



# Tenby Sailing Club

## GP14 National Championship Enterprise National Championship Miracle National Championship.

**2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the SI means that a boat may not protest another boat under this rule. This changes RRS 60.1*

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 A boat shall not race with an incorrect sail number without prior permission of the Race Committee.

#### **2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which is the event competitors WhatsApp group. Joining details for the group are on the class websites. Notices may also be posted on the noticeboard at the Beachmaster's office. After the first Notice to competitors has been posted, subsequent ones will be denoted by the appropriate numeral displayed with flag L.
- 3.2 The competitors briefing will be held in TSC Clubhouse at 1830 on Saturday 2nd August.
- 3.3 The race office is located at the Beachmaster's office.
- 3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

#### **4 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP][NP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the Organizing Authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

#### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located at the clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

- 5.3 [DP][NP] Boats shall not leave the shore until Flag D is displayed with one sound signal. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 6.1

Date	First Warning Signal	Race Number
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	1200	Enterprise race 1 Miracle race 1 GP14 Practice
		Enterprise race 2 Miracle race 2 GP14 race 1
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	1200	Enterprise race 3 Miracle race 3 GP14 race 2
		Enterprise race 4 Miracle race 4 GP14 race 3
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	1200	Enterprise race 5 Miracle race 5 GP14 race 4
		Enterprise race 6 Miracle race 6 GP14 race 5
		Crews' race- provisional
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	1200	Optional race or lay day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	1200	Enterprise race 7 Miracle race 7 GP14 race 6
		Enterprise race 8 Miracle race 8 GP14 race 7
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	1200	Enterprise race 9 Miracle race 9 GP14 race 8
		Miracle race 10 GP14 race 9

- 6.2 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the event does not become more than two races ahead of schedule and the change is made according to SI 2.1.
- 6.3 If a race is not completed by the end of the scheduled day, it shall be sailed on the next possible day.
- 6.4 A Crew's Race is scheduled for the afternoon of Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> . Helms shall be competitors who have crewed for the majority of time in the previous races at this event. Competitors

may sail in boats other than the boat in which they have sailed in the previous races at this event. This race does not count towards the Championship.

- 6.5 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with multiple sound signals at least five minutes before the first warning signal is made.
- 6.6 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400 unless fewer than 3 races have been completed in the series.

## **7 CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1 The Class flags are:
  - GP14—a black bell on a white background
  - Enterprise—ICC flag E
  - Miracle—a solid red M on a white background.

## **8 RACING AREA**

- 8.1 The racing area will be located in Carmarthen Bay.

## **9 COURSES**

- 9.1 The diagram in SI Addendum 1 shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal for the first start in a sequence, the Race Committee vessel will display the course for each class
- 9.3 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## **10 MARKS**

- 10.1 See Addendum A
- 10.2 New marks, as provided in SI 13, are
  - New mark 1 will be an orange cylinder buoy with a dark band. New mark 1a will be a yellow pencil buoy with a dark band.
- 10.4 The starting marks for a line start will be a race committee vessel at the starboard end of the start line and either a Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag or a dan buoy with an orange flag at the port end.
- 10.5 The finishing marks will be a race committee vessel at the port end of the line and a dan buoy with a blue flag at the starboard end of the line.

## **11 OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 11.1 A safety boat in close attendance to a craft or competitor in difficulty is an obstruction and a prohibited area. Boats must not sail between the safety boat and the craft or competitor in difficulty.
- 11.2 When sailing in the harbour boats should keep clear of the RNLI slipway.

## **12 THE START**

- 12.1 Races will be started using a 3 minute sequence, with the warning signal made 3 minutes before the starting signal:
  - 3 minutes: warning signal—class flag displayed
  - 2 minutes: prep signal—prep flag displayed
  - 1 minute: prep signal removed
  - 0 : start signal—class flag removed.

There will be at least one minute between the starting signal and the warning signal for the following start.

## 12.2

12.2.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark. (See addendum A).

12.2.1(a) When a buoy is used at the port end the start line is between the staff displaying the orange flag at the starboard end, and the on course side of the port end starting mark.

12.2.1(b) When a Race Committee vessel is used at the port end the start line is between the staffs displaying orange flags on the two Race Committee vessels.

12.2.2 Two port end starting marks will be laid. The Enterprise and Miracle classes will use the inner mark, the GP 14 class will use the outer mark.

12.2.3 The Race Committee may furl the inner starting mark flag after the Miracle Class has started"

12.3 The intended order of starts is Enterprise, Miracle, GP14.

12.4 A boat that does not start within 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.5 In an emergency, or adverse wind or current race committee starting vessels may use engines to assist in holding station.

12.6 If a start under RRS 30.4 is recalled or abandoned after the starting signal, the sail numbers of the boats that have been disqualified from the race under that rule shall be displayed on the race committee signal vessel for a minimum of 3 minutes before the next warning signal. A repeated sound signal will be made as the numbers are first displayed. This adds to RRS 30.4.

12.6 The GP14 class may use a gate start, see Addendum B.

## 13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark, move the finishing line or move the leeward gate. When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13.2 Changes of up to 150m or 10 degrees may be made without a signal. This changes RRS33.

## 14 THE FINISH

14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the finishing mark at the port end and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark. See Addendum A.

### 14.2 Alternative Finishing

14.2.1 [NP]In addition to the procedure for shortening course in RRS 32, the race committee may also award a finishing position to a boat that is still racing by displaying to her from a committee vessel (which may be in motion) flag W with one sound signal. A boat so notified is no longer required to sail the course and finish (changing RRS 28.1), shall stop racing and shall return to the starting area, or return ashore if there is no more racing. A boat's finishing position under this sailing instruction will be the position 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.

14.2.2 Boats that are ahead of boats finished under flag W, and have not retired from the

race, but subsequently fail to finish, shall be awarded the average of the points for places available to them had they finished. This changes RRS A5.2.

- 14.3 In an emergency, or adverse wind or current race committee finishing vessels may use engines to assist in holding station.

## **15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.

## **16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the target times are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Target Time
25 minutes	80 minutes	50 minutes

- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.

## **17 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1 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, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the Beachmaster's office.
- 17.3 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. Hearings will be held at the location stated in the notice beginning at the time posted.

## **18 SCORING**

- 18.1 See NoR section 14.

## **19 SAFETY**

- 19.1 Competitors will be issued with tally numbers at registration.
- 19.2 The tally board is located at the Beachmaster's office
- 19.3 [DP][NP] Before launching, each boat will "tally out" by collecting the appropriate numbered wristband. This shall be worn by the helm on the right wrist. On returning to shore, the wristband shall be returned to the correct hook on the tally board.
- 19.4 [DP][NP] The time for a boat to "tally out" ends at the starting signal of her first race of the day, or, if later, when the boat is launched. The penalty for failing to "tally out" shall be for the first offence 5 places in her first race of the day, added to her score in that race without a hearing. For a second offence, the penalty shall be 10 places.
- 19.5 [DP][NP] The time to "tally in" finishes 15 minutes after the last boat is ashore. The penalty for failing to "tally in" shall be for the first offence 5 places in her last race of the day, added to her score in that race, without a hearing. For a second offence the penalty shall be 10 places.

- 19.6 [DP][NP] If a competitor fails to “tally in or out” three times, on the third time the penalty shall be DSQ from the race concerned without a hearing.
- 19.7 [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Promptly after returning to shore, the boat shall tally off and complete a retirement declaration form, which is available at the beachmaster’s office.

## **20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 [DP] [NP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee and in accordance with the Notice of Race.
- 20.2 [DP][NP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment that was presented for the pre-event measurement checks, is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1 See NoR section 9.

## **22 SUPPLIED BOATS**

Does not apply

## **23 OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 23.1 All vessels supporting the event Race Committee vessels, but do not carry identification.

## **24 [DP][NP] SUPPORT VESSELS**

- 24.1 Competitor support vessels are not permitted.

## **25 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 25.1 Trash may not be placed aboard Race Committee vessels. It should be taken ashore and disposed of in bins there.

## **26 BERTHING**

- 26.1 [DP] [NP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the dinghy park.

## **27 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Does not apply

## **28 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Does not apply.

## **29 PRIZES**

- 29.1 See Class websites.

## **30 RISK STATEMENT**

- 30.1 Rule 3 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;

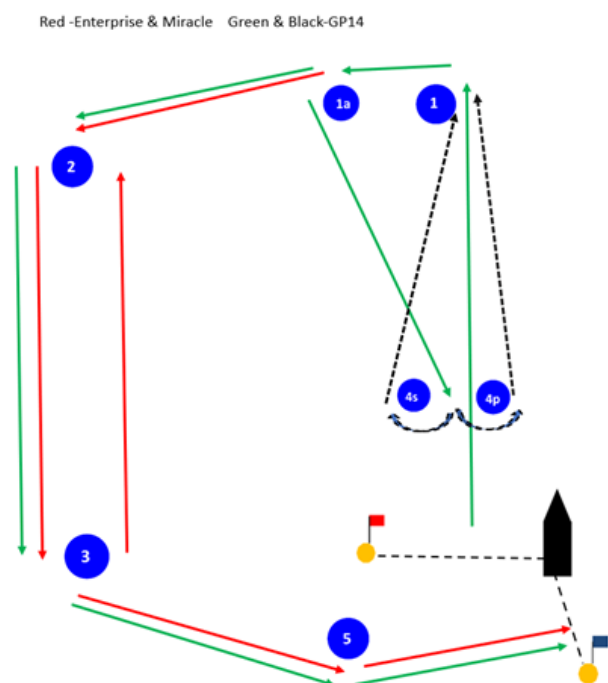
(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

- (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 organizer 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 safety briefing held for the event.

## 31 INSURANCE

31.1 See NoR section 19.

## Addendum A Course



Signal	Course to be sailed
OL2	1-2-3-2-3-5-Finish
OL3	1-2-3-2-3-2-3-5-Finish
OL4	1-2-3-2-3-2-3-2-3-5-Finish
IL2	1-1a-4p/4s-1-1a-2-3-5-Finish
IL3	1-1a-4p/4s-1-1a-4p/4s-1-1a-2-3-5-Finish
IL4	1-1a-4p/4s-1-1a-4p/4s-1-1a-4p/4s-1-1a-2-3-5-Finish

### Marks

1,2,3,5	Orange cylinders
4s, 4p	Orange cylinders with dark bands
1a	Yellow pencil buoy
Replacement mark 1	Orange cylinder with dark band
Replacement mark 1a	Yellow pencil buoy with dark band
Port end starting mark-Enterprise & Miracle	Dan buoy with orange flag
Port end starting mark-GP 14 line start	Either -Dan buoy with orange flag Or- Race committee vessel displaying an orange flag on a staff
Starboard end finish mark	Dan buoy with blue flag.

## Addendum B Gate Start procedure.

B1. The Committee Vessel will be anchored in the Starting Area.

B2 Distinguishing Flags and Starting Signals

2.1 The Committee Vessel and Gate Vessel will display IC Flag "G"

2.2 The signals for starting the race will be made from the Committee Vessel.

B3. Selection of Pathfinder.

3.1 The Race Committee will nominate the Pathfinder and a reserve Pathfinder for the first race.

Subsequently, the Pathfinder will be the tenth boat in the preceding race. If this boat is unable to race, or has already been Pathfinder previously in the event, the Pathfinder will be the eleventh boat in the preceding race and so on. The reserve Pathfinder will be the next boat in the previous race. If necessary, the Race Committee may designate another boat

3.2 The sail numbers of Pathfinder and reserve for the first race of each day will be posted on the official notice board, and will be displayed on the side of the Committee Vessel at least 10 minutes before the preparatory signal for the first race. If more than one race is sailed on the same day, the numbers will be displayed on the side of the Committee Vessel at least 10 minutes before the preparatory signal for each successive race.

3.3 The Pathfinder and reserve shall report to the Committee Vessel as soon as possible after her number is displayed and before her preparatory signal (DP)

B4. Positioning of Pathfinder and Gate Vessel.

4.1 The Pathfinder shall follow directions given by the Race Committee.(DP)

4.2 At or up to 15 seconds before the starting signal the Pathfinder shall commence her close hauled port tack from the Starting Mark leaving the mark to port, followed by the Gate Vessel which will keep close astern of her. If the Pathfinder is unable to do this, the race committee will signal race abandoned.

4.3 The Pathfinder will be considered separately to have started at the starting signal (NP).

B5. Starting Mark and Line.

5.1 The starting mark will be the port end starting mark used for the Enterprise and Miracle classes starts, a buoy with an orange flag.

5.2 The starting line for all boats except the Pathfinder shall be between the starting mark and the centre of the stern of the Gate Vessel.

5.3 The Gate Vessel, and the Pathfinder until released, rank as starting marks.

B6. Pathfinder Course.

6.1 The Pathfinder shall maintain her close hauled course for a minimum of 2 minutes and any further time which the Race Committee deems necessary.

6.2 The Pathfinder will then be released by hail from the Gate Vessel, after which the Pathfinder may tack onto starboard tack or hold course as she pleases.

6.3 After releasing the pathfinder, the Gate Vessel will maintain her course and speed, for a further period at the discretion of the Race Committee.

B7 Closing the Start Line

7.1 A sound signal will be made when the Gate is fully open. The Gate Vessel will then stop engines, partly lower flag "G" with one sound, and drift for at least one minute.

7.2 IC flag 'G' shall be fully lowered with one sound, to indicate the closing of the gate.

7.3 No boat shall start after IC flag 'G' has been fully lowered.

B8. Starting.

8.1 Boats other than the Pathfinder shall start by crossing the starting line on starboard tack after the starting signal and before the Gate closes.

8.2 (a) A boat shall not pass between the Gate Vessel and the starting mark in the last minute before the starting signal.



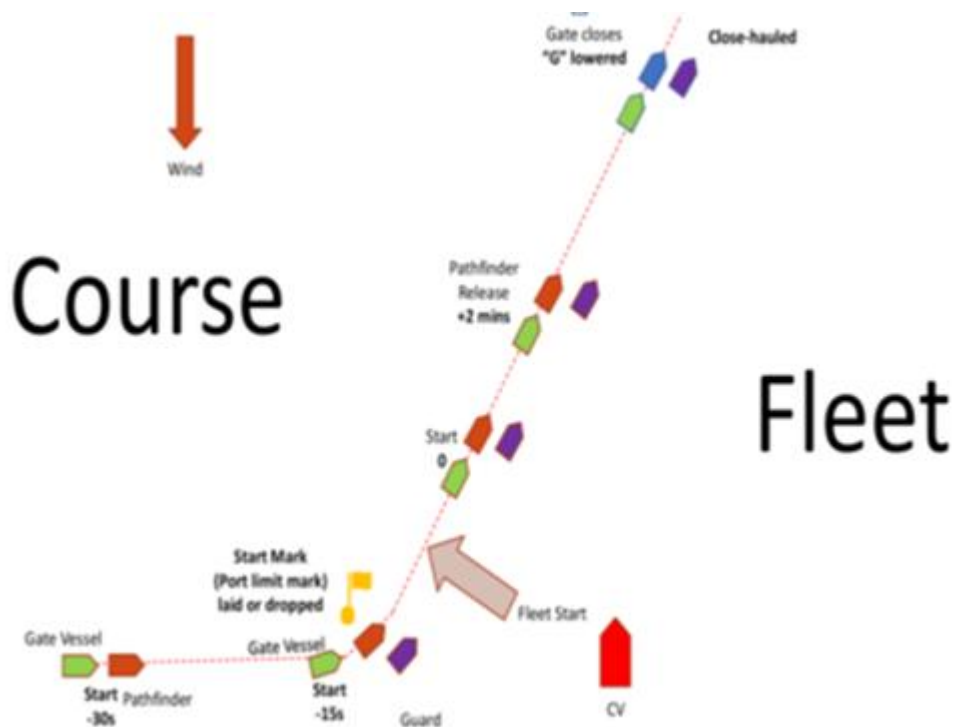
- (b) A boat that has not started shall not cross the starting line from the course side.
- 8.3 No boat shall start after the gate start line is closed

#### B9. Interference with Pathfinder and Gate Vessel.

- 9.1 a) After the preparatory signal, a boat shall not threaten the unobstructed sailing of the pathfinder and shall not interfere with the Pathfinder or the Gate Vessel.
- b) After the preparatory signal, a boat shall not pass between the Pathfinder or the Gate Vessel.
- 9.2 No boat shall cause another boat to interfere in the ways specified above. (DP)
- 9.3 A keep clear boat that cannot avoid touching a starting mark or breaking 9.1 may hail a right-of-way boat for room. The hailed boat shall respond by giving room. The boat hailing for room shall then retire.

#### B10. Penalties

- 10.1A boat breaking SI 3.2, SI B8.2(a), SI B8.2(b) or B9.1 shall be disqualified by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5(b), and A5. If the race is re-started or re-sailed, she shall not sail in it. The race committee will display her sail number before the next warning signal for that race, as in general SI 12.6. If she does so, her disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating her series score. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.



The diagram shows the basic set up for a gate start. Note that the purple guard vessel will not be used.