



**Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club  
GP14 Spring 2023 Series  
18th February to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the RYA, the rules of the appropriate class association, the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions, and any amendment thereto.

**2 IDENTIFICATION**

- 2.1 Each boat shall display only her own sail number. An application to change sail numbers must be made in writing to the Race Office at least one hour before the start of racing each day and will only be allowed with the approval of the Principal Race Officer (PRO).

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Championship Notice Board in the Clubhouse.

**4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than two hours before the advertised start time of the first race of the day.
- 4.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 24 hours before such change is to take effect.

**5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals to competitors will be made from the Flag Pole in the Club grounds.
- 5.2 When AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal for a race will be made not less than 45 minutes after it is removed. This amends RRS Race Signal AP.

**6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1 Three races are scheduled for each Sunday during the series.

- | 6.2 RACE                     | WARNING SIGNAL | STARTING SIGNAL |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| First race each day (GP14's) | 1:26           | 13:30           |

Subsequent races each day                      As soon as possible after previous race

- 6.3 The target duration for each race is approximately 20 minutes.
- 6.4 It is intended that 3 races will be sailed on each Sunday, however the race committee reserve the right to hold 4 races.
- 6.5 No race may be commenced after 15:30 on each race day.
- 6.6

**7 RACE AREA**

- 7.1 Racing will take place on Belfast Lough. Racing may be located between the club moorings and Grey Point or alternatively, towards Carrickfergus, on the North side of the Channel, depending on the prevailing wind conditions and also at the discretion of the PRO.

**8 CLASS FLAG**

8.1 The Class Flag, will be the **G** Flag.

## 9 THE COURSE

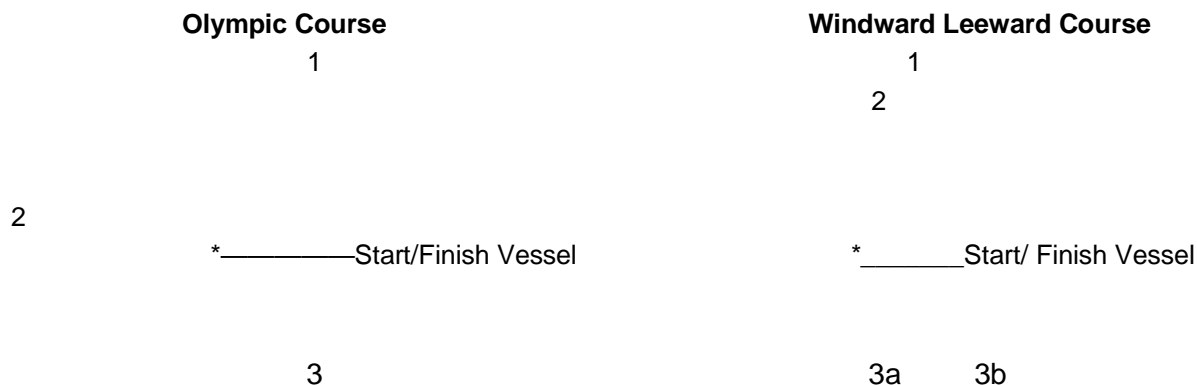
9.1 Olympic or Windward leeward course.

Olympic Flag **O** (Oscar):Marks shall be rounded in the following order:-

Start, 1, 2, 3, Start/Finish, 1, 3, Finish

Boats must leave marks 1, 2, 3 to port.

Windward Leeward, Flag **W** (Whiskey) Start 1,2, 3a or3b Start Finish, 1, 2, 3a or 3b Finish. PRO may finish the race at end of first round.



## 10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, and 3 or 3a/3b will be orange marks. Mark 2 on course O may be a blue buoy

10.2 Outer Limit Mark will be spherical Orange or Blue buoy.

## 11 THE START

11.1 The start line shall be between a Coloured Pole on the committee vessel and an Outer Limit Mark.

11.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This amends RRS A4.

11.3 The Starting Sequence will be four minutes and consist of the Class Flag as the warning signal followed one minute later by three orange sticks, on each subsequent minute a stick will be removed. The start will be the removal of the last stick and the lowering of the class flag. This amends RRS 26.

## 12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line shall be between the main mast of a committee vessel flying a blue flag and an orange outer limit mark.

The race may be finished at the end of the first lap.

## 13 PENALTIES

13.1 RRS 44.1 is amended so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13.2 RRS 31 is amended so that a boat may touch mark 1 or mark 2 without incurring a penalty.

## 14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit shall be 50 minutes.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This amends RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 15 PROTESTS

15.1 Protests shall be written on Protest Forms available at the Race Office and delivered to the Race Office within 90 minutes of the last boat to finish in the last race of each day or, if appropriate, within a longer time determined by the PRO.

## 16 SCORING

16.1 Scoring will be as defined in NOR 7 and NOR 8.