



NATIONAL SOLO CLASS

Eastern Area Championship

NATIONAL MERLIN ROCKET CLASS

Silver Tiller & SE Series

INTERNATIONAL GP14 CLASS

Southern Areas

31st May & 1st June 2025

Organised by Brightlingsea Sailing Club in conjunction with the Class Association

BSC, Oyster Tank Road, Brightlingsea, Essex CO7 0DY

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T shall apply.
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times.
- 1.4 In the case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the SI's will take precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available online and during registration on the official notice board, which will be located at the BSC Sail Management Centre.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located outside the BSC Sail Management Centre.
- 3.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing 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 class that meet with the obligations of their Class Rules and their National Authority.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form available on the website or at registration.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee will be:
£55 per Merlin Rocket.
£60 per GP 14. This includes £5 capitation fee to the GP14 Association
£30 per boat for single handed boats. N.B. This is reduced from the normal £45 per boat by kind sponsorship from the Nat Solo Class Association.
- 5.2 Entries shall be made online at www.sailbrightlingsea.com or at registration.

6. ADVERTISING

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

7. SCHEDULE

7.1

Day	Date	Event	Time
Saturday	31 st May	Registration	09.00 – 11.00
		Competitor Briefing	approx. 10.30
		3 Races	First start 12.30
Sunday	1 st June	3 Races	First start 11.00
		Prize giving	Asap after racing.

- 7.2 Races will be sailed back-to-back.
6 Races are scheduled.
The aim is for 3 races on each day, but if conditions warrant, there may be 4 races on display of code flag F at the finish of race 3.
- 7.3 No race will be started after 16.30 on Sunday 1st June.
- 7.4 The O.A. and/or the R.C. reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1 Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate and may be asked to produce that measurement certificate at registration. The OA may submit entries and sail numbers to the RYA or Class Association for certificate and membership ratification.
- 8.2 The Organisers may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.
- 8.3 If required by class rules, sails shall be measured by an approved measurer before arrival at the event.
- 8.4 All boats shall display on their mainsails their own or boats registered sail number and with which they were entered, except by prior permission of the Race Committee.
- 8.5 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity (DP)

9. VENUE

- 9.1 All races will be held in the Colne Estuary. Competitors should ensure they allow sufficient time to reach the race area which may be some distance from the launch area.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1 The course to be sailed will be a combination of reaching and/or windward/leeward legs.
- 10.2 Spreader/offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 Rule 'Appendix P' (Special Procedures for RRS 42) shall apply.
- 11.2 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 2 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3 When 3 to 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4 When 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13. DATA PROTECTION

- 13.1 The club's data and confidentiality policy can be found at <https://www.sailbrightlingsea.com/club-info/data-privacy-policy-1>
- 13.2 The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If

you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority, racingrulesofsailing.org, and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

15. RISK ASSESMENT

- 15 Rule 3 of the RRS states "the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race 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:

- (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 while taking part in the event.
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and other property whether afloat or ashore.
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss 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 and other officials and volunteers by the event 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.

N.B When applicable, parents or guardians of competitors under 18 years old will be required to take full responsibility for their dependents throughout the event and to sign the parental permission form provided at registration.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

17. TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

- 17.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage – which may be taken by drone - or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

- 17.2 **Drones at the Event:** All those who take part in the event as competitors as well as support crew or spectators agree to be overflown by a drone or drones during the duration of the event, this includes your person and your property.

18. PRIZES

- 18 The prizes will be a combination of class trophies if applicable and prizes for at least the first 3 places in each event.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION AND KEY CONTACTS

Club Contacts:

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Web: www.sailbrightlingsea.com – full information on how to find the club, where to stay is available on the site.

(<https://www.sailbrightlingsea.com/directory>)