



GP 14 International Class Association

O' Tiarnaigh Challenge

Mullingar Sailing Club

18-19 May 2024

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 <https://www.mullingarsailingclub.ie/events>

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

- Entry will be online only. Booking can be made following the link on <https://www.mullingarsailingclub.ie/events>
- 4.1 O'Tiarnaigh Challenge: €50 per boat
 - 4.2 Youth Helm €25 per boat - if Helm under 22 on 1/01/24

5 VENUE & SAILING AREA

The venue will be Mullingar Sailing Club. The sailing area will be on the waters of Lough Owel.
See location of the club at <https://www.mullingarsailingclub.ie/contact>

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 <https://www.mullingarsailingclub.ie/events> before the event.

9 SCHEDULE

- 9.1 Registration will be online only.
- 9.2 A briefing will be held at 11.00 on Saturday 18th May
Racing will be for all boats, both days.
- 9.3 Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets have the same starting signal on Saturday.

Sat. 18th May.

Warning Signal: 12:00 Race 1 followed by up to a further 5 races. Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets race together in the qualifying series. The top 3 finishers in each fleet (Gold, Silver and Bronze) from the Saturday series will compete in the O'Tiarnaigh Challenge on Sunday. All remaining boats will compete in a "Plate" competition on Sunday on the same course.

Sun. 19th May

O'Tiarnaigh: 11:00 Warning Signal 'GP14 Ireland Class Flag' followed by another 2 races

Plate : Warning Signal 'Code Flag A' , 5 minutes after the warning signal for the O'Tiarnaigh with a U Flag start, followed by another 2 races.

The Race Committee reserve the right to combine both Fleets on Sunday.

On the final day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15.30.

10 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be published in the Sailing Instructions closer to the event.

11 SCORING

The *low point scoring system* in accordance with **RRS Appendix A2.2** shall apply.

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

11.2 When fewer than four races have been completed on Saturday, 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.

11.4 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series on Sunday. There will be no discard on Sunday races.

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. Your policy number is required on booking.

14 PRIZES

A perpetual trophy from the GP14 Association will be awarded to the winners of the O'Tiarnaigh Challenge.

The Club will award prizes to Helm and Crew of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the O'Tiarnaigh.

Prizes will also be awarded to Helm and Crew for first place Gold, Silver and Bronze in the Plate competition on Sunday.

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 is available via the event page at <https://www.mullingarsailingclub.ie/events>.

17 EVENING MEAL

A 3-course group evening meal is organised in the Annebrook Hotel in Mullingar at 7:30 PM on Saturday, and all participants are invited to attend. Cost is 34.50 Euros 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 14th May.

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.

For further information please contact Angela Boyhan at mullingarsailingclub@gmail.com / 085 855 3899.

18. COMMUNICATIONS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the window of the club house. Notices may also be posted to the WhatsApp Group "O'Tiarnaigh Challenge 2024". Entrants may join the WhatsApp group using the link or the QR code below.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DJCPqQ4soGpEdTwe1CkcNI>

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