

# GP 14 Class Hot Toddy

Hosted by

Mullingar Sailing Club

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. RULES

Racing will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the ISA, the rules of the GP14 Class Association, these Sailing Instruction (SIs) and any changes thereto.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals ashore will be displayed at flagpole.

When Int. Code Flag 'F' is displayed no boat shall go afloat. The warning signal for the next race will be made not less than forty five minutes after Int. Code Flag 'F' is lowered.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Five races are scheduled. The warning signal for the first race on *Saturday* will be made at 1100 hrs. with Race 2 following as soon as possible and Race 3 after a lunch break on the water. The warning signal for Race 4 on *Sunday* will be made at 1100 hrs. Race 5 will follow as soon as possible.

To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, the postponement signal will be displayed for at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

### 6. ELIGIBILITY

- (a) All boats must have a valid Class Certificate issued prior to the date of the event.
- (b) 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 Association of Ireland 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 GP 14 Class Association of Ireland be disqualified from any or all of such races. This changes RRS 64.3(a).
- (c) All helmsmen/women must be members of the GP14 Class Association of Ireland and a member of their national sailing authority or a club affiliated to their national sailing authority.

### 7. CLASS FLAG

The Class Flag will be Numeral Pennant '6'.

**8. RACING AREA**

Towards the centre of the lake, between the two large islands. Reach sailing area by passing between the headland to the north of the clubhouse and Lady's island (the small island). There are shallows that extend from the shore with the fishing boats, to Lady's island and for several hundred meters beyond. Keep to the north of island. There are also shallows around the headland mentioned above. The other main area of shallows extends in a northwest direction from Church Island, the large island on the north side of the lake. Shallows will be marked with small red buoys. Check the blackboard in the clubhouse with a map of the lake before going afloat.

**9. COURSES**

A Triangular course will be laid as an approximately equal-sided triangle. See Appendix Start/Finish Line will be approximately 1/3 the distance between Mark 3 and Mark 1.

**10. MARKS**

Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be yellow. The starting/finishing mark will be yellow (unless replaced by a moored vessel).

**11. THE START and THE FINISH**

The Starting line shall be between the main mast of a Committee Boat and a Mark. Alternatively, the Outer Distance Mark may be a moored vessel flying a yellow flag. An Inner Limit Buoy may be moored approximately on the Starting Line and, if so, no boat shall pass between the Inner Limit Buoy and the Committee Boat after her Warning Signal.

**The Finish line shall be the same as the Start Line.**

**12. SHORTENING COURSE**

The course may be shortened for any reason at the discretion of the Race Officer provided that at least four legs will have been sailed. (Note: Mark 3 to Start/Finish line is considered one leg) The race may be shortened at the Start/Finish line. In this case a Race Committee vessel will be positioned at Mark 3 displaying Code Flag S and making repeated sound signals. This changes RRS 32.

**13. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for a race shall be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "DID NOT FINISH".

This changes rules 35 and A4.1.

On the second day of the event no race start sequence shall commence after **3.30pm**

**14. PROTESTS**

In addition to the obligations in RRS 61 protesting boats shall, immediately after finishing, inform the Race Officer of the sail number(s) of boats protested against in that race. Protest forms will be available from the Race Office and all protests shall be delivered to the Race Office within Protest Time. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This changes rule 61.3. The protest time limit will be posted 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. A schedule of Protest Hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as practicable each day. A charge of €15 is to be lodged with each protest, which will be returned if the protest is not deemed frivolous by the Protest Committee. Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final.

**15. SCORING**

The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A4.1 will apply. A boat that does not finish shall score points in accordance with Rule A4.2.

Two races shall be completed to constitute a series. If four or more races are completed, one discard will apply. Series ties shall be decided in accordance with RRS Appendix A8.

**16. 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.
- (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.
- (d) All boats shall carry a hand bailer of a minimum capacity of 1 litre.

**17. SUBSTITUTION**

With the approval of the Class Association the Race Committee is authorised to permit 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.

**18. 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. The correct sail number shall also appear on the spinnaker. Requests for substitution may be made in writing to the Race Committee not less than one hour before the scheduled warning signal for the first race each day.

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## **INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS**

**A. RESPONSIBILITY**

**Mullingar Sailing 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. LUNCHES**

Packed lunches will be distributed by the rescue boats.

**C. STORAGE OF BOATS**

Storage for competitors' boats will be available on Club property. The Club and the GP14 Class Association of Ireland accept no responsibility for boats or property left on moorings or Club property.

**D. SECURITY**

All competitors should note the necessity to secure their valuables before going afloat.

**E. MEMBERSHIP**

All competitors will be granted Temporary Membership of Mullingar Sailing Club for the duration of the event.

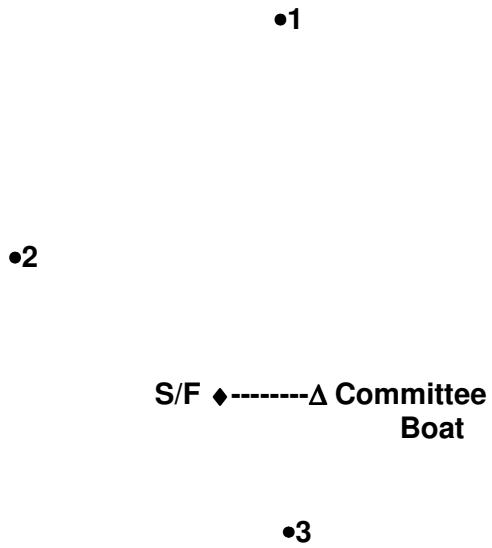
**F. WEATHER FORECAST**

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

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# Appendix: The Course

## Triangular Course



S/F =Start/Finish Line Mark

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