

GP14 Class Association of Ireland

Leinster Championship



Skerries Sailing Club
7th/8th July 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 the ISA will apply for events held in Republic of Ireland.
The prescriptions of the RYA will apply for events held in Northern Ireland
- 1.3 Rules of the International GP14 Class Association will apply.
- 1.4 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole of the club.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES ETC.

- 5.1 Registration: Saturday 7th July 0900 to 1030
- 5.2 Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1030 on Saturday 7th of July
- 5.3 Racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>
Saturday 7 th of July	Races 1, 2 and 3
Sunday 8 th of July	Races 4, 5 and 6
- 5.4 At the discretion of the race officer race 4 maybe sailed on Saturday.
- 5.5 Six Races are scheduled.
- 5.6 The scheduled time of the first warning signal on the first race day is 1200.
The scheduled time of the first warning signal on subsequent race days is 1100.
- 5.7 On the last scheduled race day no warning signal will be made after 1430.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 If supplied the class flag will be the GP14 Ireland Flag, otherwise it will be flag G.

7 SAILING AREA

- 7.1 The Sailing Area will be directly off Skerries Harbour.

8 THE COURSE

8.1 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.

8.2 The courses to be sailed will be indicated by signal flag on the committee boat.

9 MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 1A, 2, 3, 3S and 3P will be yellow. The start mark will be a red mark, the finish mark will be a red mark.

10 THE START

10.1 Gate Start: - When flag G is displayed on the race committee boat a gate start will be used.

10.1.1. 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.

10.1.2. The Pathfinder and reserve pathfinder for the first race will be nominated by the race committee. Subsequently, the pathfinder will be the boat finishing fifth in the preceding race. If she is unable to race or has already been pathfinder previously in the event, the pathfinder will be the sixth 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.

10.1.3. The Gate Boat, the Guard Boat and the Pathfinder rank as starting marks.

10.1.4. Any boat touching a starting mark will be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rules 31, 44.2 and 63.1.

10.1.5. Any boat, having not already started correctly, which is on the port side of the gate launch while the gate is opening, or which returns from the port side of the starting line shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1.

10.1.6. 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 a hearing from that race and any subsequent restart of that race. This changes rule 63.1.

10.1.7. 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 may proceed to leeward of the pathfinder.

10.1.8. A red mark will be released from the stern of the gate boat approximately 5 seconds before the starting signal.

10.1.9. The starting line will be between the red start mark and the gate boat, for all boats except the pathfinder.

10.1.10. Boats starting before the starting signal will be disqualified from that start without a hearing. This changes rule 29.1 and 63.1.

10.1.11. 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 11.1.1. A sound signal will be made when the gate is fully open.

10.1.12. The gate boat will then stop her engines and drift for at least one minute, or longer, at the discretion of the Race Officer. To close the gate flag G will be removed. No boat shall start after the gate is closed.

10.2 Line Start: - The starting line will be between a mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end starting mark.

10.2.1 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 THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between a mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the course side of a the port-end finishing mark.

12 SHORTENING COURSE

12.1 In addition to RRS 32 the course may be shortened for any reason by displaying flag F at a rounding mark with continuous sound signals. Boats shall round the mark and sail directly to the finish line to finish.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes.

13.2 Where conditions allow, boats still sailing the correct course who may fail to finish within 20 minutes time limit will be awarded a place according to their position on the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Boats intending to protest for an incident on the race course shall inform the Race Committee vessel at the finish line. This changes RRS 61.

14.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.3 The protest time limit is 90 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.

14.4 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.

14.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

14.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2.

15 SCORING

15.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.2 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.

15.3 When from four or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. This changes RRS 40. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18 SUPPORT BOATS

18.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing

from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.

20 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

First, Second and Third Overall.

First, Second and Third in Silver Fleet.

First, Second and Third in Bronze Fleet

21 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 to race is hers alone"

Sailing by its nature is 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 organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

22 INSURANCE

22.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000.00 Euros or the equivalent.

ADDENDUM A – Line Start Courses (As below)

– Gate Start Courses (As per sailing instructions 10.1)

Windward/Leeward – Flag W

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

Marks 1 and 1A to be left to Port

Marks 2P/2S are a Gate

1A ● ● 1

Start/finish Line

2S ● ● 2P

Olympic Triangle – Flag O

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

Marks 1, 2 and 3 to be left to Port

2 ●

Start/finish Line

3 ●

1 ●