



## DONAGHADEE SAILING CLUB

### NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### Team Racing – May 18 & 19 2024

#### NOTICE OF RACE

##### INTRODUCTION

This event is for three boat teams and will be sailing on one GP14, one Pico and one Topper supplied by Donaghadee SC. The GP14 shall be sailed by two people, the Pico and Topper each by one person. Teams therefore will consist of four people.

##### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

This event will be organised by Donaghadee Sailing Club ( [www.donaghadeesc.co.uk](http://www.donaghadeesc.co.uk) )

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race (NoR) or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

##### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2012-2024* including Appendix D Team Racing Rules.
- 1.2 The Races will not be umpired.

##### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions are attached to this document and are available on the club website [www.donaghadeesc.co.uk](http://www.donaghadeesc.co.uk)

##### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official noticeboard is located in the clubhouse.
- 3.2 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

##### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to teams of four club members.
- 4.2 Each team must complete an entry form and submit it prior to 10:00 am on May 18.

##### 5. FEES - There is no entry fee for this event.

##### 6. CREW LIMITATIONS – Does not apply

##### 7. ADVERTISING [DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

##### 8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 The format of the event will be a round robin on Saturday May 18, followed by a knock out stage for the top four teams on Sunday May 19.
- 8.2 A briefing will take place at the club at 10:00 on May 18.
- 8.3 The first warning will be at 11:05 on Saturday 18 and Sunday's racing is expected to commence at 14:30.

##### 9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION – N/A

##### 10. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 10.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times while afloat.

##### 11. VENUE - The Sailing Area will be in the vicinity of Donaghadee Harbour.

##### 12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 RRS 3 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

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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 this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

### **13. INSURANCE**

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.

### **14. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organising authority

### **15. FURTHER INFORMATION - For further information please contact [sailing@donaghadeesc.co.uk](mailto:sailing@donaghadeesc.co.uk).**

## **END OF NOTICE OF RACE**

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.
- 1.2 The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 1 hour before the first warning signal.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Sailing Notice Board at the clubhouse.
- 3.2 There will be a briefing for all competitors at the club at 10:00 on Saturday 18 May.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT – [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials.

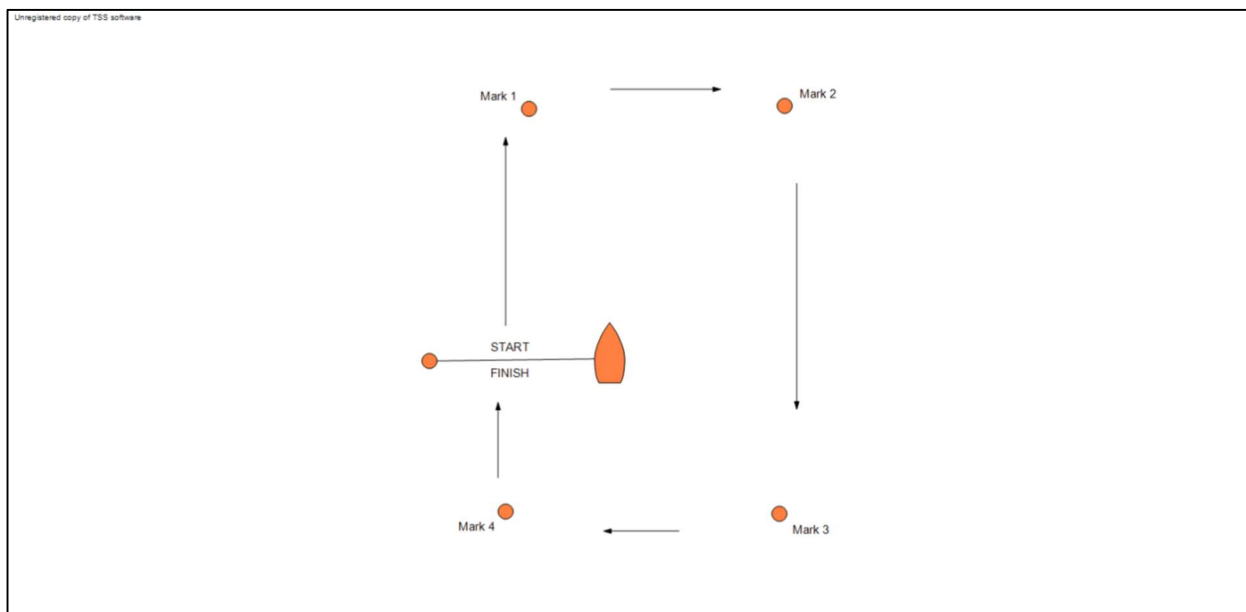
5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE – Signals made ashore will be displayed from the balcony of the clubhouse

### 6. EVENT FORMAT, SCHEDULE OF RACES & SCORING

- 6.1 The intended format of the event is a round robin in which each of the teams will race against each other to see who progresses to the second stage on Saturday May 18. This will be followed on Sunday May 19 by a knockout between the top four teams, competitors for each race selected randomly and a final race to decide the overall winner.
- 6.2 By agreement with the teams this format may be changed depending on the number of entries or the weather. If the agreed format requires it, should there be an odd number of teams then one team selected at random will be given a by to the next round. No team will be permitted more than one by.
- 6.3 The initial schedule of races will be described at the briefing. Any changes will be made clear to competitors on the water.
- 6.4 Every race will be assigned a race number in the race schedule.
- 6.5 The number of the next race to start will be displayed on the committee vessel no later than the warning signal (or promptly thereafter if co-incident with the previous start) until the starting signal. The race committee may at any time postpone a race and reschedule it at a later time.
- 6.6 When a completed race has been abandoned and the result would not affect which teams qualify for a further stage, the race committee may cancel the race.
- 6.7 Time Limit – the time limit for each race shall be 45 minutes.

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7. COURSES – the course to be sailed will be as per the briefing and is expected to be a rectangular course:



Start, round marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 in order, then cross the start/finish line. The marks shall be rounded to port or starboard and the number of laps to be sailed shall be as displayed on the official notice board or on the committee vessel.

8. MARKS – will be fixed or laid buoys as described at the briefing

9. OBSTRUCTIONS – Boats racing are not to sail though or into Donaghadee Harbour. Boats contravening this SI will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 A4 and A5.

## 10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between the mast of a committee vessel and a starting mark

10.2 Races will be started by using the signals and timing selected in the following table. Times shall be taken from the start of each sound signal; the failure of a visual signal shall be disregarded. This amends RRS 26.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Flag</i>
Warning	3	T flag up
Preparatory	2	Flag P up
One-minute	1	Flag P down
Starting	0	T flag down

However, when the starting signal is also the warning signal for the next race, the T flag will remain displayed, Attention may be drawn to an imminent warning signal by a series of short sound signals.

10.3 Recall Signals - When a boat is subject to RRS 29.1, flag X need not be displayed for more than 1 minute after the starting signal; this amends RRS 29.1. The race committee may hail the sail numbers or the total number of premature starters.

10.4 Time Limit for Starting - A boat that fails to start within 2 minutes of her starting signal shall be scored RET (retired) without a hearing. This amends RRS 63.1 and D3.1(a).

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- 10.5 General Recall - After a general recall, succeeding races may be delayed for the recalled race. Attention is drawn to SI 6.4.
11. FINISHING LINE - The finishing line will be between the mast of a committee vessel and a finishing mark.
12. ADDITIONAL RULES
- 12.1 A boat capsized after her starting signal, so that her masthead is in the water, shall retire promptly.
- 12.2 Rule 31 is changed to:  
While racing, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull shall touch a starting mark before starting, a mark that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing mark after finishing. In addition, while racing, a boat shall not touch a race committee vessel that is also a mark.
- 12.3 Before starting and after finishing or retiring, boats shall sail to minimise any delay to the race schedule and without interfering with any race in progress.
- 12.4 A boat shall remain the responsibility of the team until handed over to the race committee or the next team to use that boat. Boats shall be handed over as empty of water as practical and in racing trim.
- 12.5 Competitors are responsible for inspecting their boats before racing.
- 12.6 Competitors shall report any defects, damage or breakdown to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 12.7 When to continue racing after damage or a breakdown risks further damage to the boat, she shall retire immediately.
13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS
- 13.1 Protests and requests for redress that have not been decided afloat shall be notified to the race office within 10 minutes after the relevant incident or, if the incident is afloat, within 10 minutes after coming ashore.
- 13.2 When the outcome of a protest or request for redress would not affect the result, the protest committee may refuse to hear it. This amends RRS 63.1.
- 13.3 When RRS D2 applies and the race umpires together with one other umpire (when available) decide that a boat has broken RRS 14 and there is damage or injury, they may penalize her team by half a race win without a hearing. The boat will be informed as soon as practical and may request a hearing. Any penalty after a hearing will be in accordance with RRS D3.1(e). This amends RRS 63.1.
- 13.4 When a boat is scored NSC (did not sail the course), 6 points shall be added to her score. This amends RRS A5.2.
- 13.5 When the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule, other than a rule of RRS Part 2, has had no effect on the outcome of a race, it may make any arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty. This amends RRS 64.2 and D3.1.
- 13.6 When a boat takes a penalty turn that includes a tack, the head of any spinnaker shall be below the main-boom gooseneck from the time the boat passes head to wind until she is on a close-hauled course. This amends RRS 44.2.