



Llandegfedd Sailing Club

GP14 Midland & Southern Areas Championship
18-19 April 2026

Midland Bell / Southern Travellers Open
19 April 2026

Notice Of Race



1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The organising authority (OA) is Llandegfedd Sailing Club in collaboration with GP14 International Class Association.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The championship will be governed by rules as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing
- 2.2. The rules and regulations of the GP14 International Class Association apply.
- 2.3. In the event of a conflict between this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) the SI shall prevail.
- 2.4. Rule 40.1 Personal Flotation shall apply.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The event is open to all boats of the GP14 International class that holds a valid Class Certificate.
- 3.2. All entries shall be registered by 11:00am on Saturday 18th April.
- 3.3. All entries shall be accompanied by a signed medical declaration form.
- 3.4. Entry forms at: <https://gp14.org/events/>
Entries may be restricted to 30 boats so please enter as early as possible.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The entry fees are as follows:

GP14 Midland & Southern Areas Championship (Saturday and Sunday)	Standard (£)
Adult	£40
Youth*	£30
Southern Travellers/Midland Bell Open (Sunday only)	Standard (£)
Adult	£25
Youth*	£15

Note:

- Competitors entering the Areas Championship will have automatic entry to the Midland Bell / Southern Travellers Open.
- Youth is defined as helm 22 or younger as at 31 December 2026

5. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 5.1. Change of helm is not permitted. Change of crew may be permitted with the prior approval of the race committee.

6. REGISTRATION, BERTHING AND LAUNCHING

- 6.1. All boats / participants will be required to register in person at the club on the morning of the event (between 11:00 and 12:00). An emergency contact form is available to download, or to fill in on the day.
- 6.2. Launching and berthing areas are detailed in the site plan appended to the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.3. Competitors should take care so that boats, trailers and trollies do not obstruct access through the site (the pathway running between the dinghy park and the beach / shoreline area): Non-sailing members of the public walk through here and may not be aware of how sails / booms swing in the wind or other hazards. Please take care.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. Six races are scheduled with a target race time of 45 mins for the leading boat.
- 7.2. The scheduled time for the first warning signal is Saturday 12:55.
- 7.3. The last warning signal will be no later than Sunday 12:00.
- 7.4. Please be aware club racing starts just as we finish on Sunday so there may be congestion coming ashore and in the rigging area.
Please show consideration to other users.
- 7.5. At the discretion of the race officer, a race may be brought forward to the first day or moved back to the second day.
- 7.6. The event schedule is as follows:

Event	Time	Location
Online Entry	Before event	Online Forms: https://gp14.org/events/
Saturday 18th April		
Registration	11:00-12:00	Downstairs meeting room at the watersports centre
Sailor Briefing	12:15	Outside the watersports centre
Launch time	12:30	Only after safety boats are afloat
First warning signal	12:55	Afloat
Second race	Back to back	
Third race	Back to back	
Sunday 19th April and Midland Bell / Southern Travellers Open		
Launch time	9:30	Only after safety boats are afloat
Race four warning signal	9:55	Afloat
Fifth race	Back to back	
Sixth race	Back to back	
Prize Giving	After sailing	Upstairs in the watersports centre

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The courses to be sailed will be shown in the SIs and will use club buoys, with optionally pink X or Y round buoys and large yellow buoys.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The SI will be available a minimum of 10 days in advance of the event on the GP14 International Class Association website: <https://gp14.org/events/>

10. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 10.1. Trophies and prizes will be awarded in line with traditions of the GP14 Southern Areas and Midland Area championships. Full details will be provided in the Sailing instructions and/or an update to this version of the NoR.
- 10.2. Additional spot prizes will be awarded throughout the fleet at the discretion of the OA.
- 10.3. Prizes are kindly provided by Pinnell & Bax and Kingstone Brewery.

11. SCORING

- 11.1.1. One race is required to constitute a championship.
- 11.1.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores except when four or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.1.3. Scoring for Midland Bell / Southern Travellers event on Sunday will be the total of her race scores except when three have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. RADIOS, COMMUNICATIONS, TECH AND GPS

- 12.1. Boats / competitors shall not use GPS equipment for the purposes of location or 'ping' of the start-lines, starting vessels or marks and / or where this data can be used to calculate the position, time / distance to the start-line, vessels or marks.
- 12.2. Participating boats that are also part of the OA may be permitted to carry a VHF radio to communicate with the Race Committee between, but not during, races.
- 12.3. Cameras and other onboard equipment that record footage and photographs are permitted.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. Additional support boats and any other vessels or recreational craft visiting site with participants shall not launch without registering and complying with the Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) regulations / launching requirements and are not included to be afloat as part of the event entry (this includes paddle-boards and other similar craft).

14. RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1. Rule 4 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:
 - 14.1.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - 14.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - 14.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - 14.1.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - 14.1.5. 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.
 - 14.1.6. The provision of safety boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - 14.1.7. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

15. INSURANCE

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

16. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 16.1. Competitors give rights to the OA and permission for photos and footage of themselves and / or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Event organiser / OA rep:

Sharon Freeland: sharonfreeland366@gmail.com

Accommodation:

A range of accommodation is available locally and campsites are within easy reach of the club. Unfortunately no overnight parking / camping is permitted inside the club site / DCWW area (within the main gates or beyond).

Cwmsoar campsites are able to accommodate us on Friday / Saturday 17th/18th April. It's a basic site with a portaloo. Phone 01495 759569 or by Email cwmsoarcamping@gmail.com or by WhatsApp 07792 120843. The owner is called Susan. Best to book directly with the site beforehand.

<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/wales/gwent/pontypool/pontypool.html>

<https://www.premierinn.com/gb/en/hotels/wales/gwent/cwmbran/cwmbran.html>

<https://www.bestwestern.co.uk/hotels/best-western-pontypool-metro-hotel-83543>

Parking:

Participants are reminded that the club site is owned and run by DCWW and parking fees apply, payable at the machines at the entry to the café and also near the entrance to the changing rooms / watersports centre (the price for all-day parking is £3.00). The first hour is free for dropping boats on Friday.

Directions

Please use the directions on the club website, not your satnav, as this will take you a difficult route.

<https://www.llandegfedd.org.uk/welcome/find>

Sunday Club Racing:

Entry into the event (registration and payment) includes the option to participate in Sunday club racing on 19th April 2026, without any further fees or sign up required.