



**Howth Yacht Club**  
**GP 14 Ireland Class Association**  
**O'Tiarnaigh Challenge**  
**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**



**1.0 Rules**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS]2017-2020, the prescriptions of the ISA and the rules of the GP14 International Class Association, this Notice of Race and any amendments thereto, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions [SIs].

**2.0 Eligibility:**

- 2.1 All boats must have a valid Class Certificate.  
Helms must be paid up members of the GP 14 International Class Association.
- 2.2 Competitors are reminded that no individual or body involved in the organisation of this event accepts any liability for injury or damage. Each helm must sign a declaration that his/her boat is covered by a policy of Third Party Indemnity Insurance of not less than €3,000,000  
Entries are accepted on the basis that in no circumstances will any liability for injury to person(s) or property attach to the Officers, Trustees, Committee or Members of the GP14 International Class Association or Howth Yacht Club (HYC)  
All competitors will be automatically members of HYC for the duration of the event and will be subject to the rules of the club.
- 2.3 Entry fee will be €60 per boat, or €50 for entries received up to 8PM on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Entry Form must be completed online at [www.hyc.ie/open-events](http://www.hyc.ie/open-events). Competitors under 18 must have parents or guardians consent.
- 2.4 Sailing Instructions will be available at [www.hyc.ie](http://www.hyc.ie) from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. It is strongly advised that competitors print these in advance of the competition as they may not be available in printed format at HYC.

**3.0 Notices to Competitors**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board of HYC
- 3.2 Helms with a class ranking may not change crews during an Event. Exceptions may be made on medical or compassionate grounds to the event committee.
- 3.3 Equipment (i.e. foils, spars, and sails) shall not be changed between races except in the case of damage and then only with the approval of the Race Officer.

**4.0 Alterations to sailing instructions**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18.00 on the day before it will take effect.

It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to ensure that they have apprised themselves of any such alterations.

**5.0 Signals made ashore**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be made on the HYC Flagpole.
- 5.2 Flag AP with two sound signals (one sound signal when lowered) means "The race is postponed." The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the AP is lowered.

**6.0 Schedule of Racing**

- 6.1 Briefing - A briefing will be held at 11.00am on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020
- 6.2 Racing.

Saturday 04/04/20 – Races 1,2 and 3  
Sunday 05/04/20 – Races 4,5 and 6  
Warning Signal First Race 12.00am Saturday  
Warning Signal First Race 10.30am Sunday

- 6.3 An alternative programme may be run if weather conditions or adequate boat numbers do not favour the above programme, this will be at the discretion of the Event committee (Class and Club representatives and the Race Officer). Any changes to this programme will be Signalled at the briefing.

## **7.0 Courses**

Courses shall be Olympic triangle course with windward leeward as an alternate.

## **8.0 Scoring System**

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

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

When from four to seven races have been competed, a boats series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score

## **9.0 PRIZES**

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.

In the event that there are insufficient entries to warrant this number of prizes their may be fewer prizes

## **10 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.

## **11 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 circumstances.