SUPPORT VESSELS

Support vessels are not allowed.

12. BERTHING AND LAUNCHING

Boats shall be unloaded, rigged, and berthed as directed.

13. RISK STATEMENT

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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. 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, 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 for the event.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the first 3 boats in each class and additional prizes may be awarded.

15. 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.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Charles Saunders 07554 432649, charles.saunders@talk21.com (GP14s), Graham Watts graham3794@sky.com (Miracles), Mark Stevens stevensconsultants@msn.com (Fireballs) or alternatively email RC Sailing (Sam Jones) at samlakes123@gmail.com

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

Additional information

Normal Toilet, changing and showering facilities will be available.

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Refreshments

A Galley service will be available for drinks and food each day.

Camping

Camping is possible adjacent to the clubhouse on Friday and Saturday and motor caravans may use the car park. (This is not serviced except by use of the clubhouse facilities).

Other Accommodation

See "Places to stay" on the club website.

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