GP14 IRISH NATIONALS 2024  $28^{TH} - 30$  JUNE NEWTOWNARDS SAILING CLUB



# TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION FOR SAILORS



# FLIGHT INFORMATION

#### There are two airports commonly used in Northern Ireland

Belfast International <u>Airport</u> – 30.1 miles to Newtownards Sailing Club George Best (Belfast City) <u>Airport</u> – 10.9 miles to Newtownards Sailing Club



Transport options from George Best Belfast City Airport (BHD):

• **By Bus** – George Best Belfast City Airport has a designated Airport Express 600 Service which buses passengers every 30 minutes during peak times from the front of the terminal building to Belfast Europa Buscentre in the centre of town. The journey only takes around 13 minutes.

An adult single ticket costs £2.60, and an iLink Adult Day ticket costs £5.00. You can either buy tickets online, on board or by the <u>mLink Ticketing App.</u> Cashless off-board purchase options for tickets on Belfast airport bus services can now be bought at quick and convenient Airport Ticket Vending Machines. One is located at the City Airport bus stop. For more information and to plan your journey, <u>click</u> here.

- **By Taxi** GBP £ 30 if sharing a 4 person taxi, is the average taxi fare from George Best Belfast City Airport (BHD) to Newtownards Sailing Club. Get a quote for a taxi <u>here.</u>
- By Train Not an option
- **By Uber** There is Uber in the city, but the majority of taxi work is done by the regulated companies.

### Transport options from Belfast International Airport (BFS):

- **By Bus** Airport Express 300 from Belfast International Airport to Belfast (Europa Buscentre), stops at Templepatrick and Belfast Europa Buscentre. The journey takes 30 – 40 min, depending on the traffic. Airport Express 300 Fares are Airport to Belfast: £8\* (single) £11.50\* (return) Tickets are available from the tourist information desk in arrivals or from the driver.
- By Train not an option
- **By Taxi** Estate Car (up to 4 passengers) £45 single journey / £90 return Get a quote for a taxi here.
- **By Uber** There is Uber in the city, but the majority of taxi work is done by the regulated companies.

# ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

It is important to note that rates may change, we recommend booking early!

• Mid-range Accommodation – <u>Strangford Arms Hotel</u> (4.4 miles from Newtownards Sailing Club)

Arrival 28th June – Departure 30th June 2 People Sharing a Double Room – B&B £125 per room per night Single Occupancy – B&B £109 per room per night \*Dinner options includes 2 course @ 27.00 or 3 courses @ £34.00 per person

• Mid-range Accommodation – <u>The Old Vicarage</u> (6.5 miles from Newtownards Sailing Club)

Arrival 28th June – Departure 30th June 2 People Sharing a Double Room – B&B £120 per room per night Single Occupancy – B&B £99 per room per night \* For guests booking two or more consecutive nights' accommodation, a 5% discount will be applied.

- Mid-range Accommodation <u>Cunningburn Cottages</u> (0.8 miles from Newtownards Sailing Club)
- Arrival 28th June Departure 30th June Self-Catering: The accommodation consists of three two bedroomed cottages, each with open-plan ground floor comprising kitchen, living and dining area with pine kitchen units and furniture. Upstairs are bedrooms and bathroom.
- Mid-range Accommodation <u>– Lilac Tree Cottage Greyabbey</u> (3.7 miles from Newtownards Sailing Club)
- Arrival 28th June Departure 30th June Self-Catering: The two bedroom cottage dates back to 1860 and has a spacious living room with wood-burning stove, separate kitchen with dining table, two small cosy bedrooms & a modern bathroom. Accommodates 4 guests with additional accommodation available for a further 2 guests. A wood-fired hot tub can be set up for an extra charge.

| Thursday | Day 0                | Option 1                   | Option 2            |
|----------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
|          | Arriving at the Club | You will have access to    | Takeaway            |
|          | for camping.         | the self-catering kitchen  | suggestions are:    |
|          |                      | facilities at the Club     | <u>TukTuk</u> Asian |
|          |                      | House                      | Bistro              |
|          |                      |                            | Giuseppe's Pizza    |
|          |                      |                            | The Cod Father –    |
|          |                      |                            | traditional Fish &  |
|          |                      |                            | Chips               |
| Friday   | Day 1 GP14s          | Breakfast                  | Reminder            |
|          | Breakfast            | Bacon or sausage rolls     |                     |
|          |                      | plus tea and coffee        |                     |
|          | Daytime and Evening  | Artisan takeaways will be  |                     |
|          |                      | available at the club from |                     |
|          |                      | woodfired pizza, savoury   |                     |
|          |                      | crepes plus a late bar     |                     |
|          |                      | with live music in the     |                     |
|          |                      | upstairs lounge of the     |                     |
|          |                      | club house.                |                     |
| Saturday | Day 2 GP14s          | Breakfast                  | Reminder            |
|          | Breakfast            | Bacon or sausage rolls     |                     |
|          |                      | plus tea and coffee        |                     |
|          | A sumptuous dinner   | The evening will include   | Please register for |
|          | in the main function | live music and a late bar  | the Sat meal online |
|          | room at the Club     | in the upstairs lounge of  |                     |
|          | House.               | the club house.            |                     |
|          |                      |                            |                     |
| Sunday   | Day 3 GP14s          | Breakfast                  | Reminder            |
|          | Breakfast            | Bacon or sausage rolls     |                     |
|          |                      | plus tea and coffee        |                     |
|          | Prize-Giving asap    | It will be a great         |                     |
|          | after final race     | occasion celebrating the   |                     |
|          |                      | sailing success of the     |                     |
|          |                      | GP14s and the bar will     |                     |
|          |                      | be open.                   |                     |

## ALTERNATIVE RESTAURANT/CAFE INFORMATION

Ards and North Down are fast becoming a well-known foodie destination, a place to indulge and enjoy local produce at its best.

Family-run eateries, award-winning restaurants and passionate chefs serve up perfectly refined plates of ingredients made up of local artisan products and freshness, all with a farm to fork attitude, within a dining setting that will please any taste bud, be it pub grub, fine dining or contemporary bistro.



CLICK <u>HERE</u> FOR RESTAURANT/CAFE INFORMATION

# CULTURAL INFORMATION

- Ards and North Down click on the <u>what's on guide</u> closer to your stay for full details.
- National Trust Mount Stewart click on the link for more information
- Scrabo Tower click on the <u>link</u> for more information
- Ulster Flying Club click here for more information
- The Titanic (Belfast) Experience click here for more information



### Newtownards Sailing

**Club** are looking forward to welcoming all GP14 sailors and their families and friends to the club and should you have any queries, please contact the relevant Committee Member below:

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