



Mullingar Sailing Club
LOUGH OWEL



GP 14 International Class Association

Leinster Championship

Mullingar Sailing Club

17-18 September 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 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. Single event membership is available [HERE](#).
- 2.4 Entry is by online booking only. Entry can be made by following the booking link on our webpage www.mullingarsailingclub.ie/events. Entry is open until 8PM on Tuesday 13th September.

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.
- 3.3 Helms with class ranking may not change crews during an event. Exceptions may be made on medical or compassionate grounds to the event committee.

4 ENTRY FEE

- 4.1 GP14 Leinster Championship: €50 per boat
- 4.2 Youth Helm €25 per boat - if helm and crew are both under 22 on 1/01/22

5 VENUE & SAILING AREA

The venue will be Mullingar Sailing Club. The sailing area will be on the waters of Lough Owel. Directions to the Club by Google Maps [HERE](#)

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 www.mullingarsailingclub.ie/events before the event.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration will be online only.
- 9.2 A briefing will be held at 10.30AM on Saturday 17th September.



- 9.3 **Six races** are scheduled, three each day. The warning signal for the first race on Saturday will be made at 1200 hrs. with further races following as soon as possible. The warning signal for the first race on Sunday will be made at 1100 hrs. with further races following as soon as possible.
- 9.4 On the final day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15.30.
- 9.5 The race committee reserves the right, depending on the prevailing weather conditions to sail an extra race on either day. To signal the intention to do so, the race committee will display code flag F on the finishing vessel at the finish of the appropriate race.

10 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Olympic Triangle and/or Windward Leeward. Sailing Instructions will be published closer to the event.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 As per RRS Appendix A.
- 11.2 Two races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 If three or less races are completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4 If four or more races are completed a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 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 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. Insurance is the sole responsibility of competitors.

14 PRIZES

- 14.1 A perpetual trophy from the GP14 Association will be awarded to the winners of the Leinster Championship and to winners of individual races.
- 14.2 The Club will award prizes to Helm and Crew of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets.

15 OTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1 Boat and trailer storage will be provided at the Club dinghy park
- 15.2 All competitors will be granted Honorary Membership of the Club for the duration of the event.
- 15.3 The weather forecast will be posted daily on the Official Notice Board.

16 ACCOMMODATION

A list of accommodation in and close to Mullingar Town can be viewed [HERE](#).

17 EVENING MEAL

A 2-course group evening meal is organised in the Annebrook Hotel in Mullingar at 7:45PM on Saturday, and all participants are invited to attend. Cost is €26.50. To enable the organising team plan for numbers attending, this meal will be strictly pre-sale ticket only via the online booking page. Closing date/time for meal bookings is 8PM on Tuesday 13th September.

A menu can be viewed [here](#).

No water bottles or snacks will be provided. Competitors are requested to bring their own provisions. Tea and coffee will be available both mornings at the club.

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