



## *Swords Sailing & Boating Club*

# **Riocard O' Tiarnaigh Challenge**

## **GP 14 International Class Association**

*29/30 April 2017*

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1.0 Rules**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by **ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS]2017-2020**, the prescriptions of the **ISA** and the rules of the **GP14 International Class Association**, this Notice of Race and any amendments thereto, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions [**SI**s].
- 1.2 This is a helms event and is designated Category B

### **2.0 Eligibility:**

- 2.1 All boats must have a valid Class Certificate  
Helms must be paid up members of the GP 14 International Class Association  
Current member of the ISA or the RYA
- 2.2 Competitors are reminded that no individual or body involved in the organisation of this event accepts any liability for injury or damage. Each helm must sign a declaration that his/her boat is covered by a policy of Third Party Indemnity Insurance of not less than €3,000,000  
Entries are accepted on the basis that in no circumstances will any liability for injury to person(s) or property attach to the Officers, Trustees, Committee or Members of the GP14 International Class Association or Swords Sailing & Boating Club [**SSBC**]  
All competitors will be automatically members of the **SSBC** for the duration of the event and will be subject to the rules of the club.
- 2.3 Entry fee will be €50 per boat. For entries received 5 days prior to event entry fee shall be €40. (Sterling £35 & £30) Entry Form and fees should be sent by post to **Mr Peter Smyth, 95 Grace Park Meadows, Dublin 9**. Competitors under 18 must have parents or guardians signature on entry form.
- 2.4 Sailing Instructions will be issued on registration which will take place in the club house from 9.00 am on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **3.0 Notices to Competitors**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board of the **SSBC**
- 3.2 Helms with a class ranking may not change crews during an Event. Exceptions may be made on medical or compassionate grounds to the event committee.
- 3.3 Equipment (i.e. foils, spars, and sails) shall not be changed between races except in the case of damage and then only with the approval of the Race Officer. In such cases the damaged equipment will be inspected by the Scrutiniser for the event.

### **4.0 Alterations to sailing instructions**

Any alteration to the **SI**s will be posted on the **Official Notice Board** in the club house; not later than 60 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00hrs on the day before it will take effect.

It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to ensure that they have apprised themselves of any such alterations.

## 5.0 Signals made ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore shall be made on the **SSBC** Flagpole.

5.2 **Flag AP** with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means "*The race is postponed.*" The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the **AP** is lowered.

## 6.0 Schedule of Racing

There shall be three separate fleets Gold, Silver & Bronze as designated by the GP14 Class Association of Ireland. The qualifying round shall consist of nine races. The top four boats from each fleet will compete to go forward to the finals. The finals shall also be the best of 3 races. Scores to date will be discarded and the finals will be a new series. Boats to score .75 to 12, the third race will be double points. The winners will be awarded the Riocard O'Tiarnaigh Challenge Trophy. Top finishers in Gold, Silver & Bronze Fleets will be awarded separate trophies.

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### Saturday 29 April 2017

**Six/Seven Races** Warning signal First Race 12.00am Lunch ashore

### Sunday 30 April 2017

**Two/Three** Warning signal First Race 10.15am Lunch ashore

## Finals thereafter

6.2 An **alternative programme** may be run if weather conditions do not favour the above programme, this will be at the discretion of the Event committee (Class and Club representatives and the Race Officer)

## 7.0 Courses

Courses Cards will be supplied to each boat. Courses to be sailed for each race will be displayed on the Committee Boat.

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## 8.0 Scoring System

The *low point scoring system* in accordance with **RRS Appendix A2.2** shall apply. Nine races are scheduled for each fleet in the initial qualifying round, of which three races shall be completed to constitute a series. There will be 1 discard after 5 races and 2 discards after 9 races in the preliminary series. There will be no discards in the finals

Ties will be in accordance with **RRS Appendix A8**.

DNS, DNC, DSQ, shall score 3 points more than the number of finishers  
DNF,RET, OCS shall score 1 point more than the numbers of finishers.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Lunches will be provided

Club open on the Friday night from 18.00 to 22.00

Food Available after racing on Saturday.

High water Sat. 14.45 4.30mt

