



B14 GUL National and Open Championships 2018

2nd – 5th August 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority is **Paignton Sailing Club** in association with the **UK B14 Class Association**.

Supported By



1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
 - 1.2 Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
 - 1.3 Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration will be available.
 - 1.4 The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
 - 1.5 The Racing Rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.5.1 RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. [DP]
 - 1.5.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
 - 1.5.3 RRS 44.2 is changed such that if the head of the spinnaker is above the main-boom gooseneck when an incident occurs, the penalty may be taken immediately after the next time the head of the spinnaker is lowered below the main-boom gooseneck, but shall always be taken prior to rounding the next mark or crossing the finishing line.
 - 1.5.4 RRS 31 is changed such that boats may touch a mark other than the starting or finishing mark. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage.
 - 1.5.5 RRS 63.7 is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display on the front 25% of their hull any advertising chosen and supplied by the B14 Class Association. [DP].

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the B14 Class.
- 3.2 Entries will be made by emailing a completed entry form a to Tony Blackmore tony@sailsport.plus.com. Entry forms can be downloaded from <http://www.b14.org>. Payment will be via bank transfer as detailed on the entry form.
- 3.3 At least one crew member of each boat must be a member of the B14 Class Association.
- 3.4 Only UK Association members are eligible for the GUL National Championship.
- 3.5 The GUL Open Championship is open to all UK and non UK Association members.

4 NOT USED

5 FEES

- 5.1 Key Dates (referenced from the following sections):
 - Early Entry Date: Midnight on 10th June 2018
 - Closing Date: Midnight on 15th July 2018
- 5.2 The fees will be as follows:
 - 5.2.1 £135 per boat for entries completed on or before the *Early Entry Date*.
 - 5.2.2 £150 per boat for all entries after the *Early Entry Date* but before the *Closing Date*.
 - 5.2.3 Any entries after the *Closing Date* are at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority. If granted the entry will be subject to an additional fee of £10.
- 5.3 Refunds for cancellation of entries will be as follows:
 - 5.3.1 Full refund minus a £5 administration fee for cancellations received before the *Early Entry Date*.
 - 5.3.2 50% refund minus a £5 administration fee for cancellations received before the *Closing Date*.
 - 5.3.3 No refund available after the *Closing Date*.
- 5.4 All Helms and Crews under 18 years of age must submit declarations signed by their Parent or Guardian.
- 5.5 Entries received the Early Entry Date (see 5.1) will also be entered for the Seavolution mystery prize formulated by the square root of the number of entries.

6 RACE FORMAT

- 6.1 The Championship will consist of a single series of up to 14 races.
- 6.2

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 The schedules is as follows:

	Wed 1 st	Thurs 2nd	Fri 3rd	Sat 4th	Sun 5th
Registration	15:00 – 18:00	09:00 – 10:00			
Scrutineering	15:00 – 18:00	09:00 – 10:00			
Competitors' Briefing		11:00			
1 st Warning Signal		12:55	10:55	10:55	10:55
Number of Races		3	4	4	3
Last Permitted Warning Signal					15:00
Prize Giving					16:00

7.2 The target time for each race is 30 minutes for the lead boats.

7.3 The intention is that there will be no more than four races a day, however, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.

7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

8 MEASUREMENTS

8.1 The B14 Class Association reserves the right to undertake measurement of the competing boats to ensure compliance with the B14 Class Rules. If applicable, fleet measurement will be undertaken from 1500 hrs on Wednesday 2nd August and then on Thursday morning before 1100 hrs. Each boat shall lodge a completed measurement form, signed by a fleet measurer, with the club officer administering registration of entries. Confirmation of any measurement exercise will be placed on the B14 website www.b14.org, in advance of the event.

8.2 Total base weight, including hull, wings, nets, kite bag, ropes, boom, pole and pins, shall weigh no less than 91.0 kg. Every boat shall also comply with class rule C.6.1 Weight. The B14 Class Association/Event committee reserve the right to weigh any competing boat during the championship. It is upon the competitor to make sure their boat complies.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the event website at least three days prior to the event.

9.2 Sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board. Individual printed copies will not be distributed on the day, please print your own if required.

10 VENUE

10.1 The venue is:

Paignton Sailing Club
South Quay,
Paignton Harbour,
Devon,
TQ4 6DT

10.2 Racing will be in the waters of Tor Bay.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 Courses will be windward/leeward as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

12 PENALTIES

12.1 See NoR 1.5 for changes to the RRS relating to penalties.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Low Points System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 13.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.3 The main Regatta series and the sprint series will be scored separately.
- 13.4 For both series, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores as listed below:

Races Completed	Scores Excluded
1 – 3	0
4 – 7	1
8 – 11	2
12 – 14	3

14 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 14.1 During racing support boats shall remain more than 100 metres from the course area except when asked to assist by the Race Committee.

15 BERTHING

- 15.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

16 NOT USED

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18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 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. [DP].

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded for :
 - National Championship
 - The Open Championship
- 19.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

20 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 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 vessels, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol vessel 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 briefing held at the venue.

21 INSURANCE

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

22 RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority, the National Class Association and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the championship, and of all of his/her material related to the championship, without compensation.

23 DATA PROTECTION

In order to manage the events, information provided by competitors will be held on a database. The management of personal information and images (as in NoR 22) will comply with the new General Data Protection Regulations that come into effect in May 2018. More details will be available in the Sailing Instructions.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Tony Blackmore - tony@sailsport.plus.com - 07977 512673