



GP14 Class Association of Ireland

Autumn Open

(incorporating 2020 Youths Championships)

Blessington Sailing Club

September 12/13 2019

With regard to Covid 19 please read and pay particular attention to the attachment marked, Blessington additional information

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 Irish Sailing and the rules of the GP14 Class Association will apply.
- 1.3 Racing rule(s) amendments and changes: Any changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions and a notice will be posted on the official notice board.

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 of registration 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.

3 ELIGIBILITY

Youths U 22:

Helms under 22 on 1/01/20

Youths U 19:

Helms under 19 on 31/12/20

Youths U 16:

Helms under 16 on 1/01/20

4 ENTRY FEE

Autumn Open:

€50 per boat

€25 per boat - if Helm & Crew under 22 on 1/01/20

5 VENUE

The venue will be Blessington Sailing Club

6 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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

7 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on registration at the race office.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration: Saturday 12 September 2020 from 09.00 to 10.30.

9.2 Briefing: A briefing will be held at 10.30 on Saturday 12 September.

9.3 Racing:

Sat. 12th September **Warning Signal** 1200 hours

Sun. 13th September **Warning Signal** 1100 hours

9.4 Six races are scheduled.

9.5 On the last scheduled race day no warning signal will be made after 15.30.

10 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be outlined in the sailing instructions.

11 SCORING

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

11.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores. This changes RRS A2.

11.3 When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score.

12 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate 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:

- (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) The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3 million or the equivalent.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be given in the following based on no. Of entries:

- Overall in Autumn Open.
- Silver Fleet in Autumn Open.
- Bronze Fleet in Autumn Open.
- Youths Championship (U22).
- Youths Championship (U19).
- Youths Championship (U16).

15 OTHER INFORMATION

15.1 Camping will be available as will parking for caravans.

15.2 Boat & road-trailor storage will be provided at the Club dinghy park.

15.3 All competitors will be granted Honorary Membership of the Club for the duration of the event.

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Again, read the Blessington additional information document