



SKERRIES SAILING CLUB

Sailing Instructions GP14 Irish & Masters Championships 2016 (27th-29th August 2016)

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THE MEASURABLE DIFFERENCE

1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2013-16) the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the GP14 Class International Association, these Sailing Instruction (SIs) and any amendments thereto.

2. ALTERATIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULE

Any alterations to the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the club house not later than one hour prior to the scheduled start of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 hrs. on the day before it will take effect. It is the sole responsibility of each competitor to ensure that they have apprised themselves of any such alterations.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Seven races are scheduled. The warning signal for the first race on Saturday will be made at 1200 hrs. with a further Race following as soon as possible. The warning signal for the first race on Sunday will be made at 1100 hrs. with a further two Races following as soon as possible. The warning signal for the first race on Monday will be made at 1100 hrs. with a further Race following as soon as possible.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- (a) All boats must have a valid Class Certificate issued prior to the date of the event.
- (b) The Race Committee or an Official appointed by the Race Committee may inspect any competing boat at any time and any boat found not to be in compliance with the Rules of the GP14 Class International Association may be debarred from further competition until the offending matter has been rectified. If any races have already taken place the boat may at the discretion of the Protest Committee and the GP14 Class Association of Ireland, be disqualified from any or all of such races. This SI amends RRS 64.3(a).
- (c) All helmsmen/women 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.

5. SAFETY

- (a) In amendment of RRS 40, personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times when afloat. Wet or dry suits are not acceptable as substitutes.

- (b) All boats shall carry a paddle. A spinnaker pole or a "Praddle" is not an acceptable substitute.
- (c) 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.
- (d) All boats shall carry a hand bailer of a minimum capacity of 1 litre.
- (e) A safety system may be operated by the host Club and, if so, the details will be posted on the Official Notice Board and will form part of these SIs.

6. SAILS AND SAIL NUMBERS

Only certified sails shall be used. Except as permitted by this SI, boats shall use their correct sail numbers which shall be clearly readable on both sides of the mainsail. RRS G4 shall not apply. Permission to sail under any other number shall be sought in writing from the Race Committee before going afloat and will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

In addition to RRS 'Race Signals', when Int. Code Flag 'F' is displayed ashore no boat shall go afloat. The warning signal for the next race will be made 50 minutes after Int Code Flag 'F' is lowered. This SI amends RRS 'Race Signals'.

8. FLAGS

The Class Flag will be the Flag "A"

9. STARTING/FINISHING LINE

The Starting/Finishing Line shall be between the main mast of a Committee Boat/Rib flying an orange flag and a red pin end Mark. An Inner Limit Buoy may be moored approximately on the Starting Line and, if so, no boat shall pass between the Inner Limit Buoy and the Committee Boat after her Warning Signal.

10. STARTING SIGNALS

RRS 26 shall apply. The warning signal will be five minutes before the starting signal, followed one minute later by the preparatory signal. At one minute before the start the preparatory flag will be lowered, accompanied by one long sound signal. If preparatory flag U is displayed, ISAF Rule 30.3 is amended to remove disqualification after a general recall.

11. BLACK FLAG PENALTY RULE

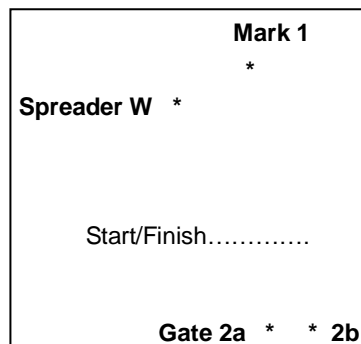
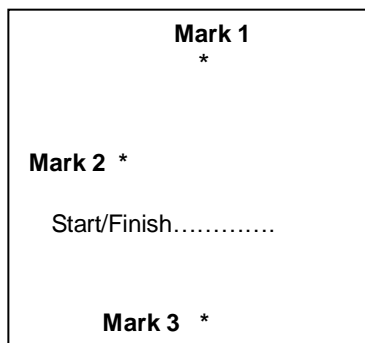
In addition to the requirements of RRS 30.3 a boat whose sail number is so displayed shall leave the starting and racing areas immediately. FAILURE TO OBSERVE THIS SI MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE SERIES OR OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

12. COURSE AND MARKS

At the discretion of the Race Officer the course may be laid as either an Olympic course or as a Windward/Leeward course.

Olympic Course (code flag "O")

Windward/Leeward (Code flag W)



**Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3
- Finish**

**Start – 1 – W – 2 Gate – 1 – W – 2
Gate – 1 – W – 2 Gate – Finish**

Start/Finish Line will be approximately 1/3 along the windward leg.

13. SHORTENING COURSE

In amendment of RRS 32 the course may be shortened for any reason at the discretion of the Race Officer provided that at least four legs will be sailed.

An alternative shorten course procedure may be used. If the race committee displays flag F (with repetitive sound signals), boats shall round the mark at which the signal is displayed and then sail directly to the finish line. This modifies rule 32.

14. TIME LIMIT

In amendment of RRS 35 any boat which fails to finish within 20 minutes of the leading boat shall be scored 'Did not finish'. The time limit for the leading boat shall be 1 hour and 30 minutes.

15. PROTESTS

In addition to the obligations in RRS 61 protesting boats shall, immediately after finishing, inform the Race Officer of the sail number(s) of boats protested against. Protest forms will be available from the Race Office and all protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within Protest Time. A schedule of Protest Hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as practicable each day.

16. PROTEST TIME

The Protest time limit is 90 min after the last boat has finished the last race of each day. The closing time for protests will be displayed on the Official Notice Board. Where the parties to a protest are available and willing to commence the hearing before the expiry of the time limit, the Race Committee should facilitate that process.

17. SCORING SYSTEM

The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A4.1 will apply except that:-

- (a) The first placed boat will receive 1 points.
- (b) A boat that does not finish, or retires prior to the expiration of the Protest Time, shall score points equal to the number of boats which were entitled to start.
- (c) A boat that does not start, or is disqualified, shall score points equal to a boat that retires plus 5 points.

Three races shall be completed to constitute a series. If four or more races are completed, one discard will apply. Series ties shall be decided in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.

18. SUBSTITUTION

The Race Committee is authorised to permit, if the Class Association approves, a competitor to substitute another boat if his/her own boat has been damaged in transit or during racing. Crew substitution shall be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

A. RESPONSIBILITY

The Organising Club, its Officers and agents, accept no responsibility for any damage to boats or for personal injury occurring while afloat. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, especially in relation to races being run in adverse weather conditions.

B. WATER

Bottles of water will be available at the slipway for competitors

C. STORAGE OF BOATS

Storage for competitors' boats will be available on Club property. The Club and the GP14 Class Association accept no responsibility for boats or property left on moorings or Club property.

D. SECURITY

All competitors should note the necessity to secure their valuables before going afloat.

E. MEMBERSHIP

All competitors will be granted Honorary Membership of the Club for the duration of the event.

F. WEATHER FORECAST

The weather forecast will be posted daily on the Official Notice Board.

G. TIDE TIMES

When applicable, the times of high water will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

H. ASSOCIATION TROPHIES

These shall be held by the winners and returned by them (in good time and in good order) to the Organisers of the event in the following year. The winners shall be responsible for engraving the trophies. Trophies shall not be removed from Ireland.