



GP14 Ulster Championship
County Antrim Yacht Club, Whitehead
6th & 7th June 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is County Antrim Yacht Club (CAYC), in association with the GP14 Class Association of Ireland.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the notice of race (NoR) 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, 60.1, 60.3(b), 61.1(a), 61.4(b), 61.2(b)(1), 62.2, 63.1, A2 A5.1 and A5.2 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 in the main hallway of the Club

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 above the clubhouse battery.
- 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.

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 GP 14 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 Triangle(s) 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 courses to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the side of the committee signal vessel.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 2 & 3, 3S & 3P will be large orange inflatable buoys. The start line mark will be yellow cylindrical inflatable and finish line mark a black cylindrical inflatable. The spreader mark 1A will be a small spherical white buoy.
- 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.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

A patrol boat in close attendance to a competitor in difficulty is an obstruction.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a red/white staff pole displaying an orange flag on the Committee Vessel, at the starboard end and at the port pin end a yellow mark. There may be a mark boat anchored by the pin end on the line.
- 12.2 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 A5.1 and A5.2

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 mast 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

See NoR 14.

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, 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 one sound signal. 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 61.1(a) and 61.4(b).

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; the tallies will be numbered rubber wristbands which should be worn on the competitor's wrist. Individual tally numbers will be allocated at registration.
- 19.3 Before going afloat competitors shall collect a wrist band from the tally board, which will normally be positioned at the slipway. On returning ashore the wrist band should be returned to the tally board immediately.

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

Committee Vessel shall be a S/Y Free Spirit – ELAN 32.

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
See NoR 23

END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ADDENDUM A - Courses

Triangle Courses – Board will display T or O

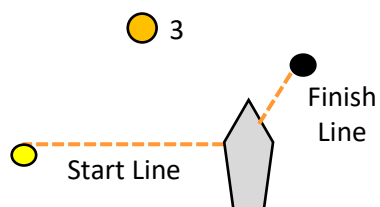
T Start, 1, 1A, 3, 1, 1A, 2, 3, 1, 1A, 3, Finish
(T - designates a W/L, Triangle, W/L to finish)

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

Marks 1, 1A, 2 and 3 to be rounded to port.

1A ○ ●¹

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Windward – Leeward – Boards will display LA2 or LA3

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

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

1A ○ ●¹

Marks 3P/3S are a gate.

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

