



*Mullingar Sailing Club*

LOUGH OWEL



## **Sailing Instructions**

### *GP14 Leinster Championship*

### *2022*

#### **1. RULES**

Racing will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and 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**

**Six races** are scheduled, three each day. The warning signal for the first race on Saturday will be made at 1200 hrs. with further races following as soon as possible. The warning signal for the first race on Sunday will be made at 1100 hrs. with further races 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 have a painter of at least five metres of suitable line which is separate from any other lines or sheets affixed to the boat.
- (c) 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**



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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. Permission to sail under any other number shall be sought in writing from the Race Committee before going afloat .

**7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

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

**8. FLAGS**

The Class Flag will be the GP14 Ireland Flag.

**9. STARTING/FINISHING LINE**

The Starting/Finishing Line shall be between the main mast of a Committee Boat/Rib flying a blue flag and a 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.

**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**

The course will be laid as an approximate triangle. Flag O will be displayed for Olympic Course and Flag W for Windward/ Leeward Course.

After starting the marks shall be rounded to port in the following order:-

Olympic: 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish.

Windward/Leeward: 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 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.



**14. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for each race will be the earlier of 60 minutes from the starting signal and 15 minutes from the finishing time of the first boat to have sailed the course. Boats finishing outside the applicable time limit will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes rules 35 and A4.

When one or more boats has sailed the course and finished, the Race Committee may apply an alternative position recording procedure. A Race Committee Vessel displaying flag W may notify a boat still racing that she will be scored in a place corresponding to her position on the water. The boat, once notified, shall return to the starting area, if further races are scheduled, or return ashore. The boat will be scored in the place as recorded by the Race Committee vessel. This changes rule RRS 28.1, A4.2.

**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**

Protest Time will begin as soon as possible after the competitors come ashore after the last race of each day and will last for 45 minutes. 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 A will apply.

Two races shall be completed to constitute a series. If four or more races are completed, one discard will apply.

**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.



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## 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 **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.

### C. **SECURITY**

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

### D. **MEMBERSHIP**

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

### E. **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.

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