



Garden Rooms GP14 Ulster Championships

Saturday /Sunday 12/13 May 2018

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Rules of the GP14 Class International Association,
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the **RYA** and the rules of the **GP14 International Class Association**

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in foyer of the Clubhouse
- 2.2 A competitor briefing will be held at 1100 on 28th June in the courtyard of the Clubhouse.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 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.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be flown from the Clubhouse flag pole.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Six races scheduled.

Date	Warning Signal	Number of Races
28 th June 2014	1200	3
29 th June 2014	1100	3

- 5.2 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.
- 5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1430.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be the GP 14 Class flag. If this is not available the Class flag will be flag G

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be the waters to the east of Donaghadee.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses,

8.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by a board on the committee boat.

9 MARKS

9.1 Course marks shall be orange inflatables.

9.2 The start / finish mark will be a round orange buoy.

10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between an orange staff on the Committee Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark

10.2 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 A4 and A5

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position

12 SHORTENING COURSE

12.1 The Race Committee may also shorten the course by displaying flag F and making repeated sound signals a Mark 3

12.2 After rounding Mark 3, boats shall proceed to the finish line and finish.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between an orange staff on the committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the finishing mark at the port end.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit for all races is 90 minutes

14.2 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 RRS 35, A4 and A5

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available from the race office on the first floor of the Clubhouse.

15.2 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 later.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after 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, located on the ground floor of the Clubhouse.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.5 Breaches of instructions 18, 21, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a)

15.6 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 the decision is posted. This changes RSS 62.2

16 SCORING

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

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

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Personal flotation devices shall be worn at all time afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment
- 17.2 All boats shall carry a paddle. A spinnaker pole or “praddle” is not an acceptable substitute.
- 17.3 All boats shall have a painter of at least five metres of suitable line which is separate from any other lines or sheets affixed to the boat.
- 17.4 All boats shall have a hand bailer of at least one litre capacity.
- 17.5 A safety system may be operated by the Club and if so the details will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.6 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior written approval of the race committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT MEASUREMENT

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

20 DISPOSAL OF TRASH

- 20.1 Trash may be placed aboard official boats.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 21.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats

22 PRIZES

- 22.1 Prizes and trophies will be given as follows:
 - To the helm and crew of the overall winning boat
 - To the first three boats in the Gold, Silver and Bronze
 - Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee

23 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.

(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the venue of this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information provided by the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

24 INSURANCE

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

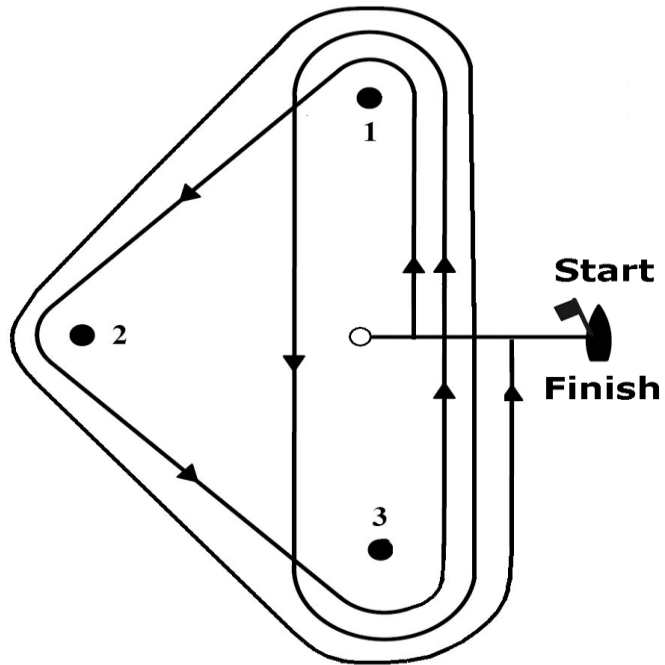
Appendix A

A **Triangular course** will be laid as an approximately equal-sided triangle. Marks to be rounded in the following order:-

Course board T

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 / 1-3 / 1-2-3/ Finish

Marks 1,2 and 3 shall be rounded to port

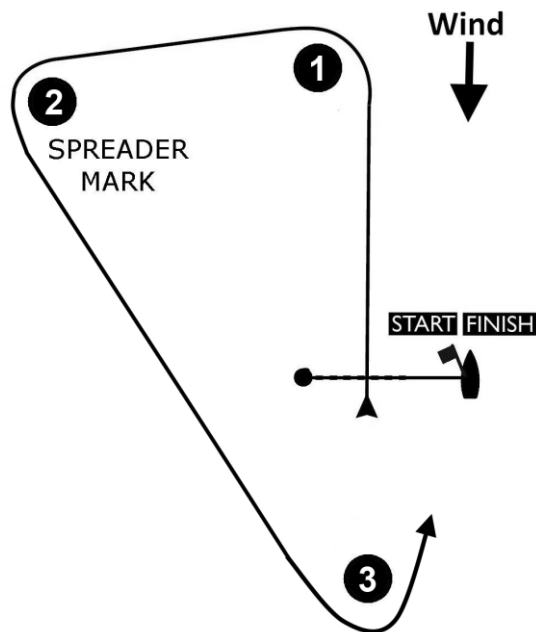


Windward Leeward Marks to be rounded in the following order:-

Course board W

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 / 1-2-3 / 1-2-3 / Finish

Marks 1,2 and 3 shall be rounded to port



Course sketch of one round