



**Newtownards
Sailing Club**

GP14 Championship of Ireland

Newtownards Sailing Club

28th 29th 30th June 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is Newtownards Sailing Club (NSC), in association with the GP14 Class Association of Ireland.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing .
- 1.2 Racing rules Race Signals AP, 32.2, 33, 35, 60.1(a), 60.1(b), 61.3, 62.1(a), 62.2, 63.1, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 will be changed. The changes appear, in full, either in the notice of race or in these sailing instructions.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the event official notice board located on the conservatory window in front of Newtownards Sailing Club.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff in front of the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signals AP. This changes race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 See NoR 9
- 6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the GP 14 Class Flag with 'Bell' insignia.

8 RACING AREA

See NoR 12.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses to be sailed will be Triangle or Windward/Leeward. The diagrams in Addendum A show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be passed.
- 9.2 The courses to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the side of the committee signal vessel.
- 9.3 If a gate mark is missing and has not been substituted in accordance with RRS 34, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

10 MARKS

Marks 1, 2 & 3, 2S & 2P will be large yellow inflatable buoys. The start and finish line marks will be small spherical red buoys. The spreader mark 1A will be a small spherical red buoy.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

A patrol boat in close attendance to a competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.

12 THE START

There are two types of Starts that the Race Committee may use: Line and Gate

- 12.1 **Line Start:** Flag E displayed from the committee signal vessel indicates a line start.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a starting mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of a small spherical red mark at the port end.
- 12.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2
- 12.4 **Gate Start:** When flag G is displayed on the committee boat a gate start will be used.
- 12.5 At least 5 minutes before the warning signal the committee boat will display in minutes the minimum length of time the gate will be open.
- 12.6 The pathfinder and reserve pathfinder for the first race will be nominated by the race committee. Subsequently, the pathfinder will be the boat finishing eighth in the preceding race. If she is unable to race or has already been pathfinder previously in the event, the pathfinder will be the ninth boat in the preceding race and so on. The sail number of pathfinder and reserve pathfinder will be posted on the official notice board or on a board on the committee boat.
- 12.7 The Gate Boat, the Guard Boat and the Pathfinder rank as starting marks.
- 12.8 Any boat touching a starting mark will be disqualified without a hearing from that race, but not if the race is restarted or resailed. This changes RRS 31, 44.1 and 63.1.
- 12.9 Any boat, having not started correctly, which is on the port side of the gate boat while the gate is opening or which returns from the port side of the starting line shall be disqualified without a hearing from that race, but not if the race is restarted or resailed.
This changes RRS 63.1.
- 12.10 After the preparatory signal, a boat which interferes with or tries to pass between the pathfinder and the gate boat or guard boat or that causes another boat to interfere in these ways, will be disqualified without hearing from that race, but not if the race is restarted or resailed. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 12.11 Approximately 30 seconds before the starting signal the pathfinder will commence a close hauled port tack course from the vicinity of the committee boat. The Gate Boat, displaying **flag G** will follow closely astern, A guard boat, displaying **flag U** may proceed to leeward of the pathfinder.
- 12.12 A small spherical red start mark will be released from the stern of the gate boat approximately 2 seconds before the starting signal.
- 12.13 The starting line will be between the red mark and the gate boat, for all boats except the pathfinder. Boats starting before the starting signal will be disqualified without a hearing from

that race, but not if the race is restarted or resailed. This changes RRS 29.1 and 63.1.

- 12.14 The pathfinder will maintain her close hauled course until such time as she is released by the Race Officer. She will be released by hail from the gate boat and her role as pathfinder ceases immediately. She may then tack or hold her course. After releasing the pathfinder, the gate boat will hold her course for at least the length of time indicated in SI 12.5. A sound signal will be made when the gate is fully open.
- 12.15 The gate boat will then stop her engines lower flag G to half-mast and drift for at least one minute, or longer, at the discretion of the Race Officer. To close the gate a further sound signal will be made, and flag G removed. No boat shall start after the gate is closed.

13 CHANGE OF COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 13.2 Minor course changes may not be signalled. This changes RRS 33

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line will be between a mast on the finishing vessel displaying a Blue flag, and the finish mark.
- 14.2 Shortened Course - In addition to Rule 32, when a Race Committee vessel displaying code flag F, making repeated sound signals, is positioned adjacent to a mark of the course, boats, having rounded that mark, shall proceed directly to the Finish line to finish. This changes Rules 32.2 and 33.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

See NoR 14.

16 TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish a race is 75 minutes.
- 16.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes Rules 35, A5.1 and A5.2
- 16.3 In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course, shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes Rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2
- 17.2 Hearing Request forms will be available at the race office.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.4 If a party is not present at an arbitration meeting, any party that was present may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time until the Protest committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS T1(a).

18 SCORING

See NoR 15.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 19.2 A tally system will be used during the event; the tallies will be numbered rubber wristbands which should be worn on the competitor's wrist. Individual tally numbers will be allocated at registration.
- 19.3 Before going afloat competitors shall collect a wrist band from the tally board, which will normally be positioned at the slipway. On returning ashore the wrist band should be returned to the tally board immediately.
- 19.4 Competitors that fail to tally correctly may be protested by the Race Committee. If the protest committee awards a points penalty, it shall be applied to the first completed race on the day the infringement took place. This changes RRS 63.1

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time.

22 SUPPLIED BOATS

Does not apply.

23 OFFICIAL VESSELS

Committee Vessel shall be a motor boat.

24 SUPPORT TEAMS

As per NoR 16

25 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

26 BERTHING [DP] [NP]

When allocated, boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the dinghy park.

27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Does not apply.

28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Does not apply.

29 PRIZES

See NoR 24

30 RISK STATEMENT

See NoR 22

31 INSURANCE

See NoR 23

END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ADDENDUM A - Courses

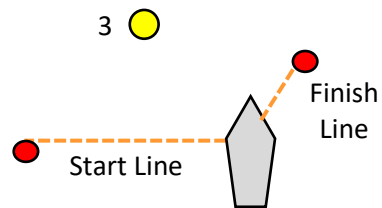
Triangle Courses

- T 1, 1A, 3, 1, 1A, 2, 3, 1, 1A, 3, Finish
 O 1, 1A, 2, 3, 1, 1A, 3, 1, 1A, 2, 3, Finish

1A ● ● 1

Marks 1, 1A, 2 and 3 to be rounded to port.

2 ●



Windward – Leeward

- L2 1, 1A, 3P/3S, 1, 1A, 3P, Finish
 L3 1, 1A, 3P/3S, 1, 1A, 3P/3S, 1, 1A, 3P, Finish

1A ● ● 1

Marks 3P/3S are a gate.

Marks 1, 1A and 3P to be rounded to Port.

