



IRISH NATIONAL DRAGON CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

hosted by



Thursday 18th – Sunday 21st June 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the current prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association when they apply, the current International Dragon Class Rules and the Notice of Race, except as any of the aforementioned is altered by these Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.2 Class Rules 13.10 (crew numbers) and 13.30 (crew weight) shall apply.
- 1.3 Class Rule 11.10.3 will also apply. "A Personal Floatation Device with minimum buoyancy of 50 Newton shall be carried for each person on board."
- 1.4 Competitors' attention is drawn to *RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rules* and to the current International Dragon Class Rule 11 *Equipment*.
- 1.5 Penalties for breaking rules of Part 2, RRS 44.1, is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by a one-turn except when taking a penalty for infringing Racing Rule 18.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Notice Board in the NYC Clubhouse.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before such change is to take effect. A numeral pennant will be displayed under flag 'L' indicating the latest amendment in force.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals to competitors will be displayed from the main flagstaff of the National Yacht Club.

Flag 'AP' over numeral pennant 1 (or 2, 3, and so on) with two sound signals (one when lowered), means "The Race is postponed by 1 hour (or 2, 3 and so on). The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the 'AP' is lowered.

Flag 'L' with a sound signal means ' a notice to competitors has been posted'.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Skippers' briefing at 1200 hrs, Thursday 18th June in NYC downstairs wet bar.

<i>DATE</i>	<i>HW Dun Laoghaire</i>	<i>RACE NO.</i>	<i>WARNING SIGNAL</i>
Thursday 18th	0121 hrs 4.2m	Race 1	1400 hrs
	1345 hrs 4.0m	Race 2	As soon as possible after the conclusion of Race 1
Friday 19th	0202 hrs 4.2m	Race 3	1200 hrs
	1427 hrs 4.0m	Race 4	As soon as possible after the conclusion of Race 3
Saturday 20th	0243 hrs 4.1m	Race 5	1200 hrs
	15.08 hrs 3.9m	Race 6	As soon as possible after the conclusion of Race 6
Sunday 21st	0324 hrs 4.1m	Race 7	1100 hrs

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

On the last day of racing, no Warning Signal will be made after 1400 hrs.

6. CLASS FLAG

The Class flag will be I.C. flag 'D'

7. RACING AREA.

Dublin Bay off Dun Laoghaire Harbour

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The diagram and notes in *Attachment B* show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The approximate compass bearing to Mark 1 may be displayed from the Committee Vessel.
- 8.3 At the Leeward Gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark, rounding Mark 2A to Starboard or Mark 2B to Port. If, for any reason, there is only one Leeward Mark, it shall be rounded to port.
- 8.4 The Wing (Spreader) Mark will be a mark on the course for the first round only.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2A and 2B will be yellow cylindrical inflatable Marks.
- 9.2 The outer limit Starting Mark will be a danbuoy-type mark with an orange flag.
- 9.3 The Wing Mark will be an orange spherical buoy.
- 9.4 If a Mark is lost or has shifted, it may be replaced by another inflatable buoy or by a boat displaying I.C. Flag 'M'.
- 9.5 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started as set out in rule 26.
- 10.2 The Starting Line shall be between the Main Mast of the committee vessel displaying an orange flag and an Outer Limit mark. An inner limit mark may also be laid.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.
- 11.3 If a race is shortened at the Leeward Gate rule 32.2 (c) applies; i.e. finish between the Gate Marks.
- 11.4 Minor adjustments to the course will not be signalled.
- 11.5 When any of the race committee boats displays flag 'V' at a rounding mark, boats will sail from that rounding mark directly to the finish line. This is an addition to race signals and rule 32.

12. THE FINISH

Unless the course is shortened, the finish line will be between a committee vessel displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and Mark 1 at the port end.

13. TARGET TIME

- 13.1 The target time for each race shall be 90 minutes from the valid start. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

14. RETIRAL

The crew of a boat retiring shall make every effort to inform the Race Committee of their retiral.

15. SAIL NUMBERS

Permission to change sail numbers shall be sought in writing from the Principal Race Officer at least two hours before the start of racing each day and will only be granted in exceptional circumstance.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1 In accordance with rule 61, protests shall be written on ISAF forms available at the Race Office in the National Yacht Club and lodged there within 60 minutes after the time of the last boat to finish the last race on that day.
- 16.2 A boat intending to protest shall inform the Committee Vessel on finishing.
- 16.3 The Protest Committee will hear protests, approximately in the order of receipt, as soon as possible.
- 16.4 The protest hearing schedule will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 16.5 Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last scheduled day of racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 15 minutes after being informed of the decision".

17. SCORING

- 17.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with rule 90.3 (Low Point System).
- 17.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.5 Series ties will be broken in accordance with rule A8.

18. RADIOS

- 18.1 In line with Dragon Class Rule 11.11, VHF's can be carried by competitors.
- 18.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 18.3 VHF channel 69 will be used to communicate with competitors.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the helm and crew of the first six boats overall. Prizes will be awarded to each individual Race Winner, except that a boat may only win one Race Winner prize.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, *Decision to Race*. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

Attachment B

The Course

First Round

Start

Mark 1 (P)
Wing Mark (P)

Gate: 2A (S) or 2B (P)

Second Round

Mark 1 (P)

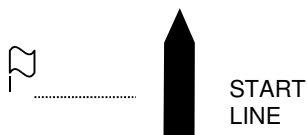
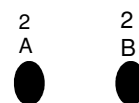
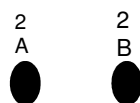
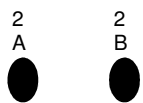
Gate: 2A (S) or 2B (P)

Final Leg

Finish between Mark 1
and
race committee vessel
displaying a blue flag

On Leg 1: Marks 2A and 2B if laid are not Marks of the Course.

COURSE DIAGRAM



ROUND 1

ROUND 2

FINAL LEG