GP14 Class Association of Ireland
O'Tiarnaigh Challenge

Mullingar Sailing Club
18th -19th May 2024

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 Irish Sailing 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 window of the club house.

3   CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18.00 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.

5   SCHEDULE
5.1   Registration: Saturday 18th May, 09.30 to 10.30 for collection of trolley tag and Sailing Instructions.
5.2   Briefing: A briefing will be held at 11.00 on Saturday 18th May
5.3
Sat. 18th. Warning Signal: 12:00 Race 1 followed by up to a further 5 races. Gold Silver and Bronze fleets race together in the qualifying series. The top 3 finishers in each fleet (Gold, Silver and Bronze) from the Saturday series will compete in the O'Tiarnaigh Challenge on Sunday. All remaining boats will compete in a "Plate" competition on Sunday on the same course under a U Flag start.
Sun. 19th. O'Tiarnaigh Warning Signal 11.00 followed by another 2 races.
Plate Warning Signal 5 minutes after the warning signal for the O'Tiarnaigh. Therefore, the start signal for the O'Tiarnaigh is the warning signal for the Plate.

5.4   On the last scheduled race day, no warning signal will be made after 15.30.

6   CLASS FLAGS
The class flag will be the GP14 Ireland Flag. And code flag A for the plate fleet on Sunday
The 4 minute flag is P Flag.
The U Flag, Rule 30.3 OR Black Flag, Rule 30.4 may be flown.

7   SAILING AREA

The Sailing Area will be on Lough Owel.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 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 MARKS

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow inflatables. Mark 1a will be orange. The start mark will be white; the finish mark will be orange.

10 THE START

10.1 The start will be in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between the flag pole on the committee boat and the outer limit white mark.

10.3 An inner distance mark may be laid. Boats may not pass between the inner distance mark and the committee boat when starting.

10.4 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 signalling. This changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the flagpole of the committee boat or substitute displaying a blue flag at the starboard end of the course side and a port-end finishing mark.

13 SHORTENING 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 staff displaying a Blue flag.

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 45 minutes on Saturday and 60 minutes on Sunday

14.2 Boats still sailing the correct course but failing to finish within 10 minutes of the first boat on Saturday will be scored DNF

14.3 Boats still sailing the correct course but failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat on Sunday will be scored DNF

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Boats intending to protest for an incident on the race course shall inform the Race Committee vessel at the finish line. This changes RRS 61.

15.2 Protest forms are available at the registration desk and/or on the official notice board in the club house. 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 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 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 Qualification for the O'Tiarnaigh Challenge will take place on Saturday with up to five races sailed. When four races have been completed on Saturday, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score. The top three qualifying boats in Gold, Silver and Bronze at the end of racing on Saturday will compete in the O'Tiarnaigh on Sunday. All other boats will compete in a Plate competition.

16.2 On Sunday all scores are set to zero. Up to three races to be sailed. No discard is applied to Sunday racing.

16.3 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series. In the event that less than 2 races are sailed in Saturday's qualifying races all scores will carry through to Sunday racing and all boats will compete in the O'Tiarnaigh Challenge.

16.4 If no racing takes place on Sunday, the event will be scored on the results from Saturday's races with one discard after 4 races.

17   SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. This changes RRS 40. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate.

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 may be placed aboard support and race committee boats.

21   PRIZES
A perpetual trophy from the GP14 Association will be awarded to the winners of the O'Tiarnaigh Challenge.
The Club will award prizes to Helm and Crew of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the O'Tiarnaigh.
Prizes will also be awarded to Helm and Crew for first place Gold, Silver and Bronze in the Plate competition.

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 Euros or the equivalent.

ADDENDUM A

Saturday Couse
Start, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish

Windward

1 a   *1*

Sunday Course
Start, 1, 1a, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1a, 3, Finish

All roundings to Port

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Start line white mark
Finish line orange mark

3

Leeward