

Notice of Race

The International GP14 Class Association Masters' Championship and South Cerney GP14 Open Meeting (part of the GP14 Southern and Midland Bell Travellers Series)



30 & 31 August 2025



The organised authority is South Cerney 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 UK Masters' Championship shall be paid up members of the International GP14 Class Association.

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 to 64 years. The qualifying age for the Masters category is 40 to 54 years. The Great Grand Masters, Grand Masters and Masters' should have reached the qualifying age by the 31st December 2025. **The age limit does not apply to any crew.** There is no age limit for helmsman entering the SCSC GP 14 Open only.

4.4 Competitors may enter for both the SCSC Open 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 30th August.

Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, online <https://gp14.org/shop/>

The closing date for entries is midnight on 27th August 2025

4.5 Late entries will be accepted 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.

4.6 Entry is restricted to a maximum of 35 boats.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

The entry fee for the 2-day UK Masters Championship is £35. Late entry fee £40. Masters' Championship entry. [Note: competitors entering the Masters' Championship will have automatic entry to the SCSC GP14 Open] Enter via the Association events page or shop
<https://gp14.org/events/gp14-masters-championship-2/>

The entry fee for the SCSC GP14 Open GP14 Southern & Midland Bell Travellers Open only is £20. Late entry fee £25 Contactless payment only will be accepted at the club during registration.

Late fees commence Wednesday 27th August 2025

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

Event	Venue	Date	Registration/ Briefing/Lunch Times	First Race Warning Signal Time	Number of Races
South Cerney Sailing Club GP14 Open	South Cerney Sailing Club	Saturday, 30 th August 2025	Registration 08:30 – 11.30 Briefing 11:30 in front of Club house on Patio Lunch ~12:00	Saturday 12:55	Four races Race 1 and 2 back to back, Break, race 3 and 4 back to back
UK Masters' Championship	South Cerny Sailing Club	Saturday, 30 th and Sunday 31 th August 2025	Registration Sat 30 th August 08:30 – 11.30 Briefing Sat 30 th August 11:30 in front of Club house on Patio Lunch 13:00	Saturday 12.55 Sunday 10.55	Four races Saturday – Race 1 and 2 Sunday – Race 3 and 4

The **Master's Championship** will be a series of four races held over two days, Saturday 30th and Sunday 31th August 2025. The first two races on Saturday and the two races on Sunday shall count for the UK Masters' Championship. The **South Cerny Sailing Club GP14 Open** will be a series of four races all held on Saturday 30th August 2025.

- 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. 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 Saturday 30th August no warning signal will be made after 18.00hrs. On Sunday 31st August no warning signal will be made after 13.00hrs.

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 South Cerney Sailing Club 16 Station Rd, Cirencester GL7 5TH

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 SCSC Open Meeting and Masters' Championship two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 For the Masters' Championship

(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.

For the SCSC Open Meeting

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(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.

15 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.

16 INSURANCE

16.1 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.

17 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the SCSC GP14 open Meeting and Masters' Championship. Prizes will be awarded to the winners and other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 For further information please contact www.gp14.org

Or South Cerney Sailing Club- Alex Atack - sailingsecretary@scsailing.org.uk

End of Notice of Race

Additional Information

The Club will be hosting a BYO BBQ on Saturday 30th August. The Bar will be open.

On-site accommodation on Friday and Saturday will be available to book in advance on a first come first served basis:

- Camper van/tent (no electric hookup) per night – free of charge but booking still required

Contact