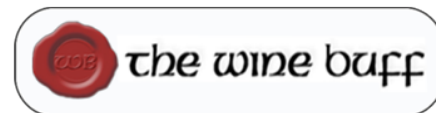


GP14 Class Association of Ireland
Autumn Open & Youths Championship
Sligo Yacht Club
14th & 15th September 2024

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing and the rules of the GP14 Class Association will apply.
- 1.3 All Helms must be members of GP14 Class International Association and a member of their national sailing authority or a club affiliated to their national sailing authority.

2 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board. The official notice board is located outside the Committee Room, at Sligo Yacht Club.
- 2.2 The race office is located in the Committee Room at Sligo Yacht Club.
- 2.3 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10.30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

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

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole of the club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration will be Saturday 14th September from 09:00am to 11:00am, at the Race Office.
- 6.2 Briefing: A briefing will be held at 10:00am on Saturday 15th September, in the Clubhouse.
- 6.3 Two Races are scheduled each day for both the Autum Open & the Youth Championships as follows

Saturday 14th September

Autum Open:

Warning Signal Race 1 will be at 12.00

Warning Signal Race 2 back-to-back after Race 1

Youths Championship:

Warning Signal Race 1 will be after Autum Open Race 2

Warning Signal Race 2 back-to-back after Race 1

Sunday 15th September

Youths Championships

Warning Signal Race 3 will be at 11.00

Warning Signal Race 4 back-to-back after Race 3

Autum Open

Warning Signal Race 3 will be after Youths Championship Race 4

Warning Signal Race 4 back-to-back after Race 3

- 6.4 Four races are scheduled for each event.
- 6.5 On the last scheduled race day no warning signal will be made after 15.00.
- 6.6 Crew changes on the water between events will be facilitated.
- 6.7 As per NOR 7.4 one extra race may be sailed either day. In the event that the Race Committee decide to sail an extra race Code Flag Numeral Pennant 3 will be displayed during the Finish of the final scheduled race. In the event of a third race, any subsequent races scheduled for that day will be pushed back until after the third race has finished.

7 CLASS FLAGS

If available the class flag will be the GP14 Ireland Flag, otherwise it will be flag G this will be clarified at the competitor briefing.

8 SAILING AREA

The Sailing Area will be in the waters between Rosses Point & Raghly Point West of the Club

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 Olympic triangle and/or windward leeward courses will be used. 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 indicated by signal flag on the committee boat. Flag Numeral pennant 1 to indicate windward leeward and flag Numeral pennant 2 for Olympic.

10 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, 3, 2S and 2P will be yellow Plastimo Marks. The wing mark, 1A will be a pink spherical mark. The start/finish mark on the pin end will be orange cylindrical mark.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The start will be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the mast on the committee boat displaying an Orange Flag and the outer limit.
- 11.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 11.5 The committee boat may use an inner limit mark. No boat shall pass between an inner limit mark and the committee boat on the start/finish line.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position without signaling. This changes RRS 33.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between the mast of the committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end of the course side and a port-end finishing mark.
- 13.2 When one or more boat has sailed the course and finished, the Race Committee may apply an alternative finishing procedure. A Race Committee vessel displaying flag W may notify a boat still racing that she has finished and will be scored in a finishing place corresponding to her position on the water. The boat, once notified, shall return to the starting area, if further races are scheduled, or return ashore. The boat will be scored in the finishing place as recorded by the Race Committee vessel. This changes rule Definition Finish and RRS 28.1, A4

14 SHORTENING COURSE

- 14.1 In addition to RRS 32 the course may be shortened for any reason by displaying flag S at the Start/Finish line or at a rounding Mark with two sound signals, the finish line shall be between the finish Mark and a staff displaying flag S.
- 14.2 The shortened course shall be signaled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
<i>15 minutes</i>	<i>70 minutes</i>	<i>10 minutes</i>

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. At the discretion of the PRO this may be superseded by SI No. 12.2. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Boats intending to protest for an incident on the racecourse shall inform the Race Committee vessel at the finish line. This changes RRS 61.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the race office, in the club house. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the registration desk within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.3 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. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered,
 - (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rules 62.2 and 66.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 17.3 When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 [DP] RRS 40.1 shall apply. [Each competitor shall wear a personal floatation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal floatation devices]
- 18.2.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after a race.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard official boats. (Official boats should not be approached while they are manoeuvring or engaged in assisting a competitor, moving a mark, during a starting sequence or in the case of the RCE Race Committee Vessel during a finish)

22 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Autumn Open.

- Race Winners (Class Perpetual Trophy as available)
- Prizes will be awarded in Gold, Silver and Bronze Fleet as follows:
 - 1st prize if 3 or more boats compete
 - 2nd prize if 5 or more boats compete
 - 3rd prize if 9 or more boats compete

Youth Championship

- Under 22 First Prize McNamara Spinnaker
- Under 19 First Prize McNamara Spinnaker
- Under 16 First Prize McNamara Spinnaker

Prizes for second and third in the Youth events.

23 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3 million Euros or the equivalent.

Addendum A - Courses

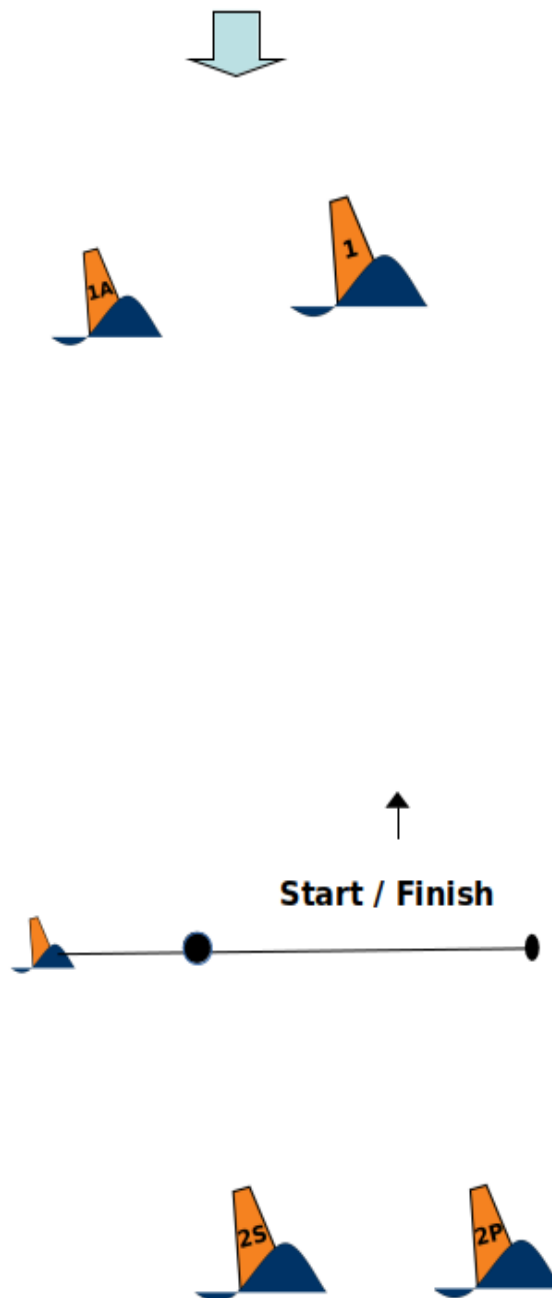
Course - Olympic Triangle



Course: 1, 2, 3 - 1, 3 - 1, 2, 3, Finish

Marks 1, 2 and 3 to be left to Port

Course – Windward / Leeward



Course: 1, 1A, 2P or 2S, 1, 1A, 2P or 2S, 1, 1A, 2P or 2S, Finish

Marks 1 and 1A to be left to Port, Marks 2P/2S are a Gate