

Bolton Sailing Club GP14 Youth Nationals

Sailing Instructions

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th October 2025

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the "Rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the RYA, the appropriate class rules, the RYA Racing Charter and these sailing instructions.
- 1.2. The racing rules will govern all boats on the water at all times.

2. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside or outside the clubhouse, adjacent to the race office.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be indicated by displaying International code flag L and two sound signals at least 20 minutes before the advertised start time.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole adjacent to the race office.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1. The briefing will be at 11:15 on Saturday 25th October.
- 5.2. The warning signal for the first race on Saturday will be at 11:55am.
- 5.3. The warning signal for the first race on Sunday will be at 11:00am.
- 5.4. The warning signals for subsequent races each day will be announced by the PRO.
- 5.5. Five races are scheduled to be sailed. The intention is to sail three on Saturday and two on Sunday, however this may be varied at the PRO's discretion.
- 5.6. No more than 3 races will be sailed per day.
- 5.7. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00hrs.
- 5.8. Note: British Summer Time ends at 2:00am on Sunday 26th October 2025.

6. Signing On

Competitors must enter and pay before the first race. It is not necessary to sign on/off before/after every race.

7. Class Flag

The GP14 Class flags will be Flag A.

8. Courses

- 8.1. The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on the course board.
- 8.2. The course will be displayed on the course board adjacent to the race office at least 15 minutes before the start of the race or on the committee boat at least 10 minutes before the start of the race.
- 8.3. When an alteration to the course is made, two sound signals will be made and International Code Flag Numeral Pennant Two flown.

9. Marks

The normal rounding marks will be yellow. Temporary rounding marks may be used and will be red / orange.

10. The Start

- 10.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26 Starting Races.
- 10.2. When a committee boat start is used the starting line is defined as the line between the mast on the committee boat and an outer start mark. The outer start mark will be red / orange with a pole.
- 10.3. A limit mark may be laid adjacent to the committee boat. Limit marks are marks of the course. No boat shall pass between the limit mark and any part of the vessel it guards after the preparatory signal.
- 10.4. When a shore-based start is used, the start line will be an extension of the line through the transit poles outside the race office and between the two limit marks. The limit marks will be black and white chequered buoys.
- 10.5. In the event of a general recall the preparatory signal for the recalled class shall be made one minute after the First Substitute is removed. This changes RRS 29.2 General Recall.

11. Change of the Position of the Next Mark

The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) and signaling all boats before they begin the leg. The signal shall be the display of Flag C with repetitive sounds. The next mark need not be in position at that time. Subsequent legs may be changed without further signaling. This changes rule 33.

12. The Finish

- 12.1. The finishing line will be an extension of the line through the transit poles outside the race office and between the two limit marks.
- 12.2. When Flag S is displayed from the race office mast, the race will finish when this finishing line is next crossed after the last mark of the course is rounded.
- 12.3. In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing score to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a boat, Flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course (changing RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and return to the shore. A finishing score under this sailing instruction will be the score she would have received had she sailed the course and finished within any time limit, without gaining or losing any place. However, when two or more boats that are overlapped are notified, they will be scored as if they were tied. The decision by the race committee to use this procedure or not to use it shall not be grounds for requesting redress, changing RRS 60.1(b).

13. Target Time & Time Limits

The target for each race is 50 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the leading boat in their fleet will be scored Did Not Finish.

14. Protests And Requests for Redress

Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be submitted within 25 minutes of the last boat finishing the race.

15. Scoring

- 15.1. The low point scoring system of Appendix A Scoring will apply.
- 15.2. The number of races to count shall be one less than the number of races completed. If less than 3 races are completed, all races shall count.
- 15.3. RRS A5.3 will apply.
- 15.4. Points for race ties will not be added and divided.

16. Safety Regulations

- 16.1. Adequate personal buoyancy shall be worn by all crew members whilst afloat. Inflatable type buoyancy must be worn inflated. This varies RRS 40 Personal Flotation Devices.
- 16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17. Equipment And Measurement Checks

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

18. Official Boats

Any patrol boat displaying the club burgee shall rank as a committee boat.

19. Local Variations

- 19.1. The passage between the Bolton to Preston Road and the island is not to be made during racing unless a specific instruction to do so is given when the course is laid.
- 19.2. Boats may remain on the beach or be made fast to the jetty between the preparatory and starting signal. This changes RRS 45 Hauling Out; Making Fast; Anchoring.

20. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the events entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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 event.

21. Insurance

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