



Notice of Race

GP14 Southern Travellers Open Meeting
The Venetian Trophy
Saturday, 13th April 2024
at the Fishers Green Sailing Club

GENERAL

A regatta series of up to 4 races will be held **at Fishers Green Sailing Club on Saturday 13th April 2024** forming a part of the GP14 Association's Southern Travellers Series.

1) ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Due to the temporary closure of the Welsh Harp Reservoir, there will be two organising groups. The organising authorities will be the Fishers Green Sailing Club (FGSC) and the Welsh Harp Sailing Club (WHSC).

2) RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the RYA prescriptions, and the rules of the GP14 Class Association.

2.2 Competitors will always be required to wear adequate personal buoyancy whilst afloat. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes Rule 40 and the preamble to Part 4.

3) ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Entry is open to all boats of the GP14 class that comply with the GP14 Class Association Rules ([Class Rules GP14 March 2020](#)) and hold a current GP14 class registration certificate.

3.2 Entries may be accepted up to 50 minutes before the first warning signal.

3.3 Entry fees are as follows: The entry fee for the event is £20 per boat including end of day refreshments. To book, please complete the online entry form,

<https://webcollect.org.uk/whsc/event/venetian-trophy-gp14-southern-travellers-series-1>

4) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Sailing Instructions (SIs) for the event will be available online on the WHSC website, within an email sent on entry to the competition and on the FGSC clubhouse notice board.

4.2 Competitors will be informed of any changes in the sailing instructions on the day of the event by the Racer Officer (RO) at least 30 minutes before the race(s) concerned.

5) SCHEDULE

5.1 Breakfast will be available from 8:45 (purchased separately).

5.2 Competitor registration will be from 08:45 to 10:15

5.2 There will be a briefing for all competitors at 10:15 from the Race Officer. The briefing will take place outside of the clubhouse.

5.3 The event will comprise four races with the scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race (Race 1) being no earlier than 11:00 hours, then immediately followed by Race 2. Lunch will be available after Race 2 (purchased separately). After lunch, Race 3 and Race 4 will be sailed back-to-back. Their respective warning signals will be made as soon as practicable. The last race will be started no later than 15:00 hours.

5.4 Afternoon refreshments (included in entrance fee) will be available once racing is finished for the day.

6) COURSES

6.1 Courses will be set by the Race Officer and displayed on the committee boat.

6.2 Start Line will be between the mast on the committee boat and an orange buoy set by the race officer.

7) SCORING

7.1 The series will be scored as provided in Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point System.

7.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series for the event.

7.3 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her individual race scores.

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8) VENUE – FISHERS GREEN SAILING CLUB

8.1 Directions to FGSC at <https://www.fishersgreensc.org.uk/contact/directions/>

9) INSURANCE

9.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 3 million.

10) PRIZES

9.1 Awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd boats. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee on the day.

11) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3 (RRS) decision to race. (Full details in Sailing Instructions). The organising authorities will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12) FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact either,

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