



ROYAL ST GEORGE YACHT CLUB



**IRISH EAST COAST
DRAGON CHAMPIONSHIP 2021
Sailing Instructions**



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

Six-race Series

First gun: Friday, July 2nd at 1300 hours

The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS - 2021 – 2024) 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.
- 1.2 Class Rules 13.10 (crew numbers) and 13.30 (crew weight) shall apply.
- 1.3 Class Rule 11.10.3 is amended thus: "A Personal Flotation Device with minimum buoyancy of 50 Newtons shall be worn by each person on board."
- 1.4 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. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than two hours before the advertised starting time of the first race each day. Such posting shall constitute official notice for each boat. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 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.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

All Notices to competitors will be posted online in the [RSGYC Virtual Race Office](#).

- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 77.
- 3.4 The following communications may be made by the race committee on channel 77: the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, General Recalls, Black Flag DSQs and Postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.
- 3.5 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals to competitors will be displayed from the main flagstaff of the Royal St George Yacht Club.

Flag AP hoisted 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. RACE SCHEDULE

DATE	H.W. North Wall	RACE NO.	FIRST WARNING SIGNAL
Friday, July 2 nd	06.03 3.5m	Race 1	1300 hrs
		Race 2	As soon as possible after the conclusion of Race 1
Saturday, July 3 rd	07.01 3.4m	Race 3	1100 hrs
		Race 4	As soon as possible after the conclusion of Race 3
		Race 5	As soon as possible after the conclusion of Race 4
Sunday, July 4 th	07.59 3.4m	Race 6	1100 hrs

The intention is that no warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs on Sunday July 4th; however, the Race Committee reserve the right to run racing after that time in order to complete a minimum championship series of races (3).

While the intention is to run the Event as per Schedule 5 above; given the prevailing weather forecast for wind strength over the 3 days of the Regatta, the Race Committee reserves the right to run more races than scheduled on any day of the Regatta in order to complete the Series.

When the Committee Boat flies Code Flag R competitors should stand by for another race, even after the scheduled number of races for that day has been completed

6. CLASS FLAG

The Class flag will be IC flag "D"

7. RACING AREA

The waters of Dublin Bay.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The diagram in Attachment A 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 Flagship.
- 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

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2A and 2B will be large black inflatable marks.

- 9.2 The Starting Mark may be either a distinctive coloured Mark, or a Pole located in an anchored rib.
- 9.3 The Wing Mark will be similar to the Windward Mark - but may be replaced by a Dan 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".
- 10. THE START**
- 10.1 Races will be started as set out in RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The Starting Line will be to Leeward of Marks 2A and 2B (if laid) and shall be between the main mast of the Flagship displaying an Orange Flag at the Starboard end of the line and the Port end starting mark.
- 10.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.4 A boat which starts later than 10 minutes after her Starting Signal shall be scored as Did Not Compete ("DNC").
- 11. CHANGING OF COURSE AFTER THE START**
- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee may 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 28.1.
- 11.3 If a race is shortened at the Leeward Gate RRS 32.2 (C) applies, i.e., finish between the Gate Marks.
- 11.4 Minor adjustments to the course will not be signalled.
- 12. FINISH LINE**
- Unless the course is shortened, the finish line will be between a Committee Vessel or RIB displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and Mark 1 at the port end.
- 13. TARGET TIME + TIME LIMIT**
- 13.1 The target time for each race shall be around 1 hour 15 minutes from the valid start. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 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 RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.3 The time limit for each race shall be 2 hours after the start time
- 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 Protests shall conform to the requirements of RRS Part 5, Section A, and shall be filed online at [Online Protest Form](#) This amends RRS 61.2.

16.2 Protests shall be lodged each day within one hour after the last boat to finish in the last race of each day.

16.3 Protest hearings schedule shall be posted on event virtual notice board, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. It is the responsibility of competitors to make themselves available at the time and place indicated on the virtual notice board.

16.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16.5 Arbitration. Appendix T will apply except that the post-race penalty is 20% or at least two place points. This changes T1(b). Rule 64.1 (b) applies: if a boat has taken an applicable penalty shall not be penalised further with respect to the same incident unless the rule she broke is a disqualification that is not excludable from her series score.

17. SCORING

17.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with RRS 89.3(a) (Low Point System).

17.2 Three (3) 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 RRS Appendix A8

18. HAULING OUT

18.1 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.

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

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the helm and crew of the first five boats overall.

Prizes will be awarded to each individual Race winner, except that a boat may only win one Race winner prize.

20. RISK STATEMENT / DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks

include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

The Royal St George Yacht Club, or any of their trustees, officers, members, servants or agents, nor any sponsor, nor those officials connected with the event, do not accept liability for any loss, damage, or other claim of whatever nature sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the championship.

21. INSURANCE

Each boat'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 adequate third-party insurance cover for racing risks. All owners/competitors who sign the entry and registration form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

Attachment A

The Course

1 st Round	2 nd Round	Final Leg
Start, Mark 1 (p), Wing Mark (P), Gate 2a (S) or 2b (P)	Mark 1 (p), Wing Mark (P), Gate 2a (S) or 2b (P)	Finish between Mark 1 & RC vessel /Rib

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

