

GP14 Class Association of Ireland Autumn Open & Youths Championship Sutton Dinghy Club

11th & 12th September 2021

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 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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the club house.

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 18.00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration: Saturday 11th September 2021 from 10.30 to 11.30.
- 5.2 Briefing: A briefing will be held at 11.30 on Saturday 11th September.
- 5.3 Racing:

Sat. 11th September Warning Signal

Autumn Open: 12:30 Race 1 followed by Race 2.
Youths Championship: Race 1 will follow Autumn Open Race 2.
Race 2 of the Youths Championship will follow.

Sun. 12th September Warning Signal

Youths Championship: 12:30 Race 3 followed by Race 4.
Autumn Open: Race 3 will follow Youths Championship
Race 4. Race 4 of the Autumn Open will follow.

- 5.4 Four races are scheduled for each event.

- 5.5 On the last scheduled race day no warning signal will be made after 16.00.
5.6 Crew changes on the water between events will be facilitated.

6 CLASS FLAGS

If available the class flag will be the GP14 Ireland Flag, otherwise it will be flag A.

7 SAILING AREA

The Sailing Area will be in the waters of north Dublin Bay in the vicinity of the Martello Tower.

8 THE COURSES

- 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. Flag "W" to indicate windward leeward and flag "O" for Olympic.

9 MARKS

Marks 1, 1A, 2, 3, 2S and 2P will be orange marks. The outer limit start mark will be orange; the finish mark will be Black.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The start will be in accordance with RRS 26.
10.2 The starting line will be between the flag pole on the committee boat and the outer limit.
10.3 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 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.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the flagpole of the committee boat or substitute displaying a Blue flag at the starboard end of the course side and a port-end finishing mark.
12.2 When the Blue Flag is displayed no boat shall pass through the finishing line, in either direction except to finish. Any boat in breach of this SI shall be scored as DNF without a hearing. This changes Rules 63.1, A4 and A5.
12.3 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 **V** 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

13 SHORTENING COURSE

- 13.1 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..
- 13.2 The shortened course shall be signaled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 70 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats still sailing the correct course but failing to finish within 10 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF. At the discretion of the PRO this may be superceded by SI No. 12.3

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the registration desk and/or on the official notice board in the club house. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the registration desk within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3 The protest time limit is 45 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.
- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6 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.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

21 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

- First Youth (U22) – Helm & Crew
- First Junior (U19) – Helm & Crew
- First U16 - Helm & Crew
- Winners Races 1 to 4

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

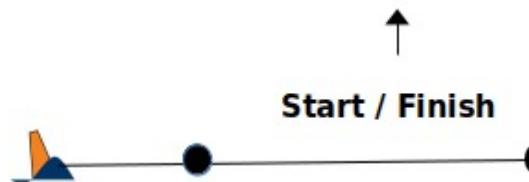
Competitors participate at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior, during, or after the regatta.

23 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

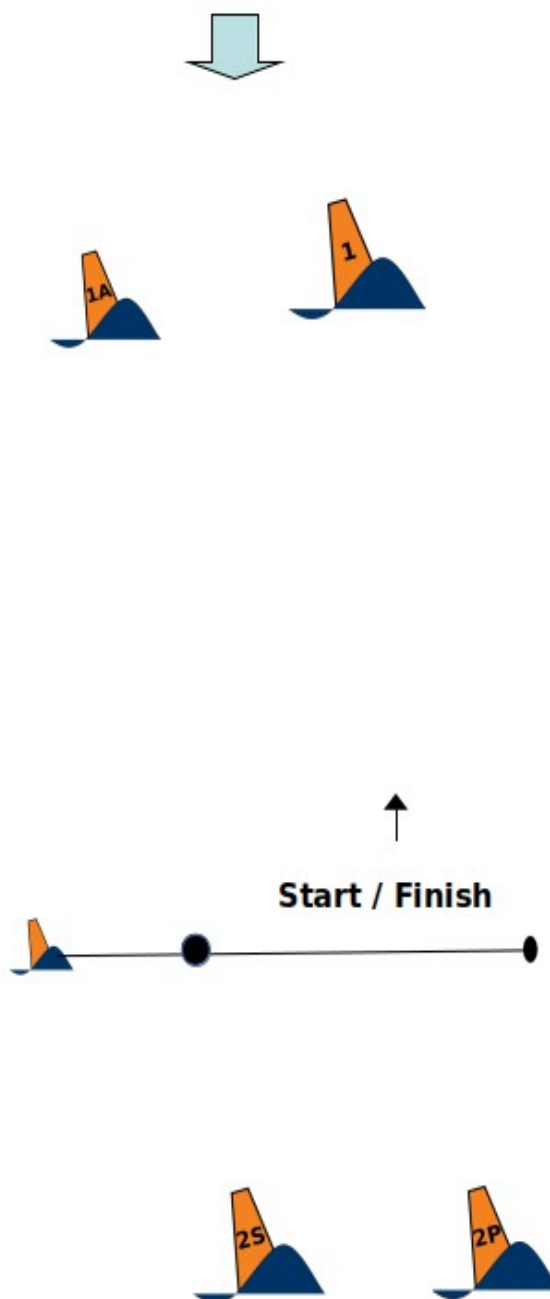
Course - Olympic Triangle



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