

The International GP14 Class Northern Area Championship
Organised by Bassenthwaite Sailing Club and the GP14 Class Association

and

Mirror Open Meeting
Organised by Bassenthwaite Sailing Club

22nd – 23rd May 2021

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).

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Racing Rules 40 and 61 will be changed as follows:

- Rule 40 – personal Flotation devices – Rule 40.1 shall apply.
- Rule 61.1 (a) 2 is deleted.

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 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the clubhouse foyer window.

3.2 The race office is located in the clubhouse.

3.3 While racing, 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 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4.2 Competitors and support persons shall place advertising (where 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 on the flagpole next to the clubhouse.

5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than twenty minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Saturday May 22nd

Registration at the club – from 10.30 to 11.45.

Warning signal for first race - 12.55, second race to follow race 1.

Sunday May 23rd

Warning signal for first race - 10.25, second and third races to follow first race.

6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no class becomes more than one race ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.

6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15.00 hrs.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The GP14 Class flag is International Code Flag A. The Mirror Class flag is International Code Numeral 6.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is Bassenthwaite Lake.

9 COURSES

9.1 The course to be sailed will be indicated on the course board attached to the gunwale of the Committee Boat no later than the warning signal for the first start of a sequence of races.

9.2 The marks of the course, the order in which they are to be rounded, their required side and the number of laps will be shown on the course board.

9.3 The numbers of marks to be rounded to port will be indicated on a red background and the numbers to be rounded to starboard will be indicated on a green background. The number of laps will be indicated on a black background.

9.4 The letters, 'Y Z' on a black background indicate that the start/finish line is part of the course, and that boats shall sail through the start/finish line on each lap.

10 MARKS

10.1 The marks of the course will be the Club Marks, which are indicated with approximate positions, in the diagram at Appendix 'A'. A lead boat will be provided subject to availability.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 There are no obstructions in the sailing area. However, the lake is part of the Lake District National Park and is a significant wildlife habitat. Competitors are asked to keep clear of the reed banks on the right of the main slipway and not to land on the lakeshore other than on the sailing club slipways.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 12.2 The start signal for the GP14s will be the warning signal for the Mirrors.
- 12.3 Should a General Recall be signalled for the GP14s, the starting sequence for the Mirrors will be delayed until the GP14 restart.
- 12.4 Races will be started from the Committee Boat, stationed at the starboard end of the starting line. Starting signals will be displayed from the mast of the Committee Boat.
- 12.5 The starting line will be formed by bringing the mast of the Committee Boat into line with an outer limit mark, displaying an orange flag.
- 12.6 An inner limit mark displaying a white flag will be laid and yachts passing between it and the Committee Boat at any time will be liable to disqualification, at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 12.7 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 12.8 A boat that does not start within five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be either:
 - (i) Between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and the outer limit mark displaying an orange flag.
 - (ii) Between the mast of the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and the mark next to which it is stationed.
 - (iii) Between the black pole on the lakeshore and Mark '0'.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will not apply.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The target time for each race will be approximately 45 minutes.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 A4 and A5.
- 15.3 A tail-end boat that has lost contact with the body of the fleet may be informed on the water, towards the end of the race, that she need not complete that lap, but may return to the starting area for the start of the next back-to-back race. An appropriate finishing position will be recorded by the Race Committee. Failure to take advantage of this provision may result in any following back-to-back race being started before that competitor has returned to the starting area. This shall not be the basis for a redress request under Rule 62.1(a). This alters Rule 35.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 30 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.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the clubhouse.
- 16.3 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 at the clubhouse beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The scoring system is as follows:
- 17.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
(b) When from 4 to 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1 Substitution of the helm is not allowed.
Substitution of the crew is not allowed without the prior written approval the race committee.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 19.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

20 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 20.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Trophies will be awarded to the winner of the Championship. Prizes will be awarded to the winner and other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

22 RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing

is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

23 INSURANCE

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3million per incident or the equivalent.

Appendix A

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