



# TRALEE BAY SAILING CLUB

## GP 14 Class Association Ireland

### 2023 Munster Championship

### Sailing Instructions

### Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>

#### 1) Rules

1.1 The current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of Irish Sailing, the Class Association Rules, this Notice of Race(NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (Sis) shall apply.

1.2 Any conflict between the NoR and the Sis shall be resolved in favour of the Sis.

#### 2) Notices to competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located in the hallway of TBSC clubhouse

2.2 Notices may also be posted on the event WhatsApp group.

#### 3) Changes to sailing instructions

3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions shall be posted before 10am on the day to which they apply

3.2 Changes to the race schedule shall be posted before 7pm on the day before which they apply.

#### 4) Signals made ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore shall be flown on the flagpole(s) at the clubhouse terrace.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes in the race signal AP.

## **5) Flags**

5.1 The class flag shall be IC Flag A

5.2 The race officer may also use IC Flag B and IC Flag W.

## **6) Sailing Area**

6.1 All races shall be sailed in Tralee Bay

6.2 Commercial shipping entering or leaving the port has right of way at all times.

## **7) The Course**

7.1 The course shall be an equilateral triangle as shown in appendix A. The diagram shows the order and side on which marks shall be rounded.

7.2 For the last race on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> the race officer may set an alternative course using laid marks and/or natural features such as the Little Samphire Lighthouse.

7.3 If such a course is used it shall be displayed on a board at the stern of the committee boat at least five minutes before the first warning signal for that race. The committee boat shall also fly IC Flag D and make repeated sound signals to indicate that an alternative course is in use.

## **8) Marks**

8.1 The course marks may be large orange and/or yellow inflatable buoys

8.2 The committee boat may be a white 43 foot sloop with red bootline named 'Aqua Viva'

## **9) The Start**

9.1 Races shall start in accordance with RRS 26

9.2 The start line shall be between the mainmast of the committee boat flying an orange flag and an outer distance mark.

9.3 An Inner distance mark may be laid and must be left to starboard by boats approaching the line to start.

9.4 Both marks shall be orange pencil buoys.

9.5 The race officer may fly IC Flag B to indicate that one or more boats are on the course side prior to the start. The use or otherwise of this flag shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress.

9.6 A boat which has not crossed the start line within five minutes of the starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. (Changes RRS A4 and A5).

## **10) Change of course**

10.1 To change the next leg of the course the race committee may move one or more marks or the finish line (Changes RRS 33).

## **11) The Finish**

11.1 The finish line shall be between the main mast of the committee boat and an outer distance mark to port.

11.2 The outer distance mark shall be an orange pencil buoy.

11.3 The committee boat shall fly a blue flag to indicate that she is on station for the finish

11.4 No boat shall pass through the finish line in either direction except to finish once the blue flag is flying.

11.5 Once the first boat has finished a race committee boat flying IC Flag W may finish other boats in their position on the water. This race committee boat shall start this finish procedure with the boat in last place on the water and proceed upwards through the fleet.

11.6 Once finished under 11.5 boats shall proceed to the start area for the next race or to the slipway and shall not interfere with boats still racing.

## **12) Shortening Course**

12.1 In addition to RRS 32 the race committee may shorten the course at any rounding mark by displaying IC Flag S and making two sound signals.

12.2 The finish line shall be between the rounding mark to port and a staff on the nearby race committee boat.

12.3 The race committee boat shall signal shorten course before the first boat reaches the mark.

## **13) Time limit**

13.1 The time limit for each race shall be 60 minutes except that if an alternative course is used for the last race on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> then the time limit for that race only shall be 90 minutes.

13.2 Boats which are still sailing and have not finished within 15 minutes of the first boat shall be scored DNF. If an alternative course is in use this time limit is extended to 20 minutes

## **14) Protests**

14.1 Boats intending to lodge a protest shall inform the committee boat at the finish line (Changes RRS 61)

14.2 Protest forms shall be available at the bar counter in the TBSC clubhouse and shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

14.3 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the Race committee signals no more racing today. The same time limit shall apply to protest by the race committee and requests for redress (Changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2)

14.4 Notices shall be posted within 30 minutes of the time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are involved. Such notices may also be posted on the event WhatsApp group.

14.5 Similarly notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee shall be posted to inform competitors under RRS 61.1.b.

14.6 Requests for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit for a decision delivered the previous day or within 30 minutes of being informed of a decision on that day (Changes RRS 62.2 and 66)

### **15) Scoring**

15.1 Two races are required to constitute an event.

15.2 A boat may discard her worst score if four or more races are completed

### **16) Safety regulations**

16.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices at all times on the water (changes RRS 40).

16.2 A boat which retires from a race shall inform a race committee boat as soon as possible.

16.3 Rescue boats on manoeuvre have right of way at all times.

16.4 Boats shall comply with instructions issued by a safety boat.

16.5 Competitors attention is drawn to the two monitoring buoys in the Bay. See Marine notice number 03 of 2023 for full details. See Appendix B

### **17) Substitutions**

17.1 Substitution of crew or equipment shall require a written request to the race committee.

17.2 In an emergency or in the event of breakages on the water a substitution may be made but the race committee must be informed at the first opportunity.

### **18) Equipment and measurement checks**

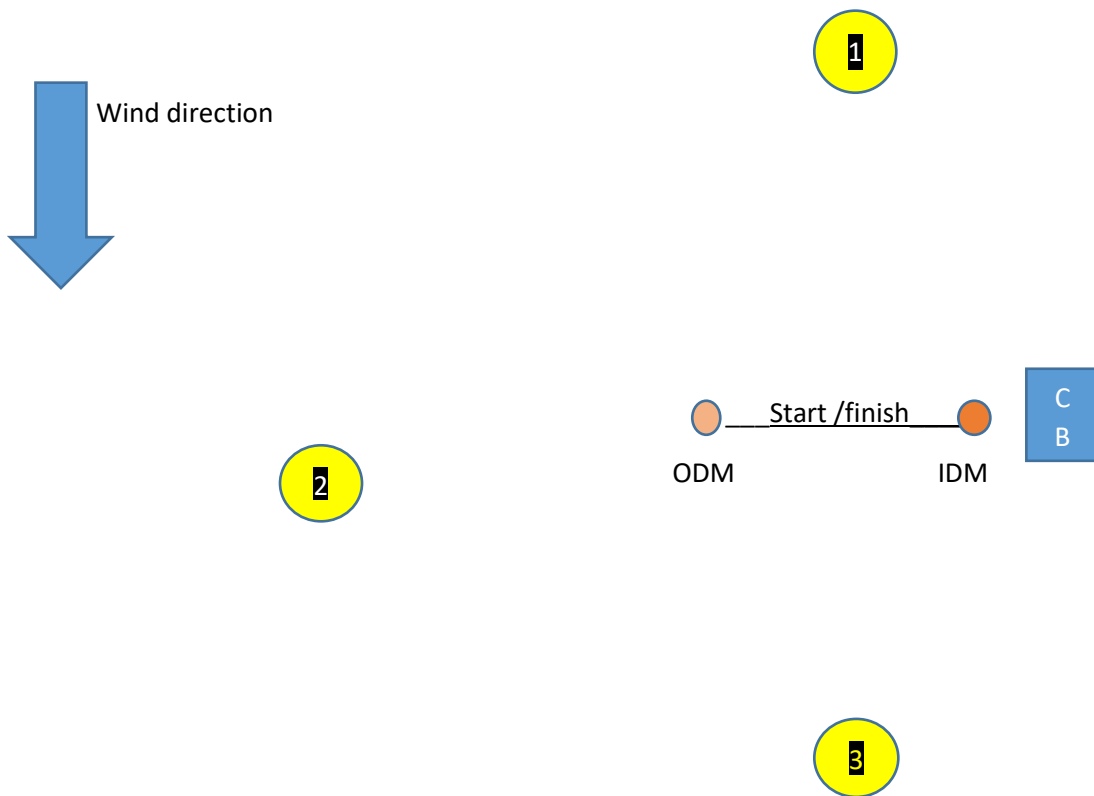
18.1 The race committee or technical committee may require a boat and/or its equipment to be checked or measured at any time before or during the event. Boats which do not comply with the GP 14 measurement guide may be excluded from the event or scored DNE for any races completed

### **19) Trash disposal**

19.1 Competitors may not dispose of trash or rubbish in the water.

19.2 All such material shall be brought ashore and disposed of in appropriate location.

## Appendix A



Course: Start- 1p-2p-3p-1p-3p-1p-2p-3p- Finish

Note that the IDM is an option for the race committee

Do not cross the finish line except to finish when CB is flying blue flag

The course approximates an equilateral triangle

## Appendix B

### Excerpt from Marine Notice number 03 of 2023

ID Buoy Type Site Name Latitude Longitude

1 1.2m Buoy Fenit Dredge Site 52° 16' 16.08" N 009° 51' 15.72" W

2 1.2m Buoy Fenit Control Site 52°14' 49.98" N 009° 53' 29.64" W

#### 4. Safety Precautions

The data buoys will be deployed on a single point mooring consisting of 19mm diameter chain and a 1 Tonne sinker weight. The lantern on the buoys will give out 5 yellow flashes every 20 seconds. The light is visible for up to 3 nautical miles. The data buoys are yellow in colour and each buoy is equipped with a navigational beacon, radar reflector, St. Andrews Cross, GSM antennas, solar panels, lead batteries, instrument cables and TechWorks Marine Black Box (TMBB).