



International Dragon Class South West Championship 2018

**Friday 29 June - Monday 2 July
Racing Sunday 1 - Monday 2 July**

Royal Torbay Yacht Club

Torquay, Devon

Sailing Instructions

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Racing Sunday 1 July to Monday 2 July 2018
Registration Friday 29 and Saturday 30 June 2018

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The organising authority (OA) is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, Torquay, Devon.
- 1.2. The OA is organising the event.

2. RULES

- 2.1. The Championship will be governed by:
 - a) the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
 - b) The Rules and Regulations of the International Dragon Association and the British Dragon Association.
 - c) The measurement regulations delivered upon registration.
- 2.2. The prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (National Authority) that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.3. In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the SI shall prevail (this changes rule 63.7).
- 2.4. The official language is English.
- 2.5. Any crew whose combined weight at the South West Championship registration was 265kg or less will be granted a dispensation from weighing for the Edinburgh Cup (NOR 6.3). However, these crews may weigh in if they so wish. This dispensation may be revoked at any time following discussion between the race committee and the chairman of the protest committee.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the entrance hall of the Royal Torbay Yacht Club.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI will be posted at least two hours before the 1st scheduled warning signal for the first race of the day on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole at the base of Haldon Pier, Torquay Harbour.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP. Boats are requested not to leave the harbour until flag AP is lowered. This changes race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri 29 June	1200 – 2000	Early Registration Office open	RTYC Race Office
Sat 30 June	0900 - 1900	Registration Office open	RTYC Race Office
	1000 – 1800	Crane available for Launching	Haldon Pier, Torquay Harbour
	1800 – 2000	Skipper's briefing & Welcome drinks party	RTYC
Sun 1 July HW:0858 BST	1055	First Warning Signal see SI 6.2	Torbay
	Post racing	Daily Prize giving	RTYC
Mon 2 July HW:0934 BST	1055	First Warning Signal see SI 6.2	Torbay
	1830	Main Prize giving & Edinburgh Cup welcome drinks party	RTYC

- 6.1. Measurement and inspections for the Edinburgh Cup will take place from Friday 29 June 1200 – 2000, Saturday 30 June 0800 – 1800, Sunday 1 July 0800 – 1800 and Monday 2 July 0800 – 1800.
- 6.2. Six races are scheduled. It is the race committee's intention to run a maximum of three races each day. However, additional races may be held on any day as necessary with a view to achieving a series.
- 6.3. No warning signal will be displayed after 1555 on the final day of the Championship.
- 6.4. The race committee reserves the right to change any times in the above schedule.
- 6.5. All boats shall be afloat and all crew weighed, by the end of registration.

7. RACING AREA

The course will be laid in the waters of Torbay.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The courses will be windward-leeward. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed, the approximate compass bearing to the first mark and length of the first leg.
- 8.3. The race will not be shortened before the end of the leg to Mark 1 for the second time. This changes rule 32.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1 and 3s/3p will be orange inflatable buoys and mark 2 will be a smaller orange inflatable buoy.
- 9.2. New marks, as provided in SI 12.1, will be yellow Inflatable buoys, except for mark 2.
- 9.3. The starting marks will be as per SI 12. The finishing marks will be as per SI 14.
- 9.4. A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 13.
- 9.5. Class flag will be: International Code "D".

10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. The entirety of the Scallop Nursery beds, forming an imaginary box including the yellow beds marker buoys approximately 0.5nm south of Thatcher Rock, are an obstruction. The obstruction can be passed on any side. The coordinates that make up the corners of the bed are: 50°26.700'N 003°29.690'W, 50°26.865'N 003°29.690'W, 50°26.865'N 003°29.170'W, 50°26.700'N 003°29.170'W.

10.2. Wave Buoy with two pick up buoys in position 50*26.020'N 003*31.080'W.

11. REPORTING TO PRINCIPAL COMMITTEE BOAT BEFORE STARTING

- 11.1. Before starting in each race, boats shall, while sailing on starboard tack, pass under the stern of the principal race committee boat. Boats failing to report may be scored "DNS".
- 11.2. Any alternative sail numbers used (for which the required permission has been granted) shall be advised to the race committee at that time.

12. THE START

- 12.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat on the starboard end of the starting line and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat on the port end of the starting line. The orange flag will be displayed at 10 minutes before the starting signal with one sound.
- 12.2. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.
- 12.3. If a boat fails to start or breaks rule 30.3, the race committee at Mark 1 may display her sail number on a board and make a sound signal. Failure to make the signal or display the sail number shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 12.4. The race committee boats on, or in the vicinity of, the starting line may maintain their position by using their engine(s) and failure to keep clear of these boats shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).

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 (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the originally coloured mark.
- 13.2. Mark 2, if re-laid, will remain as a smaller orange inflatable buoy.
- 13.3. If a change of course is made to marks 3s/3p these may be substituted by a single mark and shall be left to port.
- 13.4. 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 28.1.

14. THE FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line will be as shown in Appendix A.
- 14.2. If the race committee at the finishing line displays code flag AP, this means that another race will be started as soon as possible.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1. A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rules 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the race office within the protest time limit.
- 15.2. RRS Appendix P shall apply. Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1. The target time for each race is 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).
- 16.2. The time limit is 2 hours from the valid start.
- 16.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4.2 and A5.

- 16.4. If no yacht has passed mark 1 for the first time within 30 minutes of the start, the race will be abandoned.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1. A boat intending to protest must inform the race committee finish boat immediately after finishing. A protesting boat that does not finish the race shall inform the race committee as soon as possible or the race office immediately after arriving ashore.
- 17.2. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.3. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the official notice board. The same protest time applies to all protests by the race committee and requests for redress. This changes rule 61.3 and 62.2.
- 17.4. Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of 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 Royal Torbay Yacht Club, beginning as soon as possible.
- 17.5. Notice of protest by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform yachts under rule 61.1(b). By the display of such notice, competitors shall be considered adequately informed of a protest by the race committee.
- 17.6. For the purposes of rule 64.3(b) the "authority responsible" is the Official Measurer appointed by the OA.
- 17.7. Breaches of SI 14.1, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 28 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches or breaches of Class Rules may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 17.8. On the last day of a regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- 17.8.1 within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - 17.8.2 no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
 - 17.8.3 on the last day, within 30 minutes after the abandonment signal is displayed if racing is abandoned ashore, or within 90 minutes after the abandonment signal is displayed if abandoned afloat. This changes rule 66.

18. SCORING

- 18.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.2. Discards
- 18.2.1 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS Appendix A 2.1.
 - 18.2.2 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 18.2.3 If fewer than three races have been sailed the trophy shall not be awarded.
- 18.3 Prizes will be given as stated in the NOR.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. The replacement crew member shall be weighed before racing and shall not cause the total crew weight to be over 285kg.

- 20.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the Official Measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1. Support boats (which term shall include coach, press, private and spectator boats) shall register at the race office during the registration period and be issued with an identity flag, such flag to be worn at all times when afloat. The person in charge of the competing boat to which support boats are attached shall acknowledge the presence of a support boat on his registration form and pay any fee for the support boat decided by the OA.
- 22.2. Subject to SI 22.6, team leaders, coaches and other support boats shall stay more than 100 metres to leeward of the starting line and from the leeward marks and from any racing Dragon from the time of the first preparatory signal until all boats have finished the last race of the day, or all races are abandoned.
- 22.3. Any Support boats entering the restricted area or impeding a competitor shall be liable to a penalty imposed on their competing boat for breach of this SI.
- 22.4. Support boats shall not pass any information by any means whatsoever to competitors who are racing (rule 41).
- 22.5. Communication by radio (including mobile phones) is prohibited between competitors and any support boats. Support boats shall not communicate with or transfer goods or equipment to or from, their competing boats from the time of the first preparatory signal until all boats have finished the last race of the day or all races are abandoned.
- 22.6. At all times, support boats shall comply with the directions given by the race committee. In particular this includes assisting with rescues if requested to do so.
- 22.7. Support boats must be on call on the designated VHF Channel at all times.
- 22.8. Coach/Support boats shall not tow competitors out to the race course (unless requested to by the race committee) and may only tow boats in after the last competitor has finished or retires from the last race of the day.

23. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall be afloat by the end of the registration, and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with prior written permission of the race committee.

24. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around any boat between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

25. VHF RADIOS

- 25.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall neither make nor receive voice or data transmissions except those available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and smart phones.
- 25.2. The race committee may use VHF radio to communicate to the Fleet, including the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS sail numbers (to be communicated at least 2 minutes after the start), general recalls, flag U and black flag DSQs, and postponements.

25.3. Failure to make these broadcasts, the order in which they are made, or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a). VHF Channel 72 will be used to communicate with competitors.

26. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Category	Flag
Race Committee Boats	Race Committee (Yellow Flag)
Protest Committee Boats	Pink flag
Measurer boat	Turquoise flag
Press Boats	White flag

27. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 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 organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. Patrol boat cover is not provided;
- 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.

28. INSURANCE

28.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 GBP per event or the equivalent.

28.2. Proof of such insurance may be required at registration.

28.3. Competitors are advised to have their own personal accident insurance.

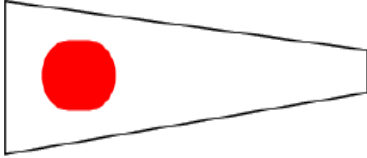
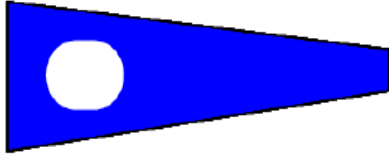
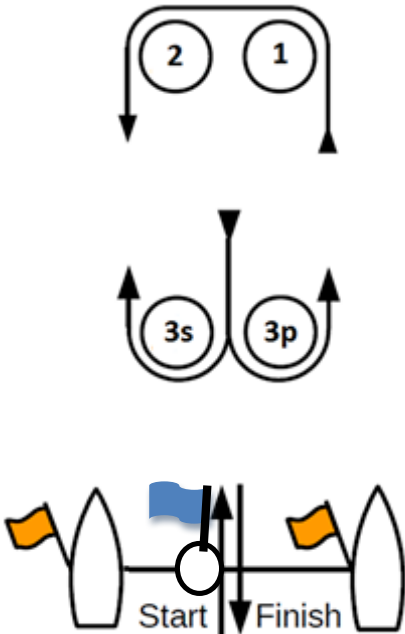
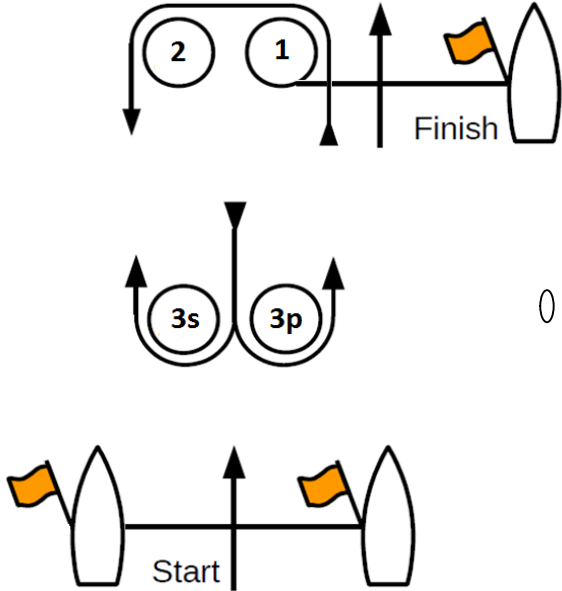
29. ADVERTISING

29.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1.

29.2. Failure to comply with this regulation shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

ATTACHMENT A

Courses

Course 1	Course 2
<p>Signal – Code Flag 1</p> 	<p>Signal – Code Flag 2</p> 
<p>Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p (gate) – 1 – 2 – Finish</p>	<p>Start – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p (gate) – 1 – 2 – 3s/3p (gate) – Finish</p>
	
<p>Course 1 finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a white dan buoy with a blue flag.</p>	<p>Course 2 finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the nearby race Mark 1</p>
<p>All course marks shall be left to port, except 3s/3p which shall comply with Rule 28.2 (c) Note: This drawing is schematic. The distances and mark positions are not to scale.</p>	