



## Llandegfedd Sailing Club

The International GP14 Class Association  
Midland & Southern Areas Championship  
18-19 April 2026

Midland Bell / Southern Travellers Open  
19 April 2026

## **Sailing Instructions**

V3.1: 06/04/2026



## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the Rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing, the rules of the International GP14 Class Association, the Notice of Race, and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2. Competitors should note the Organising Authority (OA) implements the RYA Racing Charter and sailors will be required to sail in compliance with the Charter which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book or at [Racing Charter](#)

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Prior to race day(s), notices to competitors will be posted on the event page on the International GP14 Class Association website: [UK Midlands and Southern Areas 2026 – International GP14 Class Association](#)
- 2.2. On race day(s), notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located downstairs in the Watersports Centre.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Up to 1week prior to race day(s), any changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the International GP14 Class Association website: [UK Midlands and Southern Areas 2026 – International GP14 Class Association](#)
- 3.2. On race day(s) any final changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Noticeboard (ONB) at least 30 minutes before the fleet is launched for the races in which they take effect.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Visual signals are not normally made ashore at the venue as the flag staff is not always visible from the launching area. Signals or decisions made ashore will be communicated verbally at the slipways, sailor briefing or via the ONB.

## 5. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 5.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

## 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. A maximum of six races are scheduled. Midland Bell / Southern Travellers Open is three races.
- 6.2. The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Saturday is 12:55, and on Sunday 9:55.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. The class flag will be the GP14 class flag; white and blue pendant, (International code flag A).

## 8. RACING AREAS

- 8.1. The racing area will be described at the sailor briefing.
- 8.2. The racing areas will also be defined by the Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) exclusion zones (see Addendum A).

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. The course to be sailed will be indicated on the course board attached to the gunwale of the Committee Boat no later than the warning signal.
- 9.2. The marks of the course, the order in which they are to be rounded, their required side and the number of laps will be shown on the course board.
- 9.3. The marks to be rounded to port will be indicated on a red background and the marks to be rounded to starboard will be indicated on a green background
- 9.4. Boats shall sail through the start/finish line on each lap on the upwind leg.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Course marks may be large yellow inflatable buoys, yellow pillar marks, round pink plastic buoys marked "X" or "Y", or fixed buoys on which flags will be flown.
- 10.2. The start and finishing mark will be a dan buoy flying an orange flag.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 using the following sequence of signals:

<b>Signal</b>	<b>Flag and Sound</b>	<b>Minutes before starting signal</b>
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

- 11.2. The start line will be between the mast on the committee boat and a dan buoy with an orange flag.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course the race committee (or assigned RIB) will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position and will alert competitors using code flag "C" and the appropriate symbols.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between the mast on the committee boat and a dan buoy with an orange flag.
- 13.2. To shorten the course the race committee shall display flag S with two sounds before the first boat crosses the finish line. If the course is shortened the finishing line shall be:
  - At a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff on committee boat (or assigned RIB) staff displaying flag S;
  - A line the course requires boats to cross (see 9.4)

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The scoring penalty Rule 44.3 will not apply.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. The target race time is around 45 minutes for the leading boat.
- 15.2. There are no other time limits however in exceptional circumstances, back markers may be 'whiskeyed' using Flag W and/or a whistle by a nominated safety boat with their position at that time recorded as a finishing position for that race. Competitors should then sail directly to the start / finishing area.

16. POST-RACE PENALTIES, ADVISORY HEARINGS & ARBITRATION

- 16.1. The Post Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1. Competitors intending to protest shall notify the committee boat of their intention immediately after finishing or as soon as is reasonably practical.
- 17.2. Protest forms are available downstairs in the Watersports Centre.
- 17.3. Protests / requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.4. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has come ashore and this will be displayed on the ONB as soon as possible.

18. SCORING SYSTEM

- 18.1. The event will be scored using Appendix A Low point scoring system.
- 18.2. One race shall constitute a championship.
- 18.3. Your event score will be:
  - Joint Areas Championship: the total of your race scores with the worst score discarded if 4 or more races have been completed.
  - Midland Bell / Southern Travellers Open (Sunday only): the total of your race scores with the worst result discard if 3 races have been completed.
- 18.4. To request correction of an alleged error in the results, speak to a member of the race team.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or safety boat at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 20.2. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 22.1. Substitution of the person named as helm or crew on the entry form will be permitted up to the start of the Championship with the agreement of the OA.
- 22.2. During the event, the crew may be substituted only with the prior written agreement of the Race Committee.
- 22.3. During the event, substitution of the person named a helm, with the prior written permission of the Race Committee, will restart the points score for that boat in the series.
- 22.4. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL & OTHER PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 23.1. Trash and any personal kit, clothing, dry-bags or surplus items may be placed aboard any of the safety / support RIBs.

24. PRIZES

- 24.1. Trophies and/or prizes will be awarded to the following categories. Additional spot prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the event organisers.
- 24.2. The International GP14 Class Association Midland and Southern Areas (joint) Championship.
  - Winner of championship
  - Runner up
  - First place in silver fleet
  - First place in bronze fleet
  - Highest placed female helm
  - Highest placed youth helm (<23 years old @ 31/12/2026)
  - Highest placed senior helm (>50 years old @ 18/4/2026)
  - First place race 1,2,3,4 and final race
- 24.3. Southern Travellers/Midland Bell Open (Sunday only)
  - Prizes will be awarded, subject to participation levels, at the discretion of the organisers and GP14 class association area reps.
  - Competitors please note: No trophies will be awarded for this event; however, scores can be counted as part of respective Midland Bell and Southern Travellers series competitions.

## 26. RISK STATEMENT

- 26.1. 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".
- 26.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.
- 26.3. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
  - 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;
  - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to sail;
  - 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;
  - 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;
  - 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.

## 27. INSURANCE

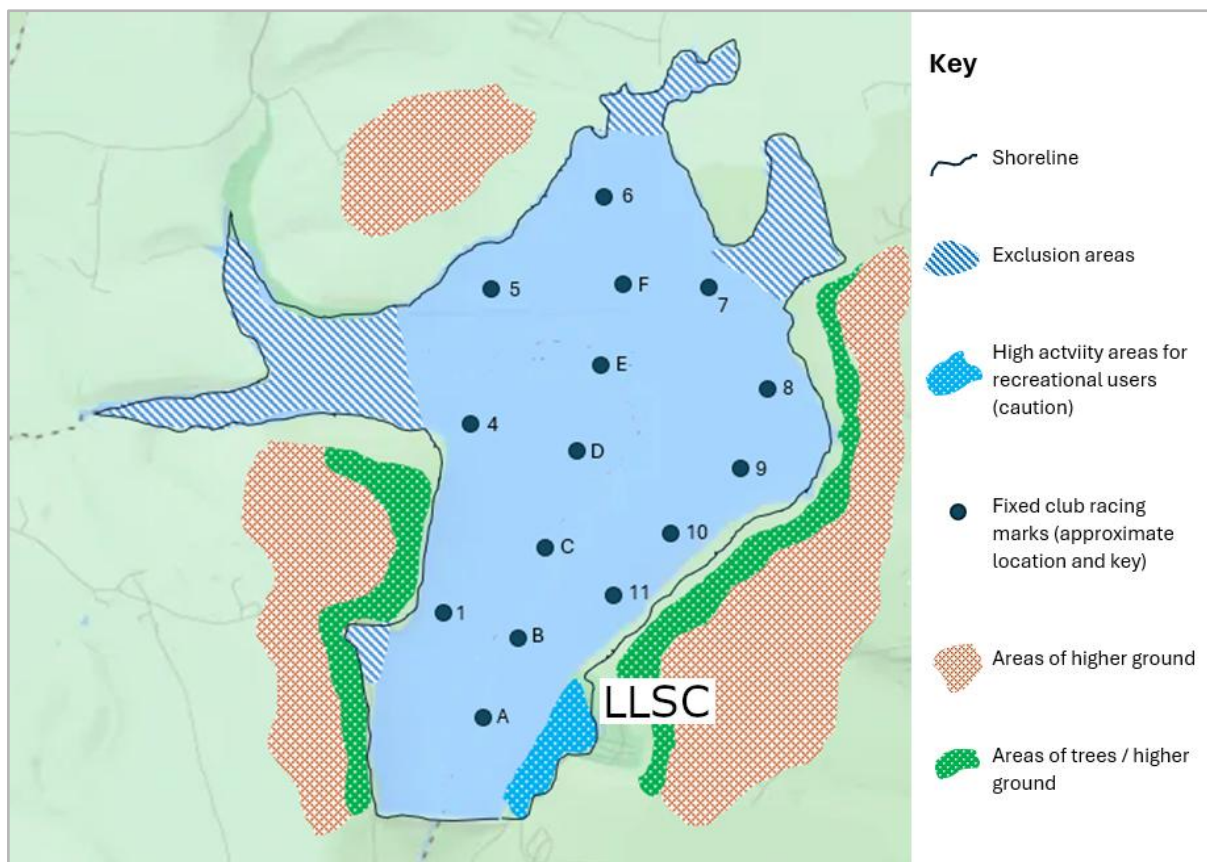
- 27.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent and competitors are deemed to carry this insurance when registering for the race.

# Addendum A:

## Sailing area and DCWW exclusion zones

The plan below shows the approximate position of the club's fixed marks, exclusion zones and topographic features. The dam, water tower, cages and weather station (not indicated on the map below) are also exclusion zones and should be regarded as obstructions.

Racing will not be set so that it is necessary to sail near or within any of these DCWW exclusion areas.



# Addendum B:

## Site Plan

When you get to the reservoir, drive up to the barrier at the café / Welsh Water (DCWW) building. The keypad is on the right side (code 1204).






Continue along the road to the dinghy park over the speed bumps, un-hitch boats and move them down to the dinghy park area, grassy areas, and shoreline. Overspill rigging area is to move up into the berths of the dinghy park.

Park cars in any of the available marked parking areas (shown in blue on the plan below).

A parking fee applies (£3): Pay at the machine near the café or the watersport centre. The first hour is free.

NOTE: The site has public access right through the dinghy park and rigging area. Be mindful of non-sailors, dog-walkers, families etc when rigging. The site will have club members ashore all day in this area and it's rare to experience any problems but nevertheless please always account for your valuables.

### Key

-  Vehicle access
-  Trailer unhitch / boat drop off (please don't take vehicles down into the dinghy park area.)
-  Parking areas (pay at the machine by the watersports centre)
-  Watersports centre (event registration and briefings upstairs)
-  Boat rigging area

