

GP14 Championship of Ireland

Carrickfergus Sailing Club

1st & 2nd August 2026



NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is Carrickfergus Sailing Club (CSC), in association with the GP14 Class Association of Ireland.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 33, 35, 60.1, 60.3(b), 61.1(a), 61.4(b), 61.2(b)(1), 62.2, 63.1, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, either in this notice of race or in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online: <https://www.carrickfergussc.org/racing/racing-in-2026/gp14-national-championship-2026/>

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located on the window of the Alcorn room facing the sea in front of the Club.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International GP14 Class.
- 4.2 All boats should have a valid class certificate.
- 4.3 All helms shall be a member of the International GP14 Class Association.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and paying at <https://www.carrickfergussc.org/> event page as per the link above.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry at an event, a boat shall pay all fees and complete all registration requirements.
- 4.6 Boats should enter by midnight on 27th July 2026. Late entries will be accepted only in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 4.7 Entries will be capped at 50
- 4.8 Any competitors aged under 18 shall complete an Under 18s Consent Form at registration.

5 FEE. The entry fees for the event: (2 days)

- 5.1 The entry fees for the event are £55.00 per boat.

- 5.2 For youths (under 22 on 01.01.26) the concession fee is £27.50 per boat. If the helm is under 22 and the crew is not, the full entry fee of £55.00 will apply.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

Does not apply

7 ADVERTISING

[DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

8 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Registration: Friday 31 July 1830 – 1930 and Saturday 1st August 0900 to 1000.

9.2 Briefing: A Competitors' Briefing will be held in the CSC Boat house at 1030 on Saturday 1st August.

9.3 Racing:

Date:	Race	Tidal Times - BST
Saturday 1 st August	Races 1 to 3	LW 0736 HW 1335
Sunday 2 nd August	Races 4 to 6	LW 0810 HW 1411

9.4 Six Races are scheduled.

9.5 The scheduled time of the first warning signal of the first race on Saturday is 1155. The scheduled time of the warning signal of the first race on Sunday is 1055. An additional race may be run on the Saturday at the discretion of the Race Committee. To indicate this intention the finish boat will display flag Numeral 4 at the end of the last scheduled race that day.

9.6 On the last day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1530.

10 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected at any time.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

11.2 Only equipment, including sails, complying with class rules may be used.

12 VENUE

The sailing area will be Belfast Lough in the vicinity to Carrickfergus Sailing Club.

13 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be W/L with Triangle, Triangles with W/L or Windward Leeward. Line and/or Gate Starts may be in operation and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix T and the Post Race Penalty apply to this event. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the protest committee but cannot be reopened or appealed.

15 SCORING

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

15.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.3 When from four to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her

race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

16 [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels shall stay 150m outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 16.2 All support persons on that vessel, shall wear a personal flotation device and when the engine of a support vessel is running, the support vessel driver shall use a kill cord.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Does not apply.

18 BERTHING

[DP] If allocated, boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

21 DATA PROTECTION

The Data Processing Policy is available on the class website.

22 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 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 circumstances;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 Pounds Sterling per incident or the equivalent.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Prizes will be awarded based on number of entries for Bronze, Silver & Gold fleets with the GP14 Ireland Class Association providing the perpetual trophies. Keepsake Prizes may be awarded to the following: Gold Fleet. 1st, 2nd & 3rd. places overall. Silver Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd places overall. Bronze Fleet 1st, 2nd & 3rd places overall. 1st Place Youth.
- 24.2 The Prizegiving will be held asap following the last race and any protest time limits.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For any further information please contact:

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