




	<p style="text-align: center;">The International GP14 Class Association UK Impact Marine Masters' Championship and Victor Trophy (part of the GP14 Southern Bell Travellers Series)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The organised authority is Welsh Harp Sailing Club in conjunction with the GP14 Class Association on 5th/6th October 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Notice of Race (NoR)</p>   
	<p><i>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 protest committee, be less than disqualification</i></p>
1	RULES
	The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
1.1	Rule 40.1 personal Flotation shall apply Rule 61.1 (a) 2 is deleted. A protest flag will be 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
3.1	[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 qualification for entry to the Victor Trophy, GP14 Southern Bell Travellers open and the GP14 UK Masters' Championship are set out below
4.2	All helmsmen competing in the UK Masters' Championship shall be paid up members of the International GP14 Class Association. All helmsmen competing in the Masters' Championship shall comply with the eligibility criteria in 4.3 below.
4.3	The UK Masters' Championship is open to Members who have reached the qualifying age. The President of the International GP14 Association may also invite guests who have reached the qualifying age to compete in the Championship. The qualifying age for the Great Grand Masters is 65 years. The qualifying age for the Grand Masters is 55 years. The qualifying age for the Masters category is 40 years. The Great Grand Masters, Grand Masters and Masters' should have reached the qualifying age by the 1st January in the year of the event. The age limit does not apply to any crew. There is no age limit for helmsman entering the Victory Trophy only. Competitors may enter for both the Victor Trophy and Masters' Championships if they are eligible, by the payment of one fee and completing the relevant sections of the entry form before the first race on Saturday 5 th October.
4.4	Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, online via www.gp14.org or to GP14 Class Association, Albert House, 42, Seymour Road, Astley Bridge, Bolton BL1 8PT, UK. The closing date for entries is midnight on Wednesday 3 rd October 2024.
4.5	To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees
4.6	Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions with the agreement of the host club and may be taken at the registration. An additional fee of £5 will be applied to all late entries.
4.7	The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: A maximum of 35 boats can enter.
5	FEES
5.1	Entry fees are as follows: The entry fee for the 2-day UK Masters Championship is £40. Late entry fee £45. Masters' Championship entry fee includes Saturday lunch and after racing refreshments, plus Sunday

	<p>breakfast and after racing refreshments. [Note: competitors entering the Masters' Championship will have automatic entry to the Victor Trophy]</p> <p>The entry fee for the Victor Trophy, GP14 Southern Bell Travellers Open is £20. Late entry fee £25 Victor Trophy entry fee includes Saturday lunch and after racing refreshments.</p> <p>Late fees commence Thursday 4th October 2024 at 00:01.</p>																		
5.2	<p>Optional extras: A meal and entertainment will be available on Saturday evening 5th October at a cost of £15 per head. This must be booked in advance via www.gp14.org. This option is also open to non-competitors.</p> <p>On-site accommodation on Friday and Saturday will be available to book in advance on a first come first served basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camper van/tent (no electric hookup) per night – free of charge but booking still required • Bunkhouse accommodation - £15 per person per night <p>Please book in advance. This option is NOT open to non-competitors.</p>																		
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 organising authority.																		
8	SCHEDULE																		
8.1	The Master's Championship will be a series of four races held over two days, Saturday 5 th and Sunday 6 th October 2024. The first two races on Saturday and the first two races on Sunday shall count for the UK Masters' Championship. The Victor Trophy open will be a series of three races all held on Saturday 5 th October 2024.																		
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8.2	At the discretion of the race officer, a race may be brought forward to the first day, or postponed to the second day depending on weather conditions. Not more than one of the scheduled number of races may be brought forward nor postponed by a day.					
8.3	The fleets in both the Championship and open shall sail the same course starting at the same time each day. The first two races on Saturday and the first two races on Sunday shall count for the UK Masters' Championship. Competitors whose eligibility includes the criteria in both 4.2 and 4.3 above, may compete in both events, at their own choice, subject to their entering for both events before the start of the first race on Saturday and the payment of the entry fees in 5.1.					
8.4	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	The venue is Welsh Harp Sailing Club, Birchen Grove, London, NW9 8SA					
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	For the Victor Trophy and Masters' Championship two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.					
12.2	<p>For the Masters' Championship</p> <p>(a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.</p> <p>(b) When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.</p> <p>The first two races on Saturday and the first two races on Sunday shall count for the UK Masters' Championship.</p> <p>For the Victor Trophy</p> <p>(a) When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.</p> <p>(b) When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.</p>					
13	SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS					
13.1	Support vessels are not allowed					
14	BERTHING					
14.1	[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.					
15	DATA PROTECTION					
15.1	GDPR forms must be completed. Medical forms must be completed and brought to the event or emailed to the office prior to the event. Under 18 must have parental permission forms. All these forms will be destroyed after the event.					
16	RISK STATEMENT					
16.1	Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: <i>"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"</i>					

	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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; (ii) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore; (iii) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions; (iv) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to sail; (v) The provision of a race management team, patrol/safety boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities; (vi) The provision of patrol/safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances; (vii) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the venue or the event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event or venue and to attend any safety briefings for the event. (viii) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims. <p>Note: each venue may display additional Risk Statements in the Supplementary Sailing Instructions.</p>
17	INSURANCE
17.1	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.
18	PRIZES
	Prizes will be given as follows: Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the Victor Trophy and Masters' Championship. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.
19	FURTHER INFORMATION
19.1	<p>For further information please contact www.gp14.org Or Welsh Harp Sailing Club - sailing@welshharpsailingclub.org.uk (Sue Tomkins)</p> <p>WHSC is within the London ULEZ – here is link to check if you need to pay to bring your vehicle into the zone: https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/check-your-vehicle/</p>