**GP14 Class Association of Ireland **

**Championship of Ireland**

**Incorporating Masters Championship**

**Organising Authority shall be Sligo Yacht Club**

**18th to 20th August 2018**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1** **RULES**

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**1.2** The prescriptions of the ISA will apply for events held in Republic of Ireland.

**1.3** Rules of the International GP14 Class Association will apply.

**2** **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

**2.1** Entry is open to all boats of the International GP14 Class.

**2.2** All boats shall have a valid class certificate issued prior to the event.

**2.3** Helms shall be a member of the International GP14 Class Association.

**3** **SAILS AND SAIL NUMBERS**

**3.1** Only certified sails shall be used.

**3.2** Permission to sail under any other sail number shall be sought in writing from the race committee before going afloat and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances

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| **4** | **FEES** |  |  |
| **4.1** Required fees are as follows: Helm over 22 now or before 2019 : €75 per boat Helm under 22 until 2019 : €0 per boat |  |

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| **5** | **SCHEDULE** |  |
| **5.1** | Registration: Saturday 18th August from 09:00 to 10:30. |
| **5.2** | Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 10:30 on Saturday 18th August. |
| **5.3** | Racing: |  |
|  | *Date* | *Race* |
|  | Saturday 18th August | Races 1, and 2 |
|  | Sunday 19th AugustMonday 20th August | Races 3, 4 and 5Races 6 and 7 |
| **5.3** | Seven Races are scheduled. |  |

**5.4** The scheduled time of the first warning signal on the first race day is 12:00.
The scheduled time of the first warning signal on subsequent race days is 11:00.

**5.4** On the last scheduled race day no warning signal will be made after 14:30.

**6** **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**6.1** The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

**7** **SAILING AREA**

**7.1** The Sailing Area will be Sligo Bay, with the race committee reserving the right to go to the outer bay.

**8** **THE COURSES**

* 1. The courses to be sailed will be Olympic Triangle and/or Windward Leeward.

**9 SCORING**

**9.1** Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**9.2** When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat’sseries score will be the total oftheir race scores. This changes RRS A2.

**9.3** When from four to seven races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total oftheir race scores excluding their worst score.

**10 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**10.1** Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. This changesRRS 40. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate.

**11 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**11.1** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions andshall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**12 PRIZES**

**12.1** Prizes will be given as follows:

First, Second and Third Overall.

First, Second and Third in Silver Fleet.

First, Second and Third in Bronze Fleet.

First in Masters Fleet over 50.

First Masters Fleet over 60.

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**13 RISK STATEMENT**

**13.1** Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decisiontoparticipate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

1. 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;
2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
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.
6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

**14 INSURANCE**

**14.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 Euros or the equivalent.

**END OF NOTICE OF RACE**