

GP14 Championship of Ireland

Carrickfergus Sailing Club



1st & 2nd August 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

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

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, 33, 34, 35, 44.1, 60.1, 60.3(b), 60.5, 61.1(a), 61.4(b), 61.2(b)(1), 62.2, A2, A5.1 and A5.2, P2. 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, ground floor on the window of the Alcorn Room facing the sea in the clubhouse. A WhatsApp group may also be used.

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 between the clubhouse and starting hut.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the Race Signals AP. This changes Race Signal AP.
- 5.3 [DP] Flag D with one sound signal means the warning signal will be made not less than 40 minutes after flag D is displayed. Boats shall not leave the shore until this signal is made.

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 may be the GP14 Class Flag with 'Bell' insignia or Code Flag Q. This will be confirmed at the Briefing.

8 RACING AREA

See NoR 12.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses to be sailed will be W/L with Triangle or Triangle(s) with W/L 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 course to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the side of the Committee Vessel (CV).
- 9.3 When a Gate Start is indicated the Start line displayed in Addendum A will not apply.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2 & 3S & 3P will be large red spherical buoys. The start line mark will be a large green buoy if SIs 12.1 to 12.3 for a line Start are actioned. The finish line mark will be a black spherical buoy. The spreader mark 1A will be a spherical red buoy with a black stripe.
- 10.2 When a leeward gate is set, if one or other of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port. This changes RRS 34.
- 10.3 When SI 12.4 to 12.16 are applied the start line on the Addendum A is removed and replaced by a Gate start; a small spherical green buoy will be used with Gate and Guard Boats as start marks.

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 either: **Line or Gate**

- 12.1 **Line Start:** Flag E displayed from the committee vessel (CV) indicates a line start.
- 12.2 The starting line will be between a starting mast on the CV displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of a green 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 CV a gate start will be used.
- 12.5 At least 5 minutes before the Warning signal the CV will display on a board the minimum length of time in minutes the gate will be open. This may also be confirmed at the briefing.
- 12.6 The pathfinder and reserve pathfinder for the first race will be nominated by the race committee. This may be after consultation with class association representative and review of recent Provincial Championship results. Subsequently, the pathfinder will be the boat finishing tenth in the preceding race. If she is unable to race or has already been pathfinder previously in the event, the pathfinder will be the eleventh boat in the preceding race and so on.
- 12.7 [DP] The sail number of pathfinder and reserve pathfinder will be posted on the official notice board and/or on a board on the CV at least 10 minutes before the warning signal. These two boats will be advised of their designation by a race committee vessel and they shall report to the CV.
- 12.8 The Gate Boat, the Guard Boat and the Pathfinder rank as starting marks.
- 12.9 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 60.5.
- 12.10 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 60.5.
- 12.11 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 60.5.

- 12.12 Approximately 30 seconds before the starting signal the pathfinder will commence a close-hauled port tack course from the vicinity of the CV. The Gate Boat, displaying **flag G** will follow closely astern, A guard boat, displaying **flag U** may proceed to leeward of the pathfinder.
- 12.13 A small spherical green start mark will be released by the Gate Boat. This is the starting mark at the leeward end of the gate.
- 12.14 The starting line will be between the green 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 60.5.
- 12.15 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.
- 12.16 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 staff 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

In addition to NoR 14, Appendix P will apply.

P2.2 shall apply to the second and subsequent penalties. P2.3 is deleted. This changes RRS P 2.

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, 60.5, 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 two sound signals. 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 28.1, 35, 61.1(a), 61.4(b), A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 The protest time limit for protests about an incident observed in the racing area 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 protest time limit for other protests is 60 minutes after

the relevant information is available to the protestor. This changes RRS 60.3(b) and 61.2(b)(1).

- 17.2 Hearing Request forms will be available at the race office.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.4 Hearings will be held in the protest room, the location of which will be posted on the official notice board.
- 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; Individual boat tally numbers will be allocated at registration. The Tally system procedure will be described at the Competitors' briefing.
- 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 [NP]**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 22 SUPPLIED BOATS**

Does not apply.
- 23 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

The primary Committee Vessel is an ELAN named White Pearl. Other Boats (Jury, Gate, Guard) will be described at the Competitors' Briefing.
- 24 SUPPORT TEAMS [DP] [NP]**

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**

END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ADDENDUM A – Courses

Triangle Courses – Board will display T or O

T Start, 1, 1A, 3S/3P, 1, 1A, 2, 3P, 1, 1A, 3P, Finish
(T - designates a W/L, Triangle, W/L to finish)

O Start, 1, 1A, 2, 3P, 1, 1A, 3S/3P, 1, 1A, 2, 3P, Finish
(O - designates a Triangle, W/L, Triangle to finish)

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

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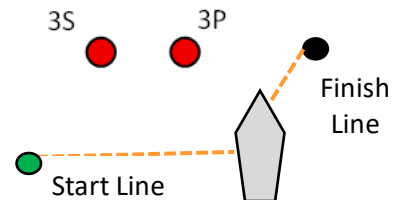


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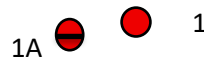
Notes: When T, 3S will be removed after Gate use.

When O, 3S will be set prior to first boat rounding mark no. 1 for downwind leg.

Windward – Leeward – Boards will display LA2 or LA3

LA2 Start, 1, 1A, 3P/3S, 1, 1A, 3P, Finish

LA3 Start, 1, 1A, 3P/3S, 1, 1A, 3P/3S, 1, 1A, 3P, Finish



Marks 3P/3S are a gate.

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

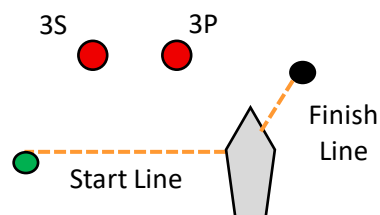


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