

## THE INTERNATIONAL GP14 CLASS ASSOCIATION

### WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

Organised by Skerries Sailing Club

August 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2022

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

*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(a). The notation (DP) is used as described in the Introduction to the Racing Rules of sailing.*

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Changes to the racing Rules will be notified in each instruction that changes a racing rule.
- 1.3 Right to use names and likenesses; -see Additional Information in the NoR.

#### 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 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.

#### 3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Official notice Board is on [www.racingrulesofsailing.org](http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org).
- 3.2 The race office is located on the ground floor at the front of the clubhouse.
- 3.3 [DP] 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.

#### 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

#### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located at the front of Skerries SC.
- 5.2 Flag D displayed with 2 sounds (one when removed) means "The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after Flag D displayed. No boat shall go afloat until this signal is displayed"
- 5.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

#### 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Dates, times and number of races:  
The event will be a nine race regatta held from Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday August 19<sup>th</sup> 2022. The race times are given in the Notice of Race 8.
- 6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed at the discretion of the Race Committee. Notice of an extra race will be given as required in SI 2.1 and confirmed by the display from the finish boat of Numeral Pennant 4 at the end of the second race of the day.
- 6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag

will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

7.1 The Class flag is a black bell on a white background.

## **8 RACING AREA**

8.1 The racing area is in Skerries Bay approximately 1.5 nautical miles North East of the harbour.

## **9 COURSES**

9.1 The diagrams in Appendix A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 Courses may be Olympic Triangle or Windward/Leeward at the discretion of the race Officer. International flag code O displayed from Committee boat will indicate an Olympic course. International flag code W displayed from Committee boat will indicate a Windward/Leeward course. The course to be sailed will be indicated on a board displayed on the Committee boat.

9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel shall display the course to be sailed and may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## **10 MARKS**

10.1 Marks are

- Marks 1 ,2 and 3 will be large, inflatable, cylindrical yellow buoys. Mark 1a will be a large yellow Dumpy buoy.
- Start marks for line start – the mast of the committee vessel displaying a Skerries Sailing Club burgee and an orange flag on a red and white striped flag-pole on a race committee vessel at the port end.
- Start mark for gate start – red dumpy-buoy.
- Finish marks – weather or leeward marks.

10.2 New marks, as provided in SI 13,  
Change mark is described in SI 13.

## **11 OBSTRUCTIONS**

11.1 **NP** When leaving the Harbour boats must leave the Red Perch flashing beacon to Starboard. Returning to shore, this beacon must be left to Port

## **12 THE START**

12.1 Races will be started using gate starts or line starts. Gate starts will be signalled by flag “G” (gate) being flown from the committee boat before the warning signal.

12.2 For a line start, the starting line is between a staff displaying a Skerries Sailing Club burgee on the Committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

12.3 For a line start, a boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.4 The instructions for a gate start are given in Appendix B to these Sailing Instructions

## **13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE AND SHORTENING COURSE**

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. Minor movements of a mark position ( up to 150 metres or 5 degrees) may be made without signalling the change.

This changes RRS 33.

- 13.2 In addition to the provisions of RRS 32.2, when using Course A with a leeward finish, a race may be shortened by a race committee vessel in the vicinity of Mark 3 displaying Flag F (Finish) and making repetitive sound signals and another race committee vessel on station at the finish line displaying a blue flag. In this case boats shall round Mark 3 to port and proceed to cross the finish line.
- 13.3 Marks will be described at the official briefing.

#### **14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark boat and either the windward or leeward mark as per course displayed on Committee boat.

#### **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

See NoR.

#### **16 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Race Time	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 mins	75 mins	120 mins	30 mins

- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sailing the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing . This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 16.4 Failure to meet either the Mark 1 Time Limit or the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.5 The race committee may record the place of a boat that is still racing. Boats will be notified by a race committee vessel displaying IC flag W.  
A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course and shall sail directly to the starting area or sail ashore if there is no more racing. (NP)Boats will be scored according to the place as recorded by the race committee. The race committee will extend the Finishing Window as necessary until all boats have either finished or their place has been recorded.

#### **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes 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 notice board.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office, using Racingrulesofsailing protests may be submitted electronically.
- 17.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located in the Clubhouse beginning at the time posted.
- 17.4 A list of boats that have been penalized under Appendix P for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.
- 17.5 RRS 61.1 Informing the Protestee is changed as follows:- Delete 61.1 (a) (2)  
This means that a boat intending to protest shall hail "Protest" and conspicuously display a red flag at the first reasonable opportunity.

**18 SCORING** See NoR 13.**19 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

19.1 RRS 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices applies at all times when afloat.

19.2 A Personal Identification Tally Number will be written on each Tally wrist band. The helm and crew shall each tally out by taking his/her Tally wrist band with them afloat, visibly displayed on their wrist. Tallies can be taken only when the tally board is opened by the Beachmaster. Tallies shall be returned to the Tally Board immediately on coming ashore and not later than 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day. The helm of any boat retiring from a race and coming ashore shall report to the Beachmaster as soon as possible.

Two corresponding tally stickers will be given to all skippers at Registration during the times noted in the NoR. These stickers must be affixed to Port and Starboard bow and must be visible at all times.

It is the sole responsibility of the competitors to ensure that they have tallied correctly.

The race committee shall penalise a first breach of this instruction without a hearing. The penalty shall be a 10% scoring penalty calculated according to RRS 43.3(c). The penalty will be applied to the first race of the day for a failure to tally out correctly, and to the last race of the day for a failure to tally in correctly. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

The race committee may protest subsequent breaches of this instruction (DP)

19.3 Boats not participating in any of the day's racing shall inform the race office. (DP)

19.4 (DP) (NP) Boats are required to carry a tow rope separate to the other rigging on the boat of a minimum 10metre length of 6mm diameter rope.

19.5 (DP) A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on the committee boat, a safety boat, or Beachmaster as soon as possible.

**20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

20.1 [DP] Substitution of the person named as helm or crew on the entry form will be permitted up to the start of the Championship with the agreement of the International Jury.

20.2 During the event, the crew may be substituted only with the prior written agreement of the International Jury.

20.3 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the International Jury. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

**21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

21.2 (DP) When instructed by a race official on the water, or on land when returning from the race course, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

**Number 22 is not used**

**23 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

23.1 Official vessels will be identified by displaying a Skerries Sailing Club burgee. All safety boats shall display a Red flag. Jury boats will display a J flag. For a gate start, the Gate Launch will display Flag G and the Guard launch will display Flag U.

**24 [DP] SUPPORT VESSELS**

24.1 Support vessels will not be allowed.

**25 TRASH DISPOSAL**

25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

**26 BERTHING**

26.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

**27 PRIZES**

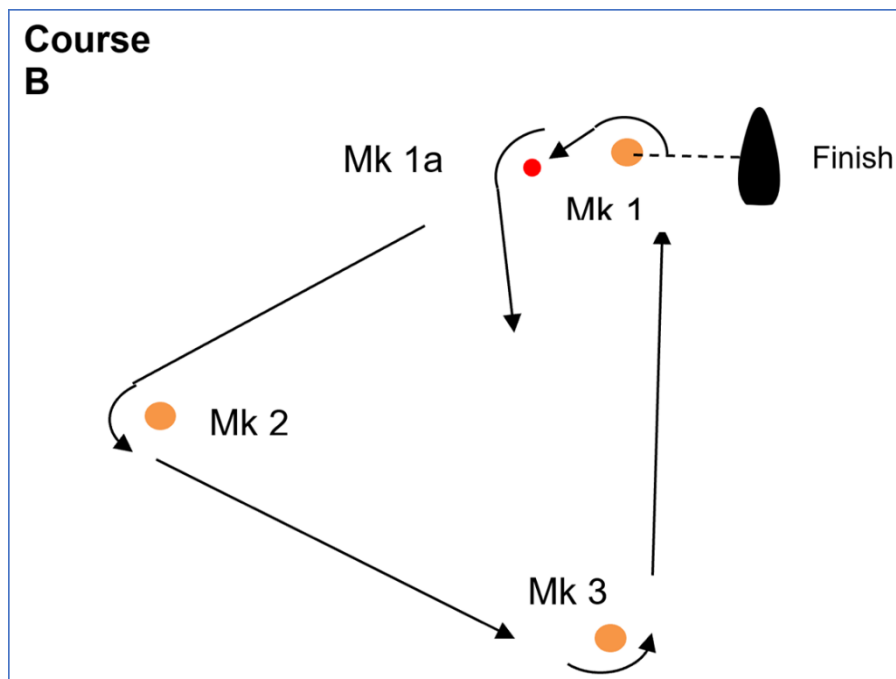
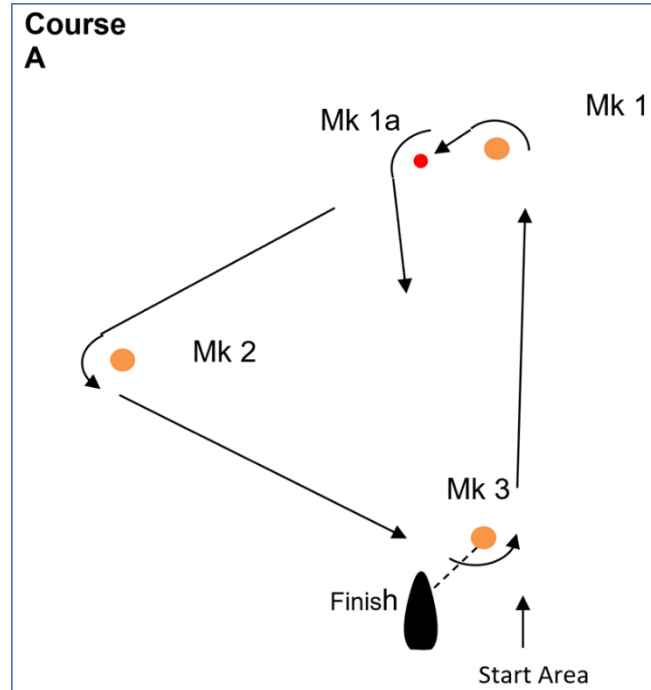
29.1 Prizes will be given as shown on the Notice of Race and entry form.

**30 RISK STATEMENT** see Notice of Race 16**31 INSURANCE**

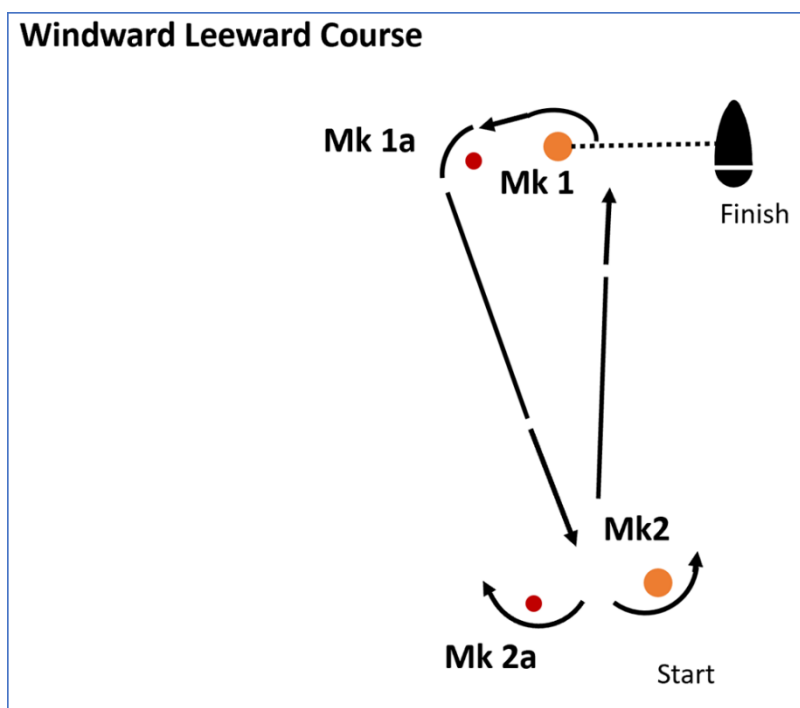
31.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of EURO 3 million per event or the equivalent. Competitors shall sign a declaration to that effect at registration. Insurance is the sole responsibility of the competitors

**APPENDIX A**

The diagrams show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The diagrams are not to scale and do not represent the leg lengths. The internal angles of the triangle will be approximately 60 degrees.



Course	All marks to port
	Internal angles approx. 60 degrees
A2 leeward finish	Start – 1 -1a – 2 - 3– 1 – 1a - Finish
A3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2 – 3 – 1- 1a – 3 – 1 -1a – 2 - Finish
B2 windward finish	Start – 1 – 1a – 2 - 3– 1 – 1a – 3 - Finish
B3	Start – 1-1a – 2 – 3 – 1- 1a – 3 – 1-1a – 2 – 3 - Finish



Course	Marks to be rounded
C2	Start - 1 - 1a - thru Gate 2/2a -1 - 1a - thru Gate 2/2a - Finish

## Appendix B – Gate Start procedure.

B1. The Committee Vessel will be in the Starting Area, which shall be to leeward of the course.

### B2 Distinguishing Flags and Starting Signals

- 2.1 The Committee Vessel and gate Launch will display IC Flag “G”
- 2.2 The Guard Launch will display IC Flag “U”
- 2.3 The signals for starting the race will be made from the Committee Vessel.

### B3. Selection of Pathfinder.

- 3.1 The Pathfinder for race 1 will be designated by the Race Committee. For the second and all subsequent races the Pathfinder will be the boat that finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the previous race. If this boat is unable to race, or has already been Pathfinder in the event, then the Race Committee will designate the boat that finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the previous race and so on. If necessary, the Race Committee may designate another boat
- 3.2 The Pathfinder’s number will be displayed on the side of the Committee Vessel at least 10 minutes before the warning signal.
- 3.3 In addition, the Pathfinder’s sail number for the first race of each day will be posted on the official notice board. The Pathfinder for the first race of each day may be briefed before going afloat.
- 3.4 The Pathfinder shall report to the Committee Vessel once its number is displayed and before the warning signal (DP)

### B4. Positioning of Pathfinder, Gate Boat and Guard Boat.

- 4.1 The Pathfinder shall follow directions given by the Race Committee.(DP)
- 4.2 Before the starting signal the pathfinder shall be sailing close-hauled on port, followed by the Gate Launch which shall keep close astern of her.
- 4.3 A Guard Launch shall protect the Pathfinder and shall keep station off her starboard bow.
- 4.4 The pathfinder will be considered separately to have started at the starting signal (NP).

### B5. Starting Mark and Line.

- 5.1 The starting mark will be laid in the area to windward of the Committee Vessel. The mark will be a small RED buoy, it will be laid from the Gate Launch before the start.
- 5.2 The starting line for all boats except the Pathfinder shall be between the starting mark and the centre of the stern of the Gate Launch.
- 5.3 The Gate Launch, and both the Pathfinder and Guard Launch until released, rank as starting marks.

### B6. Pathfinder Course.

- 6.1 The Pathfinder shall maintain her close hauled course for a minimum of 120 seconds and any further time which the Race Committee deems necessary.
- 6.2 The Pathfinder will then be released by hail from the Gate Launch, after which the Pathfinder may tack onto starboard tack or hold course as she pleases.
- 6.3 After releasing the pathfinder, the Gate Launch will maintain her course and speed for a further period of at least 60 seconds, and thereafter at the discretion of the Race Officer.



**B7 Closing the Start Line**

- 7.1 A sound signal will be made when the Gate is fully open. The Gate Launch will then stop engines and drift for at least one minute.
- 7.2 IC flag 'G' will be lowered to indicate the closing of the gate.
- 7.3 No boat shall start after IC flag 'G' has been lowered.

**B8. Starting.**

- 8.1 Boats other than the Pathfinder shall start by crossing the starting line on starboard tack after the starting signal and before the Gate closes.
- 8.2 (a) A boat shall not pass between the Gate Launch and the starting mark in the last minute before the starting signal.  
(b) A boat that has not started shall not cross the starting line from the course side.
- 8.3 No boat shall start after the gate start line is closed

**B9. Interference with Pathfinder, Gate Launch and Guard Launch.**

- 9.1 a) After the preparatory signal, a boat shall not interfere with the Pathfinder, the Gate Launch or the Guard Launch.  
b) After the preparatory signal, a boat shall not pass between the Pathfinder and the Gate Launch or Guard Launch.
- 9.2 A keep clear boat that cannot avoid touching a starting mark may hail a right-of-way boat for room. The hailed boat shall respond by giving room. The boat hailing for room shall then retire.

**B10. Penalties**

A boat breaking SI B8.2(a), SI B8.2(b) or B9 shall be disqualified by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. If the race is re-started or re-sailed, she shall not sail in it. If she does so, her disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating her series score. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.