



**INTERNATIONAL
GP14 CLASS
ASSOCIATION
WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP
2026**

**Organising Authority RNIYC and the International GP14 Class Association
August 8th to 14th 2026**

NOTICE OF RACE

NoR Version May 3rd 2026 - See Section 5.4

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 Jury, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS].
- 1.2 All documents, including any amendments, pertaining to this event are available from *The Official Notice Board*
- 1.3 The RYA Sailing prescriptions that apply are stated in NoR Addendum A
- 1.4 Racing rules will be changed as follows:
This NoR amends RRS 32, 60.1 and Appendix P-P2.
The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5 Boats are required to carry a tow rope separate to the other rigging on the boat of a minimum 10metre length of a minimum of 6mm diameter cordage (DP)
- 1.6 The penalty for breaches of the Class Rules shall be determined by the International Jury,

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be available on the Association web site and *Racing rules of Sailing App*.

3 COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 (DP) 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.
- 3.2 The official notice board will be online at www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/7896

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to boats of the GP14 Class whose helm and crew are members of the International GP14 Class Association.
- 4.2 World Championship Titles
This event comprises championships in the following categories in which the fleets will compete together.
 - a) A male World Champion helm and Crew for the leading boat sailed by two men
 - b) A female World Champion helm and crew for the leading boat sailed by two women.
 - c) A mixed World Champion helm and crew for the leading boat sailed by a man and a woman.
 - d) A youth World Champion helm and crew for the leading boat sailed by two people whose 22nd birthday has not been reached by Dec 31st, 2026. (Note, where the gender mix in the boat matches the criteria in a. b or c above competitors in this category will also be eligible in those categories)

The award of the titles above depends on the Criteria in World Sailing Policy D3

The scoring system is detailed later in this Notice of Race, the titles above will be awarded to the leading boat in each category taken from the overall event results for all entries.

4.3 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply are limited to 100 entries.

5 FEES

*** All Entries Received before April 10th will receive two complementary Event Tee Shirts.**

*** Early bird entries received before 28th February 2026 are entitled to a special £25 discount, i.e. Full entry £320 less £25 =£295**

5.1 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5.2 Competitors who are under 18 before and including the last date of the regatta must have a declaration form completed by their parent or guardian before they will be allowed to compete. This applies to helms and crews.

5.3 Competitors shall declare their World Championship category (see NoR 4.2) and fleet grading when entering. The guidelines for fleet selection are noted in the Additional Information section appended to this NoR.

5.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached entry form and submitting it, together with a deposit of £50 to the World Championship event section of the International GP14 Class Association website. The balance of £270 shall be paid to the Int GP14 Class Association. **All final payments shall be made by midnight 17th May. Any outstanding entries can still complete by July 5th but shall incur a late fee of £50.**

5.5 The closing date for entries is midnight on Sunday July 5th, 2026.

5.6 For boats sailing with one youth sailor as helm (see NoR 4.2d for criteria) the entry fee will be discounted by 25%. Until April 10th 2026, £277.50 thereafter £315.

For boats sailing with two youth sailors, the entry fee will be discounted by 50%. Until April 10th 2026, £185, thereafter £210.

5.7 Cancellation of entry will incur a cancellation cost which is detailed on the entry form and in the additional information section after the end of this Notice of Race.

5.8 *** All Entries received before April 10th will receive two complementary Event Tee Shirts.**

5.9 *** Early bird entries received before 28th February 2026 are entitled to a special £25 discount, i.e. Full entry £320 less £25 =£295**

5.10 The fee covers a complimentary welcome supper on Sunday 9th August 2026

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 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 Organising Authority.

6.2 During the event, the crew may be substituted only with the prior written agreement of the Race Committee. 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.

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority [DP].

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 Registration: RNIYC Race Office. For times see NOR 8.4.

8.2 Competitor Briefing: 18.00 hrs. on Saturday August 8th, RNIYC Marquee

8.3 Nine races are scheduled. All categories will race together.

8.4 Schedule

Race times are the time of the first warning signal.

<i>Date</i>		<i>Time. All times are BST</i>	<i>Time of high tide</i>
Saturday August 8 th	Registration: Race Office	10.00 to 18:00 BST	
	Equipment Inspection and event measurement: RNIYC Dinghy Park and Far Yard	09:30 to 18:00 BST	
	Competitors Briefing: RNIYC Marquee	18.00 BST	
Sunday August 9 th	Registration: Race Office	09:30 to 11:00 BST	08:18, 3.00m HW
	Equipment Inspection and event measurement: RNIYC Dinghy Park and Far Yard	09:30 to 11:30 BST	
	Practice race 1 st Points race	12:00 BST 13.30	
Monday August 10 th	Points race Points race	11:00 BST To follow	09:41, 3.08m HW
Tuesday August 11 th	Points race Points race	11:00 BST To follow	10:34, 3.21m HW
Wednesday August 12 th	Optional race day.	As required	11:29, 3.34m HW
Thursday August 13 th	Points race Points race	11:00 BST To follow	12:08, 3.7m HW
Friday August 14 th	Points race Points race	11:00 BST To follow	13:03, 3.45m HW
	Prize Giving RNIYC	18:00 TBC	

8.5 The practice race may be abandoned for any reason. This changes to RRS 32. The start for Points-Race 1 will follow.

8.6 It is intended to run nine races over five race days. One day may have no racing, this is scheduled for Wednesday, but the Race Committee may use another day. This will be signaled by the race Committee in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

8.7 On the last scheduled day of racing the first warning signal of a race will not be made after 16:30hrs.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate at registration. Only certified sails may be used.

9.2 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the notice of race or sailing instructions. When requested by a race official, a boat shall be made available for inspection. [DP]

9.3 Boats will be inspected before the first race either in Dinghy Park or Far Boat yard

9.4 At registration all boats shall present a completed self-declaration measurement form. The form to be completed shall be made available to all boats entered after the entry closing date.

9.5 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this Notice of Race.

10 VENUE

The venue is the Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, Sea Front Road, Cultra, Holywood, Co.Down BT18 0BB.
Racing will be in Belfast Lough.

11 COURSES

11.1 The courses will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The intention is to appoint an international Jury as provided in RRS Appendix N

12.2 Appendix P will apply

12.3 Appendix P Special Procedures for rule 42 will apply. P2.2 shall apply to second and subsequent penalties. P2.3 is deleted. This changes RRS Appendix P,P2.

12.4 Arbitration will be available, RRS Appendix T will apply

13 SCORING

13.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

13.2a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS Appendix A

13.2.1 When 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13.2.2 When more than 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

14 SUPPORT BOATS

14.1 Support Boats will not be permitted.

14.2 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the race.

15 BERTHING

(DP) Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

16 DATA PROTECTION

Competitors (both helm and crew) will be requested to complete a data protection form at registration. Details are given in the Additional Information section after the end of this Notice.

17 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:

- (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 whilst taking part in the event.
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent 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 circumstance.
- (g) 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.

18 INSURANCE

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent. Competitors shall sign a declaration to that effect at registration.

Insurance is the sole responsibility of the competitors.

19 PRIZES

19.1 Trophies will be awarded to winners of the Championship categories defined in NoR 4.2. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of the Championship. Prizes may also be awarded to the winners of the gold, silver and bronze fleets. The entry form contains guidelines for selection of fleet and competitors shall nominate their chosen fleet on that form.

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the International GP14 Class Association via the web site www.gp14.org

Addendum A RYA

Prescriptions

These Prescriptions have been changed under RRS 88.2 to include those items which apply when an International Jury is appointed to an event.

RULES

4 Acceptance of the Rules

Add new rule 4.6:

Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support people comply with the *rules*.

Add new rule 4.7:

The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

6 Anti-Doping

The national authority procedural rules required to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the RYA Anti-Doping Rules, as published on the RYA website.

67 Damages

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident where a boat is bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a *rule*.

88.2 Changes to National Authority Prescriptions

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change the prescription of the RYA. However, when an international jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions to rules 4, 6, 65.1, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.

WORLD SAILING REGULATION 20, ADVERTISING CODE

20.2.3 Right to Display Advertising on a Boat

When the right to display advertising on a boat is subject to prior authorisation by the national authority in accordance with regulation 20.2.3.3, the approval of the RYA is automatically granted provided that such advertising is permitted by the relevant rules of the class, rating system or handicapping system.

20.8.2 Fees

When the person in charge of a boat chooses to display advertising, the RYA will not impose a fee as permitted by regulation 20.8.2.

*NOTE: The RYA prescription to rule 88.2 was approved by World Sailing in 2024.
End of Notice of race.*

Additional Information

- 1 For information about arrivals and where to stay, go to the 2026 World Championship section of the International GP14 Class website.
- 2 Boat Drop off
When you arrive at the club you will be required to unhitch your boat from the car, a designated person will be there to advise you on where to park your boat and car.
- 3 A full social program is being organised and will be advised at a later date.

4. GDPR – Personal Data, permission.

Legislation from May 2018 onwards changes the way in which personal data can be collected, used and destroyed. This Championship will follow the guidelines of the national authority to comply with GDPR.

The Personal Data Permission covers items such as, but not limited to,

- taking 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.

The OA has adopted a data protection policy which will be on display at the registration desk.

5. Details of terms of cancellation

If a competitor wishes to cancel their entry, then.

- a) Any deposits paid are fully refundable up to February 28th 2026.
- b) Cancellations up to and including April 7th, 2026 will be entitled to a full refund of all amounts paid, less and administration fee of £30.
- c) Competitors cancelling after April 7th and before the closing date of midnight on August 1st, 2026, will be entitled to a refund of all amounts paid less than £70 to cover the committed costs of RNIYC and an administration fee of £30.
- d) No refunds will be made after the closing date.
- e) All notifications of cancellation must be made in writing (an email is sufficient) to the International GP14 Class Association office before the date specified above (admin@GP14.org)

6. Fleet guidance:

Event Category 1- a Regional, Youth, Inland, Masters event in any sailing dinghy class

Event Category 2 – a National, Continental or World Championship in any sailing dinghy class

- Gold Fleet – a competitor with a track record in achieving a top three position in Category 1 events and/or a top ten position in Category 2 events.
- Silver Fleet – a competitor with a track record in achieving a top half performance in Category 1 or Category 2 events.
- Bronze – a competitor who does not meet the criteria for either the Gold or Silver categories.