



ROYAL ST GEORGE YACHT CLUB



**IRISH EAST COAST
DRAGON CHAMPIONSHIP 2021
Notice of Race**



Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July 2021

Six-race Series

First gun: Friday, July 2nd at 1300 hrs

This event is subject to the Covid-19 guidelines as laid out by the Irish Government and in the Host Club's Covid-19 event protocol document. All people associated with this event must comply with these conditions. These conditions may change as the event approaches and will influence the running/organisation/cancellation of this event.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY AND RULES

The organising authority, by permission of the Irish Dragon Association, is the **Royal St George Yacht Club**. The Regatta 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. SCORING

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

A minimum of 3 races must be sailed to constitute a series. If five races or more 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.

3. PRIZES

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

4. ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION

- **All Owners and Helmsmen shall be paid up members of their National Dragon Association and their National Sailing Authority.**
- **Entries on the official Entry Form online with accompanying fee by 2000 hrs on Thursday, July 1st, 2021**
- **Entries together with the fee should be made online at www.rsgyc.ie**

Sailing Instructions shall be made available online only.

Entry Fee: €250 per yacht payable to Dublin Bay Dragon Fleet

Entry Fee includes participation, craning and parking/mooring and honorary membership of R. St. G.Y.C. for the duration of the event.

5. 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."*

6. 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 Newtons 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.”*

7. COURSES AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

The courses will be Windward-Leeward. Subject to confirmation in the Sailing Instructions, six (6) races will be sailed in the waters of Dublin Bay on Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th July. It is the intention to sail two races on the Friday, three on the Saturday and one on the Sunday.

The Warning Signal for the first race on Friday will be 1300 hrs, on Saturday at 1100 hrs and on Sunday at 1100 hrs. While the intention is that no warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs on Sunday July 4th, the Race Committee reserves the right to run racing after that time in order to complete a minimum championship series of races (3).

8. 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.

9. INSURANCE

Each competing Dragon's Owner(s) and competing crews shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain Third Party Insurance Cover of not less than One Million Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Euro (€1,250,000) for any accident. All owners/competitors who sign the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

10. LIABILITY

No responsibility shall be accepted by the Royal St George Yacht Club, its directors, members, servants or agents nor any of the sponsors, 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 this event.

11. 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 or the Sailing Instructions nor any action by Royal St George 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.**

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. BERTHING

All competitors are required to berth at the Royal St George Yacht Club for the duration of the Championship, commencing after racing on Friday, 2nd July until Sunday 4th July 2021.

14. COVID-19 CANCELLATION

After entry applications are opened and until the start of the event the OA will monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic or other potential disruptions to the event and, having regard for the health and safety of all participants as well as any government travel restrictions or government mandated conditions on gatherings that affect participation in or conduct of the Regatta, may at its sole discretion:

- a) Cancel the championships and reject or cancel entries at its absolute discretion.
- b) Limit the number of entries.
- c) Restrict the entries from a region.
- d) Use the date order of receipt of entry to determine the cancelled entries if limiting class entries.
- e) Make any other decision deemed necessary in the circumstances.
- f) Refund the entry fee in full should the OA cancel the championship or reject an entry.

15. COVID STATEMENT

By taking part in any of the events covered by this Notice of Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the COVID-19 procedures of RSGYC and Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. Any specific guidance or protocols that govern the event will be published on the official notice board located online at the [Virtual Race Office](#). Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from the OA or Club official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by OA and Club officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Details to be confirmed at a later date, but the social programme will be limited. Any activities will comply with public guidelines re; COVID-19. At this time, it is anticipated that some outdoor seating for post-sailing refreshments will be available.

Any further details / information will be provided as soon as practical.

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