



## INTERNATIONAL DRAGON SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### NOTICE OF RACE

**Organizing Authority: Royal London Yacht Club, Cowes, Isle of Wight**

#### **1. Rules:**

- 1.1. The Championship will be governed by:
  - 1.1.1. the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and prescriptions of the RYA and the RYA Racing Charter;
  - 1.1.2. the International Dragon Class Rules;
  - 1.1.3. the British Dragon Association Rules;
  - 1.1.4. the notice of race (NoR) and the sailing instructions (SIs). In the event of conflict, the sailing instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
  - 1.1.5. The bye laws for the Port of Southampton, Portsmouth Harbour and Cowes Harbour.
- 1.2. The exoneration Penalty (and the advisory and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules disputes procedures may be available.
- 1.3. Any changes to the RRS or the Class Rules will be given in full in the SIs.
- 1.4. The protest commit may impose suitable penalties other than disqualification for violations of non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

#### **2. Advertising:**

- 2.1. Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows: Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

#### **3. Eligibility**

- 3.1. The Championship is open to Dragon owners or helmsmen of any nationality who are members of a yacht club recognised by their National Authority.
- 3.2. Yachts entered by British Dragon Association members must either have paid a fee to the BDA for 2019 or replaced a boat that has paid one.
- 3.3. Dragons must hold a valid Class Measurement Certificate.

#### **4. Entry and fees**

- 4.1. Eligible boats may enter by completing the Registration Form available on the RLYC website and sending it, together with the required entry fee to the RLYC Office address below or emailing it to the Sailing Secretary at [sailing@rlyc.org.uk](mailto:sailing@rlyc.org.uk) and making payment direct to the RLYC bank account.
- 4.2. Entry fees are £35 per boat.

## 5. Schedule:

Date	HW *	Time	Event	Location
Saturday 7 September	0628 4.0m 1853 4.0m	0930-1100	Registration & optional Weigh-In (see NoR 6.3 & 6.5)	RLYC
		1240	First warning signal	Central Solent
		ASAP	Further races	Central Solent
		1930	Informal Supper	RLYC
Sunday 8 September	0738 3.8m 2005 3.9m	1025	First warning signal	Central Solent
		ASAP	Further races	Central Solent
		After racing	Prize-giving	RLYC

5.1 \* All High Water times refer to High Water Portsmouth.

Note: all times in this programme are BST.

5.2 Registration may be completed by mail or email in advance, by special request.

5.3 Six races are scheduled of approximately one hour each.

5.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## 6. Equipment & Measurement, Replacement of Crew:

6.1. Each boat shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate (or photocopy) and Sail Registration Form and send it with the entry form or present it at Registration.

6.2. All sails intended to be used at the Championship must have been pre-measured before arrival at the event, no more than eight sails may be used. Only the correct sail number may be used except with prior written permission of the race committee, and declared on the Sail Registration Form. Dispensation will not be given if another boat is already using the same sail number.

6.3. All crews shall declare their individual and combined weights before 0930 on Saturday 7 September. These weights will be posted on the official notice board at the RLYC. Alternatively, crews may be weighed during Registration as shown in 5. above.

6.4. The organising authority reserves the right to conduct measurement and safety equipment checks at any time for compliance to the BDA rules and this NoR.

6.5. Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior permission of the race committee. Replacement crew must declare their weight, or be weighed, before racing.

## 7. Sailing Instructions:

7.1. The SIs will be available at Registration and from the RLYC website [www.rlyc.org.uk](http://www.rlyc.org.uk)

## 8. Venue and Racing Area:

8.1. The venue will be the Royal London Yacht Club. The Parade, Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO31 7QS.

8.2. Racing will be on the Bramble Bank.

## 9. The Course:

9.1. The courses will be issued with the SIs. The starts will be Committee Vessel starts. The course will be a windward/leeward configuration.

## 10. Penalty System:

10.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements occurring within the Zone as defined in the current RRS the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

**11. Scoring**

- 11.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute the Championship.
- 11.1.1. If fewer than five races are completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.1.2. When five or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

**12. Support Boats:**

- 12.1. Competitors’ support boats shall keep clear of the race course from the warning signal until the end of racing for the day.

**13. Haul-Out Restrictions:**

- 13.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the Championship (from the end of Registration), except with prior permission of the race committee.

**14. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools:**

- 14.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around competing boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the Championship.

**15. Radio Communication:**

- 15.1. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving course announcements and other information on channel 77 or as provided in the SIs.
- 15.2. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

**16. Prizes**

- 16.1. Keeper prizes will be awarded to the first boat in the overall series, to the first helmsmen and crew.
- 16.2. The Championship Trophies and prizes will be awarded on the Sunday afternoon at the RLYC, as soon as possible after racing, at the Championship Prizegiving. Championship trophies are as follows:

Overall Winner	The Brigadier Henson Trophy
First Amateur Crew	The Corinthian Trophy
Runner-Up	The Ratsey and Laphorn Trophy
First Solent Dragon	The Clare Lallow Trophy
First Classic Boat	The Silver Dragon Trophy

- 16.3 The winners of all the trophies shall have temporary possession of them for a period of one year and have responsibility to have them suitably engraved and insured.

**17. Risk Statement**

- 17.1 Rule 4 of the RRS states ‘The Responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or 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 while 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 organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- g) It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safely briefing held at the venue;
- h) they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather, that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather, and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

## **18. Insurance**

- 18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum cover of £3,000,000 third party/public liability cover per incident or the equivalent.

## **19. Further information:**

- 19.1 For further information, please contact the organising authority:  
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