



**LEIGH ON SEA SAILING CLUB**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – GP14 & (Under 18) ILCA Open Races**  
**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> & SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**

**Risk Statement:** 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 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.

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 2025 - 2028) or at [www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter](http://www.rya.org.uk/racing/charter)

**Rules: The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028** the prescriptions of the RYA, the Sailing Instructions and rules of the class, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions. The Open Meeting is designated Category C.

**Acceptance of the Rules:** By participating in a race conducted under these racing rules, each competitor and boat owner agrees:

(a) to be governed by the *rules*:

(b) to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the *rules*, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the *rules*; and

(c) where the matter is not one to be determined under the *rules* not to resort to any court of law or any tribunal until all internal remedies provided by ISAF or by the Court of Arbitration for Sport have been exhausted.

## **Leigh on Sea S.C. Open Meeting Sailing Instructions 2026**

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**Entries:** Entry fee £30.00 for GP14 Class, £15 for (under 18) ILCA Class. ALL MUST complete an entry form supplied by Leigh on Sea Sailing Club.

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

**Changes in Sailing Instructions:** Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect.

**Schedule of Races. High tide 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026 HW 12:52 Ht 5.85m**

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 HW 13:37 Ht 5.93m**

Four races are scheduled to be sailed for the GP14 class. Four races are scheduled for the (Under 18) ILCA Class

### **GP14 Class - Class Flag A**

<b>Race</b>	<b>Start time</b>
1	16 <sup>th</sup> May 11:15 BST
2	As soon as possible after race 1
3	17 <sup>th</sup> May 12:00 BST
4	As soon as possible after race 3.

### **ILCA Class (Under 18) – Class Flag C**

<b>Race</b>	<b>Start time</b>
1	16 <sup>th</sup> May 11:20 BST
2	As soon as possible after Race 1
3	17 <sup>th</sup> May 12:05
4	As soon as possible after Race 3

**Scoring - General** The low point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

### **The Course – Shore Fixed Start**

The course to be sailed by all classes will be displayed on the race hut at the warning signal.

An arrow will indicate the direction of the start and the first mark. The basic course will be quadrilateral and will consist of three large orange inflatable marks and the **INNER DISTANCE MARK POLE** to be rounded as follows:

(NOTE: the orange start buoy **WILL NOT** form a mark of the course after the start):

**Course “A”** - WESTERLY START – (towards Old Leigh) When a Course “A” board displayed on a red background, leave all marks to Port, maximum four rounds.

**Course “B”** - EASTERLY START- (towards the Pier) When a Course “B” board displayed on a green background, leave all marks to Starboard, maximum four rounds.

### **Start/finish line.**

The **start line** is between the **flag pole** flying the LSC flag by the race hut and an **orange buoy** laid approximately south (east or west depending on wind direction) of the starting hut. The **finish line** is between the same **flag pole** and the **inner distance mark pole**.

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**Marks.** Are large inflatable orange marks and are unmarked. The inner distance mark pole is about 150 metres south of the Race Hut with a top drum.

**The Start: Rule 26** Races will be started using the procedures described in Rule 26 modified as:

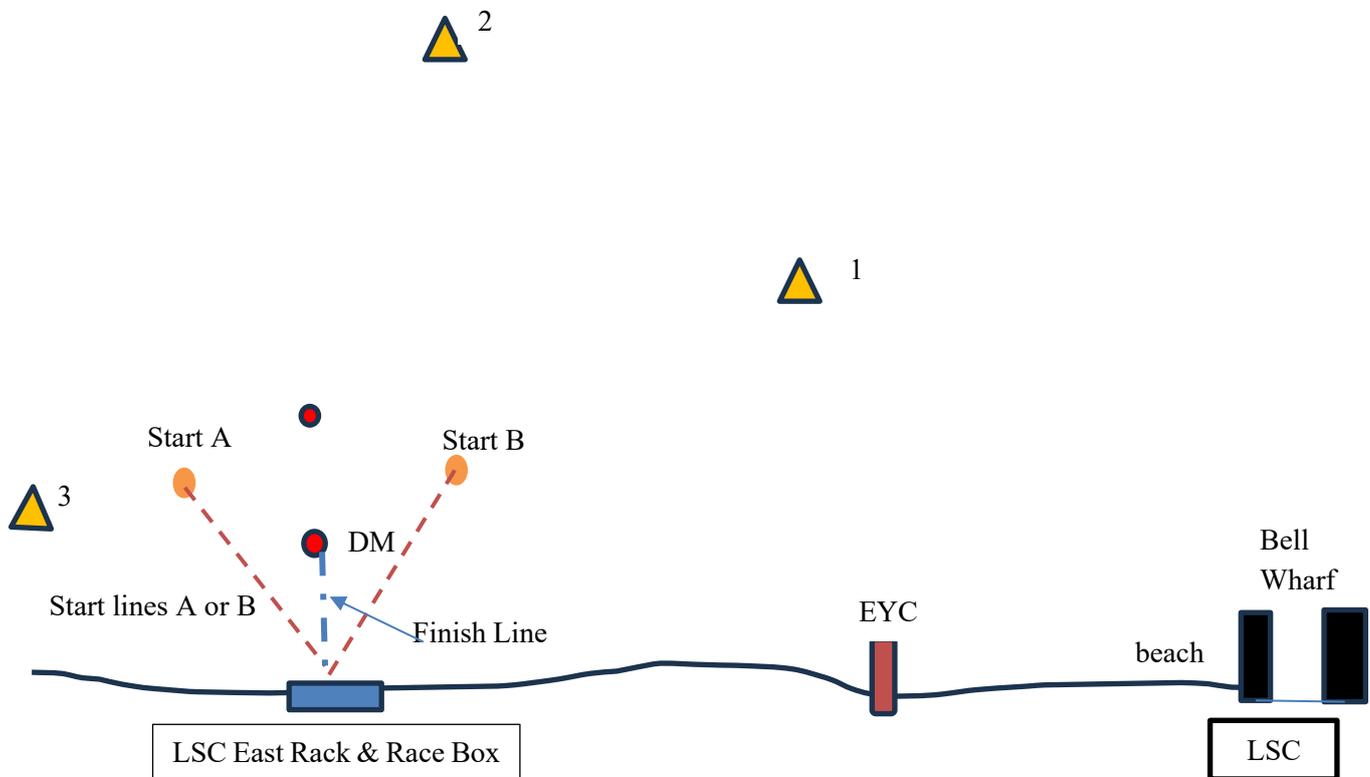
<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual Signal</i>	<i>Sound Signal</i>	<i>Means</i>
5	Class Flag	One	Warning signal
4	P – Preparatory flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One	One minute
0	Class Flag removed	One	Starting signal

**The Finish:** 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.

**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.



**Course Plan – NOT TO SCALE** – marks will be laid to suit the wind direction for each race. If Course A is shown the order of rounding the marks will be start A, 1P, 2P, 3P DM P. If Course B is shown the order of rounding will be Start B, 3S, 2S, 1S, DM S. After the start the Start Marks A and B are NOT marks of the course, the pole mark DM is NOT a mark of the course until the end of the first round.