**GP14 Class Association of Ireland**

**Purcell Trophy**

**Lough Ree Yacht Club**

**9/10June 2018**

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## RULES

* 1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
	2. The prescriptions of the ISA will apply.
	3. Rules of the International GP14 Class Association will apply.

## NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

* 1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.

## CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

* 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 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

## SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

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

## SCHEDULE OF RACES ETC.

* 1. Briefing – A Briefing will be held at 1030 on Saturday 9 June 2018.
	2. Racing:

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| *Date* | *Race* |
| Saturday 9 June | Races 1, 2 and 3 |
| Sunday 10 June | Races 4, 5 and 6 |

* 1. Six Races are scheduled.

## CLASS FLAGS

* 1. If supplied the class flag will be the GP14 Ireland Flag, otherwise it will be flag G.

## SAILING AREA

* 1. The Sailing Area will be Lough Ree.
	2. Shannon navigation marks (excluding the “Middle Ground Stake” south of the yellow Island) shall be regarded as marks of the course and the navigation must be observed.

## THE COURSE

* 1. Olympic triangle and/or windward leeward courses will be used. 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.
	2. The courses to be sailed will be indicated by signal flag on the committee boat.

## MARKS

## Marks 1, 1A, 2, 3, 3S and 3P will be yellow inflatables. The start mark will be a black inflatable; the finish mark will be a black inflatable.

## THE START

* 1. The starting line will be between a mast on the committee boat displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and the course side of a port-end starting mark.
	2. 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.

## THE FINISH

* 1. The finishing line will be between a mast on the committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the course side of a black port-end finishing mark.

## SHORTENING COURSE

* 1. In addition to RRS 32 the course may be shortened for any reason by displaying flag F at a rounding mark with continuous sound signals. Boats shall round the mark and sail directly to the finish line to finish.

## TIME LIMITS

* 1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes.
	2. Boats still sailing the correct course but failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored according to their order of position on the course. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

* 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.
	2. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
	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.
	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.
	5. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
	6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2.

## SCORING

* 1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
	2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat’sseries score will be the total oftheir race scores. This changes RRS A2.
	3. When from four or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total oftheir race scores excluding their worst score

## SAFETY REGULATIONS

* 1. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times when afloat. This changesRRS 40. Wetsuits and drysuits are not considered to be adequate
	2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

## SUPPORT BOATS

* 1. Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## RADIO COMMUNICATION

* 1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.

## PRIZES

##  Prizes will be given as follows:

First, Second and Third Overall.

First, Second and Third in Silver Fleet.

First, Second and Third in Bronze Fleet

## RISK STATEMENT

## Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone”

Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

## INSURANCE

* 1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000.00 Euros or the equivalent.

**ADDENDUM A – Courses**

Start/finish Line

2S 2P

Start/finish Line

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1A

**Windward/Leeward – Flag W**

Course: 1, 1A, 2P/2S, 1, 1A, 2P/2S, 1, 1A, 2P/2S, Finish

Marks 1 and 1A to be left to Port Marks 2P/2S are a Gate

**Olympic Triangle – Flag O**

Course: 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, Finish Marks 1, 2 and 3 to be left to Port

 1

 2



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