



IRISH NATIONAL DRAGON CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

hosted by



Thursday 18th – Sunday 21st June 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY AND RULES

The organising authority (OA), by permission of the Irish Dragon Association, is **The National Yacht Club (NYC)**.

The event will be governed by rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association, the current International Dragon Class Rules, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising is as permitted under ISAF regulation 20.4. Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. SCORING

It is a helmsman's championship and is a ranking regatta for the purposes of the IDA International Ranking List and for Irish qualification for European & World Championships. Under RRS 90.3, scoring shall be the Low Points Scoring System.

A minimum of 4 races must be sailed to constitute a series. If five or more races are sailed there will be one discard applied, subject to provisions of RRS Appendix A2 - Scores not Excludable. Ties will be decided in accordance with Appendix A8.

4. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the helmsman and crew of the first six boats overall, and to the winner of each race; except that no helm and crew may win more than one race winner prize.

5. ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION

- Entries on the official Entry Form with accompanying fee of €250 by 1800 hrs on Wednesday 17th June 2015.
- All Owners and Helmsmen shall be paid up members of their National Dragon Association and their National Sailing Authority.
- Entries should be delivered to:
National Dragon Championship 2015,
c/o Race Office, National Yacht Club, East Pier, Dun Laoghaire, Ireland.

Or

as email attachment to sailing@nyc.ie

(subject line: "National Dragon Championship 2015 Entry")

Sailing Instructions shall be available at Registration and also online at www.nyc.ie. Registration will take place in the Race Office at the National Yacht Club during the following hours:

Wednesday 17th June 2015	1600 - 1800 hrs
Thursday 18th June 2015	0900 - 1000 hrs

Entry Fee: €250 per yacht

Payment may be made by

- Irish bank account cheque (payable to 'Dublin Bay Dragon Fleet') or
- In cash at registration

Entry Fee includes participation, crantage, trailer parking, mooring and honorary membership of the NYC for the duration of the event.

Skipper's briefing will be held at 1000 hrs, Thursday 18th June.

6. CREW WEIGHT

Class Rule 13.30 shall apply. *"Except when excluded by the Sailing Instructions, the total weight of the crew shall not exceed 285 kg. The weight shall be taken with the crew wearing lightweight clothing. If a crew has been officially weighed immediately previous to the regatta, re-weighing during the regatta shall not take place unless there is a change of crew."*

7. NUMBER OF CREW AND PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Class Rule 13.10 will apply. *"There shall not be more than four persons on board while racing. A boat shall compete with the same number of crew throughout an event."* Class Rule 11.10.4 will also apply. *"A Personal Flotation Device (PFD) with minimum buoyancy of 50 Newton shall be carried for each person on board. Each PFD shall be either of the compressed gas automatically inflatable type, or of the permanently buoyant type or a combination of both."*

8. COURSES AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

The courses will be Windward-Leeward. Subject to confirmation in the Sailing Instructions, seven (7) races will be sailed in Dublin Bay from the 18th to 21st June 2015; two races each of first three days, back to back, with one race on the final day.

The Warning Signal for the first race each day will be as follows:

- Thursday 18th 1200 hrs (2 races)
- Friday 19th 1200 hrs (2 races)
- Saturday 20th 1200 hrs (2 races)
- Sunday 21st 1100 hrs (1 race / Possibility of more if all races not sailed)

The race schedule may be modified by the PRO in the interest of completing as many of the planned races as possible.

No warning signal will be made after 1400hrs on Sunday 21st June.

9. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-turn penalty is replaced by a One-turn.

10. LAUNCHING / RECOVERY

A crane is available in the NYC for launching and recovery at following times:

Wednesday 17th June:	1000 - 1900 hrs
Thursday 18th June:	0900 - 1000 hrs
Sunday 21st June:	recovery from 1400 hrs in the order of finishing of final race, except that priority will be given to boats travelling to ferries.

11. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept on the National Yacht Club pontoons.

12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee unless for serious and unavoidable circumstances

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Race information may be given on marine VHF. The Channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions. It is the owner's/helmsman's responsibility to fulfill all legal requirements to carry and use marine VHF radio on board a yacht.

14. INSURANCE

Each competing Dragon Owner(s) and competing crews shall ensure that they are adequately insured with valid third party liability insurance of not less than €1,250,000 per incident. All owners/competitors who sign / write their name at the bottom of the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, "Decision to Race". No responsibility shall be accepted by the OA, their directors, officers, members, servants or agents nor any sponsor, nor those officials or members connected with the Event for any loss, damage or any other claim of whatever nature however arising or caused in connection with the participation in or intended participation in the Dragon Irish National Championship event.

16. RESPONSIBILITY

The safety of each Dragon yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Owner(s) or the Person in Charge whose obligation it is to ensure that the Dragon yacht is fully sound, seaworthy and is manned by an experienced crew with all the required safety gear. Neither this Notice of Race nor the Sailing Instructions nor any action by the National Yacht Club, the Organising Committee or Race Committee in any way limits the responsibility of the Owner(s) or the Person In Charge. **Attention is drawn to RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rules, and to the current International Dragon Class Rule 11.**

Further information from Sailing Instructions or Dragon Class Captain:

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