

# GP14 CLASS ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

## CRAFTINSURE CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND 2013

SUTTON DINGHY CLUB

24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August 2013

### Sailing Instructions

**1. RULES**

Racing will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2013-16) the prescriptions of the ISA, the rules of the GP14 Class International Association, these Sailing Instructions (SIs) and any amendments thereto.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board in the club house.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS OR SCHEDULE**

Any changes to the SIs will be posted 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 appraised themselves of any such alterations.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the club flagpole.

When Int. Code Flag 'F' is displayed ashore no boat shall go afloat. The warning signal for the next race will be made not less than 30 minutes after Code Flag 'F' is lowered. This SI changes RRS 'Race Signals'.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Seven races are scheduled. The warning signal for the first race on Saturday will be made at 13:00 hrs. with the next race following as soon as possible.

The warning signal for the first race on Sunday (3 races planned) will be made at 13:30hrs and Monday (2 races planned) will be made at 14:00hrs with subsequent races following as soon as possible.

The Race Officer may hold more than the scheduled number of races on any day if it is deemed appropriate. This will be indicated by the flying of Numeral 6 from the Committee Boat.

**6. FLAGS**

The Class Flag will be the GP 14 Class Flag.

**7. SAILS AND SAIL NUMBERS**

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. RRS G4 shall not apply. Permission to sail under any other number shall be sought in writing from the Race Committee before going afloat and will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.

**8. THE COURSE**

**The course will be either Triangular course, designated by the flying of International Code Flag “T” or Windward/Leeward, designated by flying International Code Flag “W”**

The Olympic course will be laid as an approximately equal-sided triangle.

For the **Standard Fleet**, after starting the marks shall be rounded to port in the following order:- 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – 1 – 2 - 3 Finish.

The Windward/Leeward will be set with an offset mark and will be rounded to port in the following order:- 1 – 2 - 3 – 1 – 2 - 3 Finish.

For the **Classic Fleet**, after starting the marks shall be rounded to port in the following order:- 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 3 – Finish.

The Windward/Leeward will be set with an offset mark and will be rounded to port in the following order: 1 – 2 - 3 – Finish

*See Appendix 1 for Course Diagrams*

**9. MARKS**

Marks 1, 2, and 3 will be orange “Pyramid” marks.

**10. THE START**

Races will be started by using RRS 26.

The starting line will be between a red and white striped pole on the committee boat and an outer limit mark which will be a red spherical buoy.

**11. SHORTENING COURSE**

The course may be shortened for any reason at the discretion of the Race Officer in accordance with rule 32.2. Should he wish to shorten a race to finish upwind at the start/finish line (the boats having finished one or two rounds), it will be signalled by displaying code flag “V” from a Rib to leeward of Mark 3 accompanied by repeated sound signals. This changes and amends the RRS Race Signals.

**12. THE FINISH**

The Finishing Line shall be between the mast of the Finish Boat and a white spherical mark.

**13. TIME LIMIT**

Any boat which fails to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish shall be scored “Did Not Finish”. The time limit for the leading boat shall be 1 hour and 30 minutes. This changes RRS 35.

**14. PROTESTS**

In addition to the obligations in RRS 61 protesting boats shall, immediately after finishing, inform the Race Committee member on the Finishing Boat 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.

**15. 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.

**16. CLASSIC FLEET**

A Classic Fleet race shall be incorporated into the main body of the racing for the Standard Fleet. All boats shall start together, but Classic Boat's finish will be recorded at the finish line as per (8) above. Classic boats may opt to complete the course and be scored in the Standard Fleet also. Classic Boats finishing on the shorter course **MUST** keep clear of any boat continuing to race. Failure to do so may result in a five point penalty to their score. This penalty may be imposed with out a hearing at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. This amends RRS 60.2

A boat shall qualify for the Classic Fleet if it is a Series One GP14 with buoyancy bags.

**17. SCORING SYSTEM**

The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A4.1 will apply.

- (a) A boat that does not finish, or retires prior to the expiration of the Protest Time, shall score points equal to the number of boats which were entitled to start.
- (b) A boat that does not start, or is disqualified, shall score points equal to a boat that retires plus 5 points.
- (c) Discards:- If three or fewer races are sailed, all scores shall count. If four or more races are sailed, there shall be one discard.

Two races shall be completed to constitute a series.

**18. SAFETY**

- (a) Personal buoyancy shall be worn at all times when afloat. Wet or dry suits are not acceptable as substitutes.
- (b) All boats shall carry a paddle. A spinnaker pole or a "Praddle" is not an acceptable substitute.
- (c) 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.

**Tally System:** A tally board will be situated at the top of the main slip.

Before going afloat, each competitor shall take his / her allocated band number and place it on their wrist.

At the first reasonable opportunity after coming ashore, which is normally immediately, each competitor shall ensure that their band is returned to the tally board.

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

Competitors failing to comply with this SI shall make a donation of €20 to Make·A·Wish Ireland prior to the conclusion of the event.

## **19. INSPECTIONS**

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 changes RRS 64.3(a).

## **20. 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.

# **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 Temporary Membership of Sutton Dinghy Club for the duration of the event.

## **E. WEATHER FORECAST**

The weather forecast will be posted daily on the Official Notice Board.

## **G. TIDE TIMES**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>: H.W. 14:46    Sunday 25<sup>st</sup>: H.W.15:24    Monday 26<sup>th</sup> H.W. 16:04

## **H. 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.

## APPENDIX 1

All courses will be either windward/leeward style courses or triangle style courses denoted by the flags “W” or “T” on the Committee Boat and laid approx. as shown in the diagram below.



**Course “W” Windward/Leeward:**

Standard Fleet Course (unless otherwise shortened):

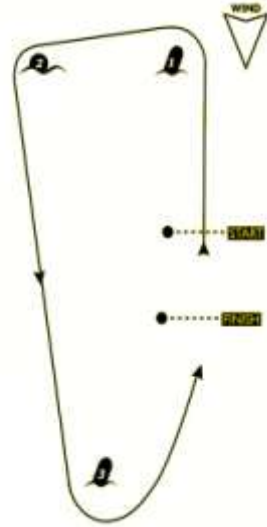
Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

All marks shall be rounded to port.

Classic Fleet Course (unless otherwise shortened):

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish

All marks shall be rounded to port.



**Course “T” Triangle**

Standard Fleet Course (unless otherwise shortened):

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - 1 - 2 - 3 - Finish.

Classic Fleet Course (unless otherwise shortened):

Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - 1 - 3 - Finish.

