

Notice of Race

The International GP14 Class Association Northern Area Championship Including the Hollingworth Lake GP14 Open



7th & 8th June 2025

The organised authority is Hollingworth Sailing Club
in conjunction with the GP14 Class Association

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

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.2025-28

1.2 Changes to RRS

- (a) Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40
- (b) Rule 60.2 (a) is changed as follows:- If the protester is a boat, she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall display the flag until she is no longer *racing*.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board in the clubhouse and will 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 hold a valid Class Certificate.

4.2 All helmsmen competing in the Northern Area Championship shall be paid up members of the International GP14 Class Association.

4.3 Entry fee is £40. Youth Boats are £20 and Youth Helm £30 until midnight on June 1st then a £5 late fee will apply to all fees. This includes lunch on Sunday and teas and coffees all weekend.

4.4 Entry to the GP14 Hollingworth Open is £20 payable to the Sailing Club. Those entering the Northern Area Championship are automatically entered for the Hollingworth Open.

5 CREW LIMITATIONS

5.1 Change of helmsman will not be permitted, change of crew may be permitted with the prior approval of the race committee.

6 ADVERTISING

6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7 SCHEDULE

| 8.1 | Event | Venue | Date | Registration/ Briefing/Lunch Times | First Race Warning Signal | Number of Races |
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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**
- 8.4** On Saturday 7th June no warning signal will be made after 6pm. On Sunday 8th June no warning signal will be made after 4pm.
- 9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**
- 9.1** DP-All boats shall comply with the GP14 class rules and may be inspected at any time by a race official or class official'
- 10 VENUE**
- 10.1** The venue is Hollingworth Lake Sailing Club Lake bank Littleborough OL15 0DQ
- 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 GP14 Northern Area Championship 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 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**
- 13.1** Support vessels are not allowed
- 14 DATA PROTECTION**
- 14.1** GDPR forms must be completed. Medical forms must be completed and brought to the event or emailed to the organisers , prior to the event. Under 18 must have parental permission forms. All these forms will be destroyed after the event.

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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:

- (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.

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INSURANCE

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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.

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PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: Prizes will be awarded to the winners and other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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For further information please contact www.gp14.org

End of Notice of Race

Additional Information

The Club will be allow the eating of take aways on Saturday 7th June. The Bar will be open.
The club has offered lunch and free tea and coffee all weekend..

Adam McG will be sailing, looking forward to it. For anyone travelling any distance the club will be open on the Friday evening with safety cover and sailing possible. The bar will also be open on both Friday and Saturday. We now have some additional parking on-site in addition to the public pay and display car park.

Closest campsite is here which is a short walk half way round the lake:

<https://hollingworthlakecaravanpark.com>

<https://www.visitrochdale.com>