

GP14 Championship of Ireland 2023

Sailing Instructions

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is Sutton Dinghy Club (SDC) in association with GP14 Class Association of Ireland.

2. RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS).

2.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.

2.3 The rules of the GP14 Class Association will apply.

2.4 The abbreviation "NP" describes Rules that are not ground for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a)

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the event notice board located on the balcony in front of Sutton Dinghy Club.

4. ADVERTISING

4.1 World Sailing Regulation 20 will apply. Competitors are required to display the provided sponsors logos on their boom for the duration of the event.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10.00 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.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff on the balcony in front of the clubhouse.

6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 A Competitor's Briefing will take place at 11.00 on Friday 1st September outside Sutton Dinghy Club.

Friday 1st September. Warning signal 12.00. Up to 3 races to follow.

Saturday 2nd September. Warning signal 12.30. Up to 4 races to follow.

Sunday 3rd September. Warning signal 13.00. Remaining races to complete the series of 8.

7.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

7.3 On Sunday 3rd September, no warning signal for a race will be made after 15.30 except for postponements, general recalls and abandonments after the start.

8. CLASS FLAG

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

9. RACING AREA:

9.1 The racing area will be on Dublin Bay in the vicinity of the Martello Tower.

10. THE COURSE

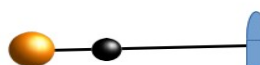
10.1 **Code flag O - Olympic** - marks to be rounded in the following order:

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 – Finish.

Olympic Course - Code Flag "O"



Start/Finish



Class	Rounding Order
GP14	1-2-3-1-3-1-2-3-F

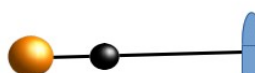
10.2 **Code flag W - Windward / Leeward** - marks to be rounded in the following order:

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 – Finish.

Windward Leeward Course - Code Flag "W"



Start/Finish



Class	Rounding Order
GP14	1-2-3-1-2-3-1-2-3-F

All marks shall be left to port. **Positions of marks are approximate**

11 MARKS

11.1 The Racing Marks, 1, 2 &3 will be orange pyramidal inflatable buoys.

12. THE START

12.1 The starting line will be between the main mast on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the start mark at the port end. The start mark will be an orange spherical buoy.

12.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rules 63.1, A4 and A5.

13. CHANGE OF COURSE

13.1 Minor adjustments of mark positions will not be signalled by the Race Committee.

14. THE FINISH

14.1 The finish line will be between the main mast on the finishing vessel flying a Blue flag, and the finish mark. The finish mark will be a black buoy.

14.2 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, A4.1 and A5.

15. SHORTENING COURSE

15.1 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.

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, 63.1, A4 and A5.

16.3 In addition to RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a 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 finishing 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. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and request for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

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 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest committee will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b)

17.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a Request for Redress based on a Protest Committee decision, shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

17.6 RRS Appendix T Arbitration, will apply.

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

18.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.2 When fewer than four (4) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.3 When four (4) or more races have been completed, a boats' series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18.4 When eight (8) or more races have been completed, a boats' series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS (NP)

19.1 All competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Dry suits and wet suits are not adequate personal flotation devices. This changes Rule 40.

19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

19.3 a) A tally system will be used during the regatta; the tallies will be numbered rubber wristbands which should be worn on the competitor's wrist. Individual tally numbers will be allocated at registration.

b) 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.

c) Competitors that fail to tally correctly may be protested by the Race Committee. The Protest Committee may impose a lesser penalty than DSQ for infringements of this Sl. 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. INSURANCE

20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per event or the £ Sterling equivalent.

21. PRIZES

21.1 The Championship prize giving will take place as soon as possible following the conclusion of racing.

21.2 Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the event as designated by organising authority. The Perpetual Trophies remain the property of the GP14 Class Association of Ireland.

21.3 Keepsake Prizes may be awarded to the following:

Gold Fleet. 1st, 2nd & 3rd. places overall

Silver Fleet: 1st, 2nd & 3rd places overall

Bronze Fleet 1st, 2nd & 3rd places overall

22. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

22.1 **Honorary Membership:** All competitors sailing in the event shall be honorary members of Sutton Dinghy Club during the event, and will be bound by the rules of the club. Competitors are reminded that personal effects, gear, trailers and other equipment are their own responsibility and neither the GP14 Class Association of Ireland, the Race Committee, nor Sutton Dinghy Club can be held liable for any claim, loss or damage.

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 organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

(f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

APPENDIX T – ARBITRATION

B.1 When a protest is lodged, all protests involving a breach of a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 will go through the Arbitration System.

B.2 If the parties and the designated Arbitrator agree that Arbitration is suitable, the Arbitrator will call a hearing conforming to Section B of Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, except that the first sentence of rule 64.1 will not apply. The arbitration shall be binding.

B.3 When the Arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule for which a penalty may be taken at the time of the incident (Rule 44.1), the boat will be offered the opportunity to accept a penalty of 20% calculated according to Rule 44.3(c). No penalty shall result in a score which would exceed that of a disqualification. The protestor will then be invited to withdraw the protest. This changes Rule 63.1.

B.4 When a boat has accepted a penalty under B.3 Rule 64.b will apply at any subsequent hearing regarding this protest.

B.5 When the arbitrator decides that a boat that is a party to the arbitration hearing has broken a rule and that the boat caused injury or damage, or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, that boat will be requested to retire. If the boat does not retire, the arbitrator will call a normal protest hearing.

B.6 When there is not an agreement to use Arbitration, or when during or after an Arbitration hearing, the Arbitrator decides that the facts do not allow Arbitration there will be a normal protest hearing, at which the Arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee. Rule 66, Reopening a hearing, will not apply to the arbitration decision.