

# GP14 Class Association Autumn Open & Youths Championship 2015

## Sailing Instructions

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the “Rules” as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016 edition (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the ISA will apply. The organising authority is the GP14 Class Association of Ireland and the event is run in conjunction with Greystones Club.
- (i) All helms for the Autumn Open must be members of the GP14 Class International Association and a member of their national sailing authority or a club affiliated to their national sailing authority. This does not apply to the Youths Championship.
  - (ii) All boats must have a valid Class Certificate issued prior to the date of the event.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the porch entrance of the Club House.

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located on the clubhouse.
- 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 Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Race</i>	<i>Race Times</i>
26 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	race 1, race 2	Race 1 warning signal 11:00
Autumn Open Races 1 and 2, with race 2 proceeding soon after race 1. Youths race 1 as soon as possible after finish of Autumn Open Race 2, crew changes on the water		
27 <sup>th</sup> September 2015	races 3, 4,	1 <sup>st</sup> race warning signal 10:30
Youths races 3 and 4, with warning signal for race 3 at 10:30, race 4 soon after Autumn Open race 3 as soon as possible after finish of Youths Race 4, crew changes on the water		

#### 5.2 Number of races:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Races per day</i>
Autumn Open	4	2 per day
Youths Championship	4	2 per day

- (a) One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the event does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.

#### 5.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:30 hrs.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
GP14	Code Flag G
Youths	Code Flag G

## 7 THE COURSES

7.1 Marks to be rounded to Port in the following order: Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 -2-3 - Finish

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## 8 MARKS

8.1 Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be orange inflatable type.

## 9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started according with RRS 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between the mast of the committee boat and the outer limit mark or the mast on a rib. An inner limit mark may be laid approximately on the starting line, and if so, boats shall not enter the triangle formed by this buoy and the bow and stern of the Committee Boat. After starting and prior to finishing, the start line extremities will become obstructions.

9.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rule A4.

## 10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE / SHORTENING THE COURSE

10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

10.2 The course may be shortened for any reason at the discretion of the race committee. When code flag F is displayed with repeated sound signals at either mark 1 or mark 3, after rounding/passing that mark boats shall sail directly to the start/finish line to finish. This changes RRS 32.

## **11 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between the mast of the committee boat or a substitute finishing boat and an outer limit mark. When on station the committee boat or its substitute will display a blue flag.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**12.1** In accordance with ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing

## **13 TIME LIMITS**

**13.1** The time limit for each race will be 90mins.

**13.2** Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. Boats scored DNF will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one point.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**14.1** Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

**14.2** The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. 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 rules 61.3 and 62.2.

**14.3** 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. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located at the race office, beginning at a time as soon as practicable.

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

**14.5** A list of boats that, under instruction 14.4, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the protest committee will be posted before the protest time limit.

**14.6** Breaches of instructions 16 and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

**14.7** On the last day of the regatta 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; or

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

**14.8** Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

## **15 SCORING**

**15.1** The scoring system is as follows: Low Point System.

**15.2** A minimum of 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

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

(b) When 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**16.1** Check-out and check-in:

A tag board system will be located near the launching area. Immediately before going afloat, competitors should remove their tag from the container and place it on the tag board to indicate they have gone afloat to take part in racing.

On returning ashore, each boat returns their tag to the container indicating that they have returned safely.

Failure to observe the safety tag system as described above may result in disqualification by the race committee, unless a donation of €20 to the RNLI is paid to the Race Office.

**16.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

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

## **18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

## **19 SUPPORT BOATS**

**19.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **20 PRIZES**

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## **21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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

## **22 INSURANCE**

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