

GP14 Midland Championships

Organised by The Chase Sailing Club

26th & 27th March 2022

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. Racing will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, the Rules of the International GP14 Class Association, Notice of Race & the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Racing Rule 40 will be changed as follows;
Adequate personal buoyancy must be worn by all competitors when afloat. Flag Y will not be displayed.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the clubhouse.
- 2.2. A race briefing will be held at **10:30** on Saturday 26th March.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least 60 minutes before the start of the first race.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be flown from the clubhouse flagpole located at the OOD box in the Dinghy Park.
- 4.2. When 'AP' is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 15 minutes in the race signal "AP"'.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Date of Racing: 26th & 27th March 2022
- 5.2. The event will be a 6 race regatta held on 2 days as follows;

Date	Time of Warning Signal	Races (AM)	Races (PM)
Saturday 26 th March	Not before 11:00	1 Race	2 Races
Sunday 27 th March	Not before 10:30	3 Races	

- 5.3. After a long postponement, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least four minutes before a warning signal is displayed to alert boats that a race or sequences of races will begin.
- 5.4. No first warning signal will be made after **15:00** on Sunday 27th March

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The class flag will be Code Flag B.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. The racing area will be on Chasewater

8. COURSES

- 8.1. Course & number of laps will be displayed on the Committee Boat, rounding direction of marks is indicated by background colour of the mark number.
- 8.2. Races will be started from the Race Committee Boat
- 8.3. No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee Boat will display the course to be sailed.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. The start line will be between the mast of the committee boat and an orange cylindrical mark.
- 9.2. Marks of the course are yellow cylindrical buoys & are numbered clockwise around the pool
- 9.3. The finish line will be the between the committee boat & a mark of the course.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. The North Shore (Sailing Club Side) is shallow to approximately 5m from all banks.
- 10.2. The area round the island is shallow to approximately 5m all round.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races shall be started using Rule 26 (5-4-1-Go).
- 11.2. The starting line will be between the committee boat mast displaying an orange flag & the starting mark

12. CHANGE OF NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will fly Flag C giving frequent sound signals to draw attention to the red or green flag denoting the direction the mark has been moved.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finish line will be between the mast of the committee boat and a mark of the course

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. The scoring penalty Rule 44.3 will not apply.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1. There will be no race time limit. The target race time for the first boat will be 45 minutes.
- 15.2. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 15.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5. This Instruction will be signalled by lowering the orange flag with three long sound signals.
- 15.4. 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 the 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 shall not be grounds for a redress under request Rule 62(a). This alters rule 35.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. This time limit will be extended by 30 minutes for all protests by the race committee relating to incidents observed in the racing area.

16.3 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. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located on the first floor of the club house.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5 Breaches of Instructions 1.2(a) and 18 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

17 SCORING

17.1 Two Races are required to be completed to constitute a series

17.2 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores

17.3. When 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worse score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT CREW

19.1 Substitution of helmsperson during the regatta will not be permitted.

20 EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment maybe inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 OFFICAL BOATS

21.1 Official boats will be identified at the briefing

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

22.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

23 PRIZES

23.1 Prizes will be awarded for at least 1st, 2nd, 3rd

23.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

24 RISK STATEMENT

24.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24.2 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) 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.
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information prepared for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

25 INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident.