



GP14 Class Association of Ireland

Ulster Championship

East Antrim Boat Club

20th and 21st May 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The prescriptions of the RYA and the rules of the GP14 Class Association will apply.
- 1.3 All Helms must be members of GP14 Class International Association and a member of their national sailing authority or a club affiliated to their national sailing authority.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board/window located on the South side of the club house.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1000 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the main flagpole of the club located on the Battery.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Briefing: A briefing will be held at 1100 hrs on Saturday 20th May 2023.

5.2 Racing: 6 races are scheduled for the event.

Saturday 20 th May 2023	1200hrs Warning Signal	Up to 4 races
Sunday 21 st May 2023	1100hrs Warning Signal	Up to 4 races

5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs on Sunday 21st May 2023.

6 CLASSFLAG

The class flag will be flag A.

7 SAILING AREA

The Sailing Area will be in Larne Lough to the South of Corran Point.

8 THE COURSE

The course will be an Olympic triangle and will be sailed in order of the marks:
Start-1-2-3-LINE-1-3 LINE-1-2-3-Finish.

9 MARKS

Marks 1, 2, and 3, will be large yellow marks.

10 THE START

10.1 The start will be in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between the mast on the Committee Boat and limit mark.
The limit mark will be danbuoy with red flag.

10.3 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position without signaling. This changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the mast of the committee boat or substitute displaying a blue flag at the starboard end of the course side and a port-end finishing mark which will be the same as the start outer limit.

13 SHORTENED COURSE

13.1 In addition to RRS 32 the course may be shortened for any reason by displaying flag S at a rounding mark with two sound signals, the finishing line shall be between the finish mark and a vessel displaying flag S.

- 13.2 The shortened course shall be signalled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 60 minutes.
- 14.2 Boats still sailing the correct course but failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat will be scored DNF.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Boats intending to protest for an incident on the racecourse shall inform the Race Committee vessel at the finish line. This changes RRS61.
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the registration desk and/or on the official notice board in the clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the registration desk within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3 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 the later. 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 RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6 On the last scheduled day of racing 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 rules 62.2 and 66.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 16.3 When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing. This changes RRS 40. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices.

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

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash must be brought ashore and disposed of in the bins provided.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be given to first, second and third placed helm and crew in the Gold, Silver, and Bronze fleets

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

23 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million sterling or equivalent.

Course

The course will be laid as an approximately equal sided triangle. After starting the mark shall be rounded to port in the following order;

Start-1-2-3-LINE-1-3 LINE-1-2-3-Finish

