

GP14 CLASS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND
Ulster Championships
Lough Foyle Yacht Club
21st and 22nd of May 2022

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 RYA 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** The regatta is open to boats of the GP14 class.
- 2.2** All boats shall have a valid Class Certificate of registration and measurement issued prior to the commencement of this event.
- 2.3** All helms must be a paid up member of the GP14 Class International Association.
- 2.4** Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it together with the required fee to Lough Foyle Yacht Club. Entries will be accepted at Registration. Online entry is not available.
- 2.5** Entries will be accepted up until the briefing on the first day of racing.

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.

4 ENTRY FEE

£50 per boat.

£25 per boat - if Helm & Crew is Under 22 on 1/01/22.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

6 SAILING AREA

The sailing area will be adjacent to Lough Foyle Yacht Club

7 THE COURSES

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

8 COMMUNICATION

- 8.1** The official notice board is located outside the race office at Lough Foyle Yacht Club.
- 8.2** While Racing 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.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration Friday 20th May 19.00-21.00 & Saturday 21st May 09.00 to 10.30

9.2 Briefing: A briefing will be held at 10.30 on Saturday 21st May.

9.3 Racing:

Sat. 21st May Warning Signal 12:00 hours

Sun. 1st May Warning Signal 11:00 hours

9.4 Six races are scheduled, three races each day.

9.5 At the discretion of the Race Officer a Race may be brought forward to the first day or postponed to the second day depending on weather conditions. No more than one race of the scheduled number of races may be brought forward or postponed.

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

10 SCORING

10.1 Races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.1

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

11 ARBITRATION

The Exoneration Penalty and RYA Arbitration Process of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedures will be available. The Arbitration Penalty will be 25% Place Penalty.

12 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd Silver Fleet 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bronze Fleet. Association Trophies where available will be awarded to race winners.

Association Trophies shall be held by the winners and returned by them (in good time and in good order) to the Organisers of the event in the following year. The winners shall be responsible for engraving the trophies, Any GP14 Ireland Association Trophies presented shall not be removed from Ireland.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2 *million* Pounds Sterling or the equivalent.

15 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 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.
- (h) If any competitor is Covid19 positive there are asked not to attend the event.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

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