

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The International GP14 Class Association - UK Inland Championship sponsored by SM Composites, Wessex Gin, Creative Covers and Rooster

September 23rd & 24th 2023



The organising authority is **Frensham Pond Sailing Club** in conjunction with the International GP14 Class Association

1 RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

- 1.1 Rule 40.1 (Personal Flotation) shall apply.
Rule 61.1 (a) 2 is deleted. A protest flag will be required and will be provided.

2 CLASSES SAILED AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

Shall be as notified in the Notice of Race.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 3.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 20 minutes".

4 COURSES

- 4.1 The course for each race, and the number of laps, will be displayed on the committee boat.
- 4.2 The course will be displayed no later than the warning signal for that race.

5 DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

- 5.1 There are nine spherical club racing marks, numbered 1 to 9 clockwise around the pond. These are illustrated in the venue plan shown in Appendix A. Any of the marks can be used whose positions may be altered as required. Other marks may also be laid and used. If additional buoys are to be used they will be described in a notice to competitors and posted on the notice board.

6 THE START

- 6.1 Races will be started using RRS26 with a warning signal five minutes before the starting signal.
- 6.2 The start will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a committee boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

- 6.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 6.4 The class flag shall be a white flag with the GP14 logo.
- 6.5 A boat does not have to be afloat at her preparatory flag. This changes RRS 45.

7 CHANGING THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

A change of bearing of any mark after the start will be signalled using Flag C before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the repositioned mark may not then be in its new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the repositioned mark may also be relocated to maintain as far as possible the original course configuration.

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a committee boat and the nearby mark.
- 8.2 The race committee may give a finishing place to any boat in accordance with the following procedure. When a race committee vessel displays Flag W with one sound signal, the boat identified will be given a finishing place and is no longer required to sail the course (Changing RRS28.1). A boat so notified shall return to the start area or return ashore if there is no more racing.

9 TIME LIMIT

The race time limit shall be as set out in the Notice of Race

10 OUTSIDE HELP

- 10.1 The helm of a capsized boat may request a patrol boat to assist with raising its mast to the water surface. This will be held not to infringe RRS 41.
- 10.2 A lead boat flying Flag G may motor around the course ahead of the fleet. This will be held not to infringe RRS 41.

11 PROTESTS

- 11.1 The protest time limit will be set at 30 minutes after the last boat returns ashore following the race. When back-to-back races are held, the time limit applies after the last race of the particular group of back-to-back races.
- 11.2 Protests shall be written on forms available from the race office. Protests shall be lodged at the race office within the protest time limit.
- 11.3 A protest schedule, identifying boats who are parties to hearings, will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the end of the protest time limit.
- 11.4 RRS Appendix T (RYA Arbitration) will be used. The penalty for which will be a 20% scoring penalty.

12 SCORING

The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

13 RETIREMENT DECLARATION

A helm who has failed to sail in full accordance with the rules shall retire from the race and indicate their boats retirement on completing the Declaration Sheet displayed on the official notice board

14 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 14.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least 30 minutes before the first warning signal for that days
- 14.2 Flag L will be displayed from the flagpole adjacent to the main clubhouse.

END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

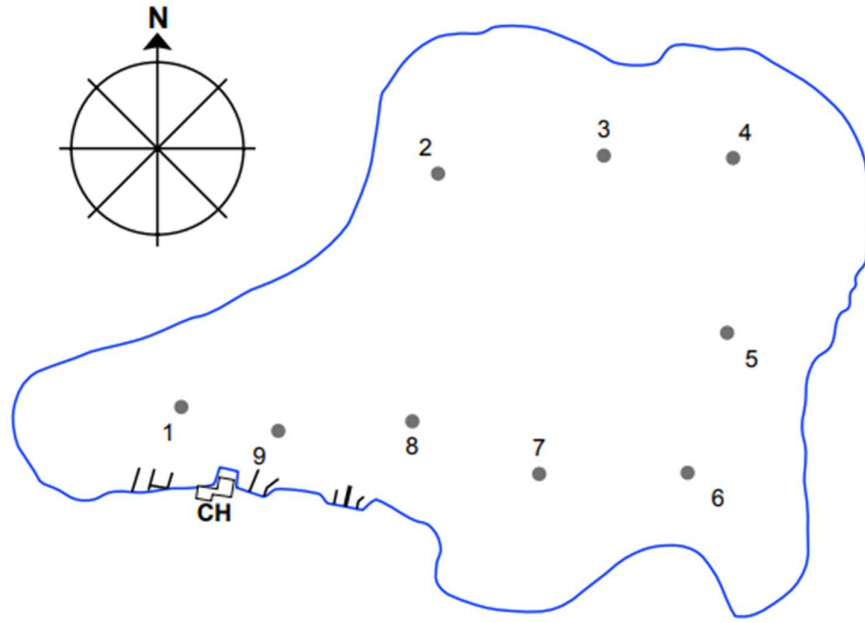
15 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 15.1 Accommodation will be available at the club on Saturday night for campervans and small tents at £10 per night payable on the Association website or at the club. Facilities will be available but no hook ups. Alternatively, there is a wide range of accommodation options available in the area.
- 15.2 Youth and Sailability sailing takes place at the club until 12.00 until which time the car park will be busy. Competitors intending to drop their boats off on Friday or before 11.30 on Saturday are asked to inform the organisers in advance.
- 15.3 A full catering service will be available on Saturday and Sunday including breakfast and lunch. FPSC operate a cashless system for all purchases at the club. Evening meal and entertainment tickets can be bought at the GP14 shop at £20 per person and should be ordered in advance. Entertainment includes local band "Shantyhead" and two course meal with vegan options.
- 15.4 No cash payments can be accommodated at the club.
- 15.5 All competitors and guests shall be honorary members of FPSC for the duration of the event.
- 15.6 For further information please contact www.gp14.org or contact Frensham Pond Sailing Club – Jon Denyer FPSC Class captain (07871 155483) or David Innes GP14 Southern Area Rep.(07521 043553)

Appendix A: Venue Plan

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CH = Club House