



B14 GUL National and Open Championships 2018

2nd – 5th August 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority is **Paignton Sailing Club** in association with the **UK B14 Class Association**.

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1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The rules and bylaws of Paignton Sailing Club will apply.
- 1.3. In the event of a conflict between documents, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4. Competitors shall sail in accordance with the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Racing Charter.
- 1.5. Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Exoneration Penalty and Arbitration will be available.
- 1.6. The notation '[NP/DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the rule is not protectable by another competitor and the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.



2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted at least one hour before the first race affected, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Paignton Sailing Club flag pole, on Paignton Green.
- 4.2. On any day when racing is scheduled, boats shall not launch until Flag D  is displayed ashore. The first warning signal will not be less than 30 minutes after Flag D is displayed. [NP/DP]
- 4.3. When flag AP  (without a numeral) is displayed ashore, the launch signal (Flag D), rather than the warning signal, will be made 1 minute after its removal. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.
- 4.4. Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment". Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40. [NP/DP]

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. The times below in bold are fixed (subject to RRS procedures), the remaining times are for guidance only and may vary considerably, deviation will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

	Wed 1st	Thurs 2nd	Fri 3rd	Sat 4th	Sun 5th
Registration	15:00 – 18:00	09:00 – 10:00			
Scrutineering	15:00 – 18:00	09:00 – 10:00			
Competitors' Briefing		11:00			
1st Warning Signal		12:55	10:55	10:55	10:55
Number of Races		3	4	4	3
Last Warning Signal					15:00
Prize Giving					16:00 or ASAP

- 5.2. The Championship will consist of up to 14 races.
- 5.3. The intention is that there will be no more than four races a day. However, additional races may be sailed either in advance or arrears in order to complete the programme if weather or other reasons dictate.
- 5.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 15:00.

6. FLEETS AND CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The Class Flag will be a white flag displaying the Gul logo.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. Racing will take place in the waters of Tor Bay.



8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The diagram in Attachment A shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. All angles and leg lengths are for illustration only and are not to scale.
- 8.2. Except for gates, all marks shall be left to port.
- 8.3. Gates may be replaced with a single mark to be rounded to port.
- 8.4. No later than the Warning Signals the course to be sailed will be displayed on the committee signal vessel from the warning signal using the abbreviations listed in Attachments A.
- 8.5. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2s and 2p will be 5' orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.2. Mark 1a will be a 2'6" orange dumpy.
- 9.3. Starting and finishing marks will be a race committee vessel and a vessel or buoy with an orange flag.

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. There is an area of rocks to south east of the harbour entrance. Competitors are advised to sail to the north and east of the east cardinal mark .
- 10.2. In order to avoid moorings and harbour traffic, competitors are advised to sail to the north of the staff mark displaying flag N  which is 100m north of the harbour entrance.


11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2. The orange starting line flag will be displayed on the committee signal vessel with one long sound at least **two** minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 11.3. The starting line will be between a staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 11.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee may move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position or lay a new mark of a similar description and remove the previous one as soon as possible.
- 12.2. The race committee may move a mark (or the finishing line) up to 100m without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finish line will be between a staffs displaying orange flags on the finish marks.
- 13.2. Boats may be finished on the course. Flag W  will be displayed and the boat's sail number called. Boats will be awarded the place she would have received had she sailed the course without gaining or losing any places. This changes Rule 28.1.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2. When an incident occurs where a penalty applies while the head of the spinnaker is above the main-boom gooseneck, the penalty may be taken immediately after the next time the head of the spinnaker is lowered below the main-boom gooseneck, but shall always be taken prior to rounding mark 2s/2p or crossing the finishing line. This changes rule 44.2.
- 14.3. Touching a mark (other than a starting or finishing line mark) with any part of the boat or crew shall not constitute an infringement of the Rules. Manhandling a mark which results in an advantage is not allowed and a boat so doing shall promptly

retire. If a boat touches a start or finish mark they shall complete a one-turn penalty as described in RRS 44.2. This changes RRS 31.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. The target time for all races is 30 minutes.
- 15.2. The time limit is 60 minutes or 15 minutes after the first boat of the same fleet sails the course and finishes, which ever is later.
- 15.3. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms may be collected from the race office.
- 16.2. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the last boat has returned ashore after the race of the incident.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series..
- 17.3. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores as listed below:

Races Completed	Scores Excluded
1 – 3	0
4 – 7	1
8 – 11	2
12 – 14	3

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Boats will be required to Check-out and Check-in (Tally) by collecting and returning an electronic tracking device from the Beachmasters' office. In addition, every boat shall have its own launching trolley to which shall be attached on its handle a tag or ribbon bearing the competitor's sail number. All competitors shall return to shore without unnecessary delay when they have finished racing for the day.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

21. EVENT ADVERTISING

21.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

22.1. All boats assisting with the management or safety of the event will be considered official boats.

23. SUPPORT BOATS

23.1. Support boats must register prior to the event and provide a list of boats being supported.

24. LITTER DISPOSAL

24.1. Litter may be placed aboard support or official boats and shall not be disposed of in the sea.

25-26 NOT USED

27. RADIO COMMUNICATION

27.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP].

27.2. Boats are required to carry a GPS tracking device to be provided by the Race Committee. See SI 18.1

28. PRIZES

28.1. Prizes will be awarded for.

- The National Championship
- The Open Championship

28.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.

29. STATEMENT OF RISK

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 other 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;
- (g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any briefings held at the venue.

30. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000.

A. COURSE

