

**Leigh on Sea
International**



SC



GP14 Class Association Southern Area Championship

Saturday 31st August & Sunday 1st September 2019

Leigh-on-Sea SC, The Old Town, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, SS9 2EP

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2 ADVERTISING

There is no requirement or restriction on boats displaying advertising.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta is open to all boats of the GP14 class. All dinghies must have a valid Class Certificate, issued prior to the date of the event. Only certified sails may be used.

All helmsmen must be paid up members of the International GP14 Class Association

4 CLASSIFICATIONS

Classification requirements will not apply (see rule 79).

5 FEES

The entry fee will be £25 for each boat entered, a discount of £5 is available to all entries received before midnight on Friday 23rd August 2019.

6 QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

The regatta will consist of four races, three of which will count if all races are sailed.

7 SCHEDULE

Registration will be online at www.gp14.org/events/2019-southern-areas-championship or at the club from 08:30 to 12:00 on 31st August 2019. A competitors briefing will be held in the clubhouse at 11.00 on August 31st.

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 12:25 on 31st August and for race 3 at 13:10 on 1st September 2019.

The second and fourth races will be sailed back to back with the first and third races. Competitors are advised that there will not be time to go ashore between races.

8 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate if requested to do so.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 08:30 on 31st August 2019 at Leigh-on-Sea SC or may be downloaded from the club web site www.leighsailingclub.org

10 VENUE

The venue is Leigh on Sea Sailing Club, The Old Town, Leigh on Sea, SS9 2EP. The course area will be the tidal waters of the Thames Estuary off Leigh-on-Sea. For directions to the club see the club web site 'Contact' www.leighsailingclub.org

11 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be designated in a Briefing to be held at 11:00 on Saturday 31st August 2019.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will not apply.

13 SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

14 COMMITTEE AND SUPPORT BOATS

The Committee Boat and the support boats shall be marked as specified in the briefing and in a Notice on the Official Notice Board.

15 BERTHING

Boats shall be rigged on the promenade adjacent to the club as directed by club marshals, depending on numbers, cars may be parked alongside the boats but if space is restricted it may be necessary to park cars on Bell Wharf or in the public car parks close to the club.

As the Promenade is an area open to the public competitors and members of their parties are asked to respect the general public and to keep a 2m wide path adjacent to the beach clear when rigging and preparing their boats.

Boats may be launched from the beach adjacent to the promenade or from the slipways which are part of the club dinghy racks 150m east of the promenade. If launching from the beach please respect the members of the public using the beach and all trolleys MUST be taken back to the promenade during racing.

16 PRIZES

The Leigh GP14 Trophy will be awarded to the lowest scoring GP14 in the Championship, to be retained for a period of one season, other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organisers and the International GP14 Class Association.

17 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.

18. 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 racing is hers alone”

Sailing is by its nature 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 and omissions;
- (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) 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 and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per event or the equivalent.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Sailing Secretary at Leigh on Sea Sailing Club scorbet@btinternet.com or the GP14 Class Association www.gp14.org