



**GP14 AND YACHTING WORLD DAYBOAT
OPEN WEEKEND 2018
Saturday 14th July and Sunday 15th July 2017
Organising Authority is The Poole Yacht Club**



NOTICE OF RACE

The Event will be held at Poole Yacht Club, and both fleets (GP14 and YWDB) will sail all races in Poole Harbour using the same committee boat and start lines, but separate starts. The event will be split into two days: Saturday being 2 races round the Harbour Islands and Sunday will be up to three races in Poole Harbour Top Triangle.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* the Sailing Instructions and the rules of the respective classes, the GP14 Class and YWDB associations. In the event of any conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.2 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times whilst afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The entry is open to all GP14 and YWDB dinghies with a valid measurement certificate.
- 2.2 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the event entry form with the entry fee at registration in the Sailing Academy, The Poole Yacht Club.
- 2.3 Competitors who are under 18 before and including the last date of the event must have a declaration form completed by their parent or guardian before they will be allowed to compete. The parental declaration form is part of the entry form.
- 2.4 All competitors, if not already members, will be made temporary members of Poole Yacht Club for the period 14th – 15th July inclusive.

3. FEES

- 3.1 Entry fee is £10 per boat for Saturday (Round the Island/GP14 team event)
Entry fee is £10 per boat for Sunday (3 race Open Meeting)
Entry fee is £8 per boat for Sunday (cruising only)

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Registration will be in the 'Sailing Academy' between 8:30 and 10:00 on Saturday and Sunday.

4.2 Saturday 14th July: Round the Islands Team Race

GP14 teams of 3 will be drawn from 2 hats, one for visitors and one for PYC boats, to attempt to mix teams so there is at least one visitor boat in each team of three.

Scheduled to be 2 races:

Registration open	08:30
Competitors' briefing	10:00
Race 1 warning signal, not before	10:55
Lunch back at Club (approx.)	13:00
Race 2 warning signal, not before	14:25
Dinner for those booked	19:00

4.3 Sunday 15th July: GP14 and YWDB Open Meeting

Scheduled to be 3 races:

Registration open	08:30
Competitors' briefing	09:30
Race 1 warning signal, not before	10:25
For GP14s races 2 and 3 will be back to back as soon as possible after race 1	
For YWDBs lunch will be taken ashore after race 1; races 2 and 3 will be back to back following lunch	
BBQ food available immediately after racing	approx. 15:30
Tea and Cakes/Prize Giving approx.	16:30

5. MEASUREMENT

- 5.1 Each boat shall, on request, produce a valid measurement certificate at registration. Only certified sails may be used. All boats are liable to equipment checks on arrival or measured at any time during the event.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be available on the Poole YC website beforehand.

7. VENUE

- 7.1 The venue will be The Poole Yacht Club, New Harbour Road West, Hamworthy, Poole, Dorset, BH15 4AQ.
7.2 The race area for the Round the Islands event will be Poole Harbour.
7.3 The race area for the Open Meeting event will be the Top Triangle of Poole Harbour which is to the south of Poole YC and west of Brownsea Island.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be shown in the Sailing Instructions.
8.1.1 The Round the Islands courses are planned to be around Brownsea, Furzey and Green Islands with one clockwise and the other anticlockwise, the order to be chosen on the day according to conditions.
8.1.2 The Open Meeting courses are planned to be triangle/sausage using inflatable marks.

9. SCORING AND PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 Saturday 29th July Round the Islands GP14 Team Event

- 9.1.1 The low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply. One race is required to constitute a series.
9.1.2 Boats will race in teams. Each team will consist of a maximum of 3 GP14 dinghies. Selection of teams will be agreed between representative yacht clubs, probably by drawing boats randomly out of a hat.
9.1.3 The scores of the first 2 boats in each team will count and be summed to give a total score for that team for each race.
9.1.4 The winning team will be the team with the lowest aggregate score from all completed races.
9.1.5 The position of the third boat to finish in a team will stand and though it will be discarded for the team score in that race, will still influence results indirectly by adding to the scores of counting boats for other teams finishing behind it.

9.2 Sunday 30th July GP14 Open Meeting

- 9.2.1 The low points scoring system of RRS Appendix A4 will apply. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
9.2.2 When fewer than 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
9.2.3 When 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
9.3 Penalties shall be in accordance with RRS 44 excluding 44.3. The Exoneration Penalty [and the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration] of the RYA Rules Disputes Procedure will be available.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Saturday GP14 Team event - Prizes will be awarded to the helms and crews of the first team
11.2 Saturday YWDB Round the Island Races – Prizes will be awarded to the first placed boat in each race.
11.3 Sunday Open Meeting – Prizes will be awarded to the helm and crew of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed boats.
11.4 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of The Poole Yacht Club.

12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 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".
12.2 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 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.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Members of the club, their guests and visitors may use the club premises and other facilities entirely at their own risk, and therefore by implication accept that;

- the club will not accept liability for any damage to, or loss of property belonging to members, their guests or visitors to the club,
- the club will not accept liability for any personal injury arising outside of the use of club premises or any other facilities of the club, whether sustained by members, their guests or visitors, or caused by the said members, guests or visitors, whether or not such damages or injury could have been attributed to or was occasioned by the neglect, default or negligence of any of the officers, committee or employees of the club, or the regatta volunteers and helpers.

13.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk – See rule 4 decision to race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, or after the regatta.

15. INSURANCE

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

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 Further information is available from:
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