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GP14 (Team Event) AND YACHTING WORLD DAYBOAT ROUND THE HARBOUR ISLANDS RACES

Saturday 19th July 2025
Organising Authority - Poole Yacht Club
Poole Harbour, UK

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1 **RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Poole Harbour Sail Racing Procedures (formerly The Yacht Racing Criteria) apply.
These can be found at: <https://www.phc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Sail-Racing-Procedures-2025-1.pdf>

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 online noticeboard located at <https://www.pooleyc.co.uk/events/2025-7-19-gp14dayboat-open-weekend/>. As a backup notices to competitors may be posted on the noticeboard located on the south side of the Poole Yacht Club clubhouse.
- 3.2 A race briefing will be held at approximately 10:00 on Saturday 19th July on the patio on the south side of the clubhouse.
- 3.3 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.
- 3.4 The race office is located at the Poole Yacht Club, telephone 01202 672687, email depngenmgr@pooleyc.co.uk.

4 **CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority in accordance with any instructions for its use.

5 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagstaff on the south side of the Poole Yacht Club clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 When a RED flag is displayed from a staff near the slipway, dinghies shall not go afloat to race until advised otherwise. The warning signal will not be made before the scheduled time or less than 30 minutes after the RED flag is removed.

6 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1

Race	Time of Warning Signal
Race 1 GP14	Not before 10:45
Race 1 YWDB	Start signal of GP14 Race 1 may coincide with warning signal for YWDB
Fleets to come ashore for lunch after Race 1	
Race 2 GP14	Not before 14:00
Race 2 YWDB	Start signal of GP14 Race 2 may coincide with warning signal for YWDB

- 6.2 The Race Officer may alter this schedule depending on the weather forecast.

7 **CLASS FLAGS**

- 7.1 The class flags are:

Class	Class Flag
<i>GP14</i>	<i>IC Golf</i>
<i>YWDB</i>	<i>IC Delta</i>

8 **RACING AREA**

- 8.1 SI Addendum A shows the location of the racing area which will be in Poole Harbour.

9 **COURSES**

- 9.1 The course for each race will be described on the Official Noticeboard.
- 9.2 A RIB lead boat may lead the fleet.

10 **MARKS**

- 10.1 The course marks will be as described on the official noticeboard before the start of each race and will be mainly fixed marks in the Harbour (appendix A).
- 10.2 The Race Officer may lay a moveable mark as part of the course, which will be an orange inflatable mark.

10.3 Start and finish marks are described in SI 12 and 13.

11 **OBSTRUCTIONS**

11.1 The following area is designated as an obstruction:

The area to the east of a line running North from "Cakes" mark (a yellow race mark), and to the north of a line running East from "Cakes" mark will be considered a "Prohibited Zone" (Addendum A) and an obstruction under rule 19, as this comprises the turning basin for the Port of Poole. This may also be marked by a Safety boat on station, depending on conditions.

12 **THE START**

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal (Note: all signals will be flags from the race hut, not the light signals sometimes used on Poole Yacht Club Race Hut start lines).

12.2 The starting of races will be from the Poole YC Race Hut situated on the Haven wall south of the Club House.

12.3 The starting line is defined as a line between the mast displaying an Orange flag on the Race Hut at the inner end and an outer starting mark which will be an orange dan buoy displaying an orange flag.

12.4 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 **CHANGE TO THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

Not relevant to this event

14 **THE FINISH**

14.1 The Finish Line will be a line between the mast displaying a Yellow Flag on the south face of the Poole Yacht Club Race Hut and the outermost of the 3 aligned yellow posts positioned to the south of the Race Hut.

14.2 Alternative Finishing Lines:

a) After the first boat has finished, the Race Committee may finish other boats at any mark of the course;

b) The Race Committee may finish boats on the course at a mark of the course before the time limit expires under RRS 32.

15 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

15.1 RRS 44 applies.

16 **TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]**

16.1 The time limit is 150 minutes. When the first boat finishes within the

time limit, the time limit will be extended by 20 minutes. No boat shall finish after the expiry of the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16.2 If no boat finishes the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).

16.3 The target time will be 100 minutes for each race.

17 **HEARING REQUESTS**

17.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class 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 race office at the south side of the clubhouse.

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 in the protest room, located at the Poole Yacht Club clubhouse beginning at the time posted.

18 **SCORING**

18.1 **RRS Appendix A shall apply for the YWDB fleet. For the GP14 fleet, RRS Appendix A shall not apply.**

18.2 For the GP14 Team Event: Boats will race in teams of 3 where possible. Each team will consist of a minimum of 2 boats and a maximum of 3 GP14 dinghies. Selection of teams will be agreed between representative yacht clubs, probably by drawing boats randomly out of a hat after the briefing.

18.3 For the GP14 Team Event: The scores of all boats in each team will count and the team score will be the average score for all boats in that team for each race.

18.4 For the GP14 event, the winning team will be the team with the lowest aggregate score from all completed races.

19 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

19.1 A Safety Tally Number will be allocated to each boat when entering. The Tally Board will be situated at the top of the yacht marina slipway. Competitors intending to race shall contact the Beachmaster who will issue them with a rubber wrist band for the boat bearing their boat tally number which must be worn at all times whilst afloat. Immediately on reaching shore each helm shall report to the Beachmaster and surrender their wrist band.

19.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 **REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the Race Officer.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Officer. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Officer at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

21 **EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.
- 21.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

22 **SUPPLIED BOATS**

- 22.1 Not applicable

23 **OFFICIAL VESSELS**

- 23.1 Official boats will be marked/identified as appropriate.

24 **[DP] SUPPORT TEAMS**

- 24.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats of any class are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 24.3 Support person vessels may be marked/identified as appropriate. This will be defined during the race briefing on Saturday 19th July.

25 **TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 25.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

26 **BERTHING**

- 26.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

27 **PRIZES**

- 29.1 Prizes will be awarded to the winner of the event.
Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the organisers.

30 **RISK STATEMENT**

- 30.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat

handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

31 **INSURANCE**

- 31.1 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.

32 **TIDAL INFORMATION**

Tide Times (BST) at LAT 50°42'N / LONG 1°59'W (Poole):

Date	High Water		Low Water		High Water	
	Time	Height (m)	Time	Height (m)	Time	Height (m)
Sat 19th July	02:23	1.8	10:28	1.0	19:35	2.0

Appendix A – Race Area

