

	<p>Nantwich Midland Bell open</p> <p>The organising authority is Nantwich & Border Counties Sailing Club in conjunction with the GP14 Class Association Sunday 12th April 2026</p> <p>Notice of Race (NoR)</p>
1	RULES
	The event is governed by the rules as defined in <i>The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028</i> .
1.1	Racing Rules 40 and 61 will be changed as follows. Rule 40 – personal Flotation devices – Rule 40.1 shall apply. Rule 61.1 (a) 2 is deleted
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	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.
4.2	The event is open to all GP14 boats which hold a class measurement certificate.
4.3	Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, online to www.gp14.org GP14 Class Association, or by paying cash on the day. The closing date for entries is half an hour before the start of the first race.
4.4	To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
4.5	Late entry conditions do not apply. Late entries may need to prove that they comply with the entry requirements.
4.6	The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: A maximum of 25 boats can enter the event.
5	FEES
5.1	Entry fees are as follows: £15 per visiting boat £5 per club boat
5.2	Other fees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free camping on Saturday evening in the boat park and for motorhomes in the carpark. We do not have a bar; you are welcome to bring your own drinks. • The galley will be open (cash only) serving breakfast baps and lunch. A meal/ takeaway run after the training day on Saturday will be offered, at additional cost. Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of Nantwich & BCSC for the duration of the event and agree to follow restrictions and Bye laws of Nantwich & BCSC.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance and participation at N&BCSC is at individuals risk, organisers or the club cannot be held responsible for personal accidents. 												
6	CREW LIMITATIONS												
6.1	Change of helmsman will not be permitted, change of crew is permitted.												
7	ADVERTISING												
7.1	Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.												
8	<p>SCHEDULE</p> <p>8.1</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Event</th> <th>Venue</th> <th>Date</th> <th>Registration Time</th> <th>First Race Warning Signal time</th> <th>Number of races</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Midland Bell Nantwich open</i></td> <td><i>Nantwich & Border Counties SC</i></td> <td><i>12th April 2026</i></td> <td><i>09.00 – 10.30</i> <i>Briefing at 10.30</i> <i>om</i></td> <td><i>Sunday Not before 11.00hrs</i></td> <td><i>3 races two to count</i></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Event	Venue	Date	Registration Time	First Race Warning Signal time	Number of races	<i>Midland Bell Nantwich open</i>	<i>Nantwich & Border Counties SC</i>	<i>12th April 2026</i>	<i>09.00 – 10.30</i> <i>Briefing at 10.30</i> <i>om</i>	<i>Sunday Not before 11.00hrs</i>	<i>3 races two to count</i>
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8.2	At the discretion of the race officer, timings may be altered depending on weather conditions.												
8.3	No warning signal will be made after 1600hrs.												
9	EQUIPMENT INSPECTION												
9.1	Each boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate on request.												
9.2	Boats may be inspected at any time.												
10	VENUE												
10.1	The venue is Nantwich & Border Counties Sailing Club, Cheshire, CW5 7PU.												
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	Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.												
12.2	(a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. (b) When three 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	BERTHING												
14.1	Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.												
15	DATA PROTECTION												

15.1	<p>3. Personal Data permission.</p> <p>Legislation from May 2018 onwards changes the way in which personal data can be collected, used, and destroyed. The Organising Authority (OA) for this Championship will follow the guidelines of the national authority to comply with GDPR.</p> <p>The Personal Data Permission Form, made available to each competitor at entry, covers items such as, but not limited to,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - taking of photographs and videos for use by the Club or the Class - retention of contact data to inform about future events. - publication of names, clubs, and boat numbers on Class web site before the regatta - publication of race results during and after the regatta.
16	RISK STATEMENT
16.1	<p>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”.</p> <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 boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities: (vi) The provision of patrol 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.
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
18.1	Prizes will be given as follows: Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places overall and other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.
19	FURTHER INFORMATION
19.1	For further information please contact midlandarea@gp14.org

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	END OF NOTICE OF RACE