



INTERNATIONAL GP 14 CLASS ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIP LEIGH ON SEA SAILING CLUB - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Saturday 31st August & Sunday 1st September 2019

Organised by Leigh on Sea Sailing Club and the International GP14 Class Association

1. Rules: The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020 the prescriptions of the RYA, the Sailing Instructions and rules of the class, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

Competitors should note that Leigh on Sea Sailing Club implement the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be required to undertake to sail in compliance with the Charter, which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book (Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 -2020) or at www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter

2. Notices to Competitors: Notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located in the downstairs atrium.

3. Changes in Sailing Instructions: Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 11.00 on the day it will take effect.

4. Signals made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpost at When AP is displayed ashore, the race start will be minimum of 45 minutes after AP is removed. This changes the AP signal of the RRS.

5. Schedule of Races.

Saturday August 31st	First race warning signal 12.25 hrs	Sunday Sept 1st	First Race warning signal 13.10hrs
	Second race back to back		Second race back to back
	HW 13.58 (6.0m)		HW 14.42 (6.10m)

Four races are scheduled to be sailed, of which one race must be completed to constitute a series. If four races are completed, one discard will be allowed, if less than four races are completed all will count.

6. GP14 Class; - Class Flag 'A'

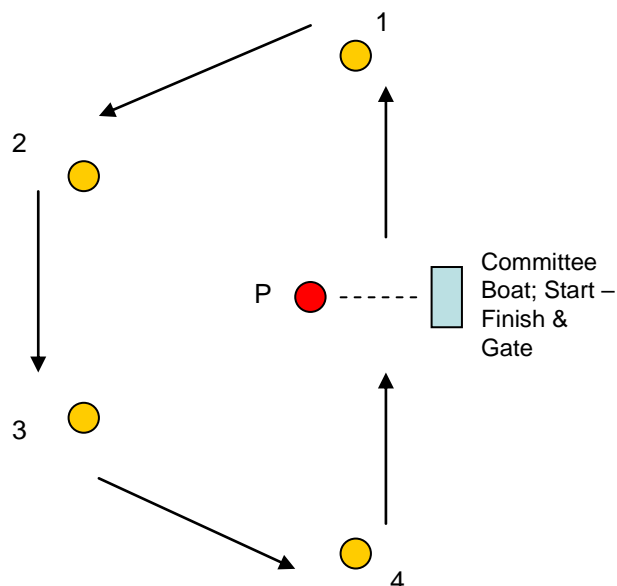
7. RACING AREA

The racing area is the tidal waters of the Thames Estuary off Leigh-on-Sea.

8. THE COURSES

The course is shown in the diagram below showing the order in which the marks are to be passes and the side on which each mark is to be left.

The Course: The diagram indicates the approximate relative positions of the start, finish, gate and marks.



Course: The course will be: Start (Between Committee boat and mark P)
 1, 2, 3, 4, gate (P - Committee boat), Number of laps to be shown on the Committee boat.
 Finish (Between Committee boat and mark P)
 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 must be left to Port.
Note: the gate (P - Committee Boat) MUST be sailed through on each leg which comprises marks 4 → 1.
 The **Start and Finish line** will be between the main mast of the race committee boat at the starboard end and Mark P at the Port end.

9. MARKS:

Marks 1, 2, 3, and 4, will be large cylindrical orange inflatables which are unnumbered. Mark P will be a spherical orange or white buoy.

10. The Start: Races will be started using the procedures described in Rule 26.

11. The Finish: After the first boat has finished or the shortened course signal has been given, any boats that have been lapped will be finished the next time they pass through the finish line. At the discretion of the Race Officer, the fleet may be finished at any mark. In this case a second finish line will be established between the mark and a support boat which shall fly Code Flag M.

12. Time limits. The time limits are as follows:

Time Limit for Race	Mark 1 Time Limit	Last Boat Time Limit
75 min	30 min	20 min after first boat

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.
 Any boat finishing twenty minutes after the first boat crosses the finishing line will be deemed to have retired.

- 13. Protests:** Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Officer and delivered back within 90 minutes after the time of the last boats finish in the last race of the day.
Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
Protest notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.
- 14. Scoring -** The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. When four races have been completed a boat's score shall be the total of her races discarding her worst result. If less than four races have been completed, count all.
- 15. REPLACEMENT OF CREW**
Replacement of helm is not permitted. Replacement of the crew may be permitted with the prior permission of the race committee.
- 16. EQUIPMENT CHECKS**
Boats may be checked for compliance with the class rules at any time during the regatta.
- 17. SUPPORT BOATS**
Support boats are not allowed.
- 18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**
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.(DP).
- 19. PRIZES**
Prizes will be awarded to the winner of the Championship. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.
- 20. INSURANCE –**
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.