



GP14 CLASS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

4th & 5th July 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG, in association with the GP14 Class Association of Ireland

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of Irish Sailing will apply.

2. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted online at <https://hyc.ie/open-events>
- 2.2 The Race Office is located in Howth Yacht Club
- 2.3 [DP] While racing, from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [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 at the top of the marina walkway.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'. This changes race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 6 Races are scheduled as follows:

Date	First race warning signal	Number of races
Saturday 4th July	1155	Up to 4 races may be sailed
Sunday 5th July	1055	Up to 4 races may be sailed

6.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

6.2.1 No race will be started after 15:00 on Sunday 5th July, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 15:00.

7. CLASS FLAG

7.1 The Class Flag will be the GP14 Class Flag or Code Flag "Q". To be confirmed at the briefing.

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The Race Area will be in the waters North of Howth, Co. Dublin, Ireland

9. COURSES

9.1 The diagram in SI Addendum 1 shows the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. All marks shall be left to port unless a gate has been laid at Mark position 3, where boats must pass between the marks.

9.2 The RC may display the approximate compass bearing to Mark 1.

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 1A, 2, & 3 will be large Black inflatable marks.

10.2 The Start Mark will be an orange dan buoy with a flag.

10.3 The Finish Mark will be a small orange/pink buoy.

11. Not used

12. THE START

12.1 Fixed Line starts:

- The starting line will be between a red and white pole displaying an orange flag on the RC Vessel at the starboard end and the Start Mark, at the port end.
- For fixed line starts, a boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes Rules A5.1 and A5.2

12.2 Gate starts:

- i. Code Flag G displayed from the committee vessel indicates a gate start.
- ii. Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26, with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- iii. The starting area will be to leeward of the course.
- iv. The Gate Launch will display Code Flag G and the Guard Launch, if used, will display Code Flag U. Code Flag G will be displayed from the Gate Launch when in position to start the Gate. Starting signals will be made on the Committee Boat.
- v. Pathfinder (PF) - The PF for the first race will be nominated by the Race Committee and thereafter will normally be the 5th boats respectively in the final finishing order of the preceding race. However, no boat shall be PF for more than one completed race of the Championship. In the event of a previous PF finishing in 5th place in subsequent race(s), or is unable to act as PF, the highest placed competitors finishing in 5th or worse places who have not previously been PFs will be nominated as PF. If 2 or more races with gate starts are being sailed on one day, the PF's sail number for the additional races will be displayed on the committee vessel prior to the warning signal.
- vi. The sail number of the PF will be posted on the Race Notice Board and will be displayed on the Committee vessel. The PF report to the Committee vessel 5 minutes before the warning signal. In exceptional circumstances the Race Officer may appoint a boat at sea to act as PF. A PF that fails to report will be scored did not start. This changes rules A4 & A5.
- vii. At least 5 minutes before the warning signal the committee vessel will display a board on the starboard side which will indicate the minimum length of time, in minutes, that the PF will maintain her course.
- viii. Approximately 2 minutes before the starting signal the PF shall come within hail of the Gate Launch and place herself under the direction of the Race Officer. Approximately 15 seconds before the starting signal the PF will cross the bow of the Gate launch and commence sailing on a close-hauled course on port tack. She will be followed by the Gate Launch and may be preceded off her star board bow by a Guard Launch.
- ix. The leeward end of the starting line will be marked by a free-floating orange buoy released approximately 5 seconds before the start signal. The starting line will be between the free-floating Starting Mark and the centre of the stern of the Gate Launch.
- x. The PF shall maintain her course for at least 1 minute plus any further time the Race Officer considers appropriate. When released by the Race Officer, she may tack onto starboard or hold her course as she pleases. The Gate Launch will hold her course and speed for a further period at the discretion of the Race Officer. A sound signal will be made when the gate is fully open at which point the Gate Launch will stop and drift for at least one minute. At the end of this period Code Flag G on the Gate Launch and Committee Boat will be lowered to indicate closing of the gate. No boat shall start after

Code Flag G has been lowered. A boat failing to start before lowering of Code Flag G will be scored "Did Not Start". This alters rule A4.1.

- xi. A boat, not having already correctly started, which is on the port side of the Gate Launch while the Gate is opening, shall not cross the start line from the course side.
- xii. After the preparatory signal, a boat which interferes with or tries to pass between the Guard Launch, PF, and the Gate Launch, or that causes another boat to interfere in these ways, will be disqualified without a hearing. If the race is restarted, re-sailed or rescheduled she is not entitled to compete. This alters rule 63.1.
- xiii. The Gate Launch, Guard Launch and PF until released rank as starting marks.
- xiv. A boat that cannot otherwise avoid fouling a starting mark may hail a right-of-way boat for room and then shall immediately retire.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 Minor adjustments of mark positions will not be signalled by the RC. This changes RRS 33
- 13.2 Boats shall pass between the RC vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the RC Vessel to starboard.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line will be between a red and white pole displaying a Blue flag on the RC Vessel and the Finish Mark.
- 14.2 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. Not used

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
75 minutes	10 minutes

- 16.2 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2
- 16.3 In addition to RRS 32, the Race Committee may award a score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a 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 SI will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within the 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, shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 61.1(a) & 61.4(b)

HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.4 Protests, Requests for Redress and Scoring Inquiries must be submitted online, within the protest time limit, at :
[Racing Rules of Sailing](#)
- 16.5 The protest time limit is 60 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. The time will be posted on the official noticeboard.
- 16.6 Notices will be posted online, 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 Centenary Room on the second floor of the clubhouse.
- 16.7 Notices of protests by the RC or Protest Committee will be posted online to inform boats under rule 61.1(b)
- 16.8 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;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes Rule 63.7
- 16.9 Arbitration will be available, in accordance with Appendix T.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.2 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 All competitors shall wear adequate personal flotation devices at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Dry suits and wet suits are not adequate personal flotation devices. This changes Rule 40.
- 18.2 [NP] [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. The boat must ensure this communication is acknowledged.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of crew or damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat, crew, equipment and safety equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.



21. – 28 Not used

29. PRIZES

29.1 Per Notice of Race

30. RISK STATEMENT

- 30.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 30.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees to and acknowledges the risk statement as included in the Notice of Race."

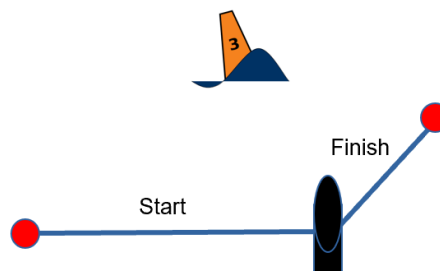
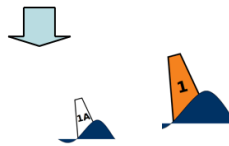
31. INSURANCE

- 31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and adequate third-party liability insurance.

ADDENDUM 1

Course Diagram

Course – Olympic Triangle



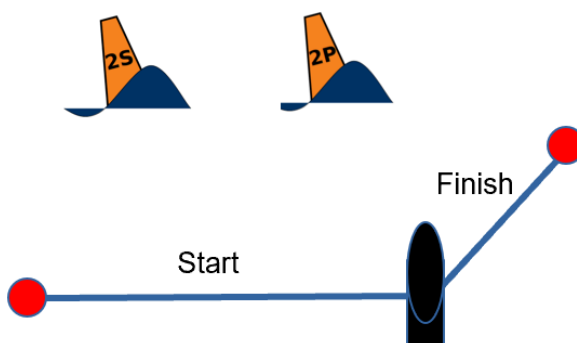
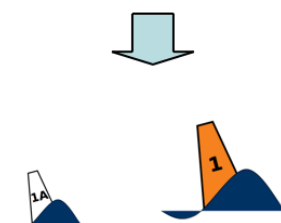
Course: 1, 1A, 3 - 1, 1A, 2, 3 - 1, 1A, 3 - Finish

Marks 1, 1A, 2 and 3 to be left to Port

Code Flag O will be displayed on CV

Mark size & colour not to scale

Course – Windward / Leeward



Course: 1, 1A, 2P or 2S - 1, 1A, 2P or 2S - 1, 1A, 2P or 2S, Finish

Marks 1 and 1A to be left to Port, Marks 2P/2S are a Gate.

Code Flag W will be displayed from CV

Mark size & colour not to scale