



Llandegfedd Sailing Club

GP14 Open Meeting 17-18 May 2025

Sailing Instructions



1. RULES
 - 1.1. The event is governed by the Rules as defined in The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing.
 - 1.2. Competitors should note the OA implements the RYA Racing Charter and sailors will be required to sail in compliance with the Charter which can be found at the front of the RYA rule book or at [Racing Charter](#)
2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS
 - 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located downstairs in the Watersports Centre.
3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
 - 3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Noticeboard at least 30 minutes before the fleet is launched for the races in which they take effect.
4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE
 - 4.1. Visual signals are not normally made ashore at the venue as the flag staff is not always visible from the launching area. Signals or decisions made ashore will be communicated verbally at the slipways, sailor briefing or via the ONB.
5. CODE OF CONDUCT
 - 5.1. Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
6. SCHEDULE OF RACES
 - 6.1. A maximum of four races are scheduled.
 - 6.2. The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Saturday is 11:55, and on Sunday 9:55.
7. CLASS FLAGS
 - 7.1. The class flag will be the GP14 class flag - code flag A.
8. RACING AREAS
 - 8.1. The racing area will be described at the sailor briefing.
 - 8.2. The racing areas will also be defined by the Dwr Cymru Welsh Water (DCWW) exclusion zones (see Addendum A).
9. THE COURSES
 - 9.1. The course to be sailed will be indicated on the course board attached to the gunwale of the Committee Boat no later than the warning signal.
 - 9.2. The marks of the course, the order in which they are to be rounded, their required side and the number of laps will be shown on the course board.
 - 9.3. The marks to be rounded to port will be indicated on a red background and the marks to be rounded to starboard will be indicated on a green background
 - 9.4. Boats shall sail through the start/finish line on each lap.

10. MARKS
 - 10.1. Course marks may be large yellow inflatable buoys, yellow pillar marks, round pink plastic buoys marked "X" or "Y", or fixed buoys on which flags will be flown.
 - 10.2. The start and finishing mark will be a dan buoy flying an orange flag.

11. THE START
 - 11.1. Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
 - 11.2. The start line will be between the mast on the committee boat and a dan buoy with an orange flag.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE
 - 12.1. To change the next leg of the course the race committee (or assigned RIB) will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position and will alert competitors using code flag "C" and the appropriate symbols.

13. THE FINISH
 - 13.1. The finishing line will be between the mast on the committee boat and a dan buoy with an orange flag.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES
 - 14.1. The target race time is around 45 minutes for the leading boat.
 - 14.2. There are no other time limits however in exceptional circumstances, back markers may be 'whiskeyed' using Flag W and/or a whistle by a nominated safety boat with their position at that time recorded as a finishing position for that race. Competitors should then sail directly to the start / finishing area.

15. POST-RACE PENALTIES, ADVISORY HEARINGS & ARBITRATION
 - 15.1. The Post Race Penalty, Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA Rules Disputes procedures shall apply. The outcome of an RYA Arbitration can be referred to a protest committee, but an arbitration cannot be reopened or appealed.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS
 - 16.1. Competitors intending to protest shall notify the committee boat of their intention immediately after finishing or as soon as is reasonably practical.
 - 16.2. Protest forms are available downstairs in the Watersports Centre.
 - 16.3. Protests / requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
 - 16.4. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has come ashore and this will be displayed on the ONB as soon as possible.

17. SCORING SYSTEM

- 17.1. The event will be scored using Appendix A Low point scoring system.
- 17.2. One race shall constitute a championship.
- 17.3. Your event score will be the total of your race scores with the worst score discarded if 4 races have been completed.
- 17.4. To request correction of an alleged error in the results, you shall complete a scoring enquiry form available from downstairs in the Watersports centre.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee or safety boat at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL & OTHER PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Trash and any personal kit, clothing, dry-bags or surplus items may be placed aboard any of the safety / support RIBs.

20. PRIZES

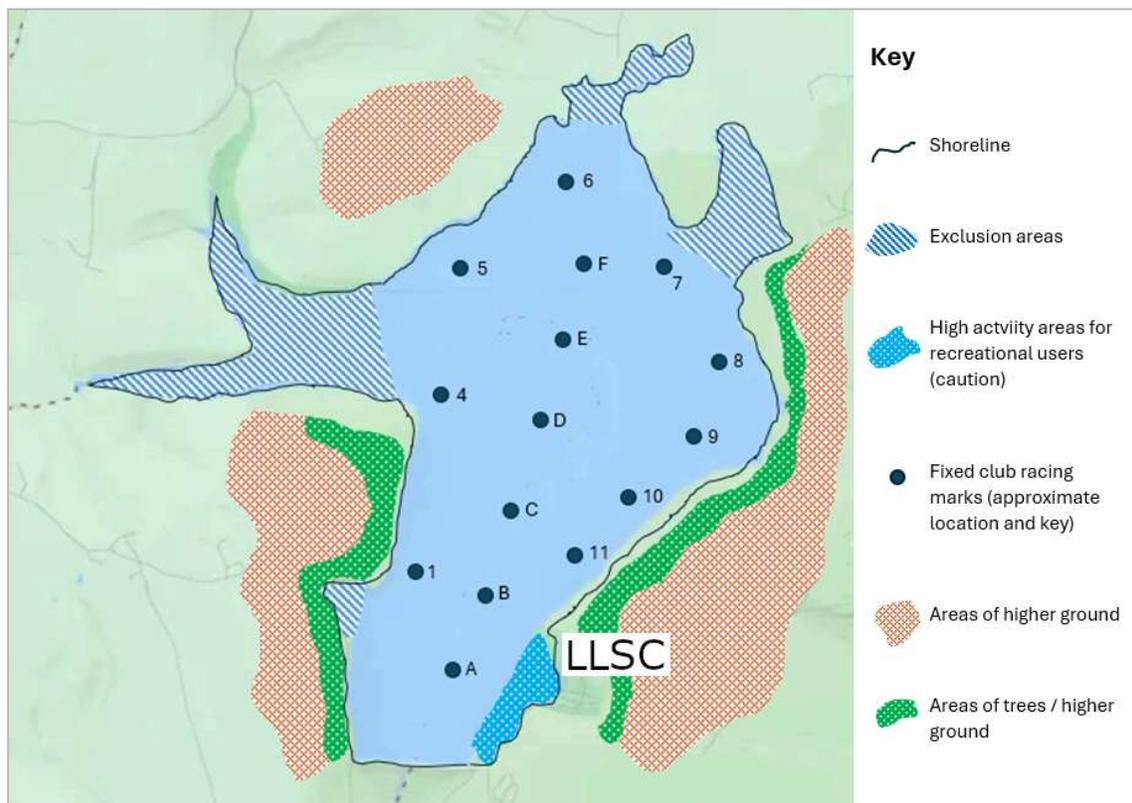
- 20.1. Prizes will be awarded throughout the fleet at the discretion of the OA.

Addendum A:

Sailing area and DCW/W exclusion zones

The plan below shows the approximate position of the club's fixed marks, exclusion zones and topographic features. The dam, water tower, cages and weather station (not indicated on the map below) are also exclusion zones and should be regarded as obstructions.

Racing will not be set so that it is necessary to sail near or within any of these DCW/W exclusion areas.



Addendum B:

Site Plan

When you get to the reservoir, drive up to the barrier at the café / Welsh Water (DCWW) building. The keypad is on the right side (code 1204).

Continue along the road to the dinghy park over the speed bumps, un-hitch boats and move them down to the dinghy park area, grassy areas, and shoreline. Overspill rigging area is to move up into the berths of the dinghy park.

Park cars in any of the available marked parking areas (shown in blue on the plan below).

A parking fee applies (£3): Pay at the machine near the café or the watersport centre.

NOTE: The site has public access right through the dinghy park and rigging area. Be mindful of non-sailors, dog-walkers, families etc when rigging. The site will have club members ashore all day in this area and it's rare to experience any problems but nevertheless please always account for your valuables.

