



ROYAL ST GEORGE YACHT CLUB

Notice of Race



*Incorporating Irish Grand Prix (Grade 1)
21-25 August 2024*

Seven-race Series

Organising Authority - Royal St. George YC in conjunction with the Irish Dragon Association Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland

In Association with



**Brewin
Dolphin**

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1** The event will be governed by rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and The Rules & Regulations of the International Dragon Association (IDA)
- 1.2** No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3** It is a helmsman's championship and a ranking event for the purposes of Irish qualification for European & World Championships.
- 1.4** RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42, will apply

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** The sailing instructions will be available online at on the Official Notice Board (ONB) and may be repeated www.rsgyc.ie by 20th August 2024.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1** The Official Notice Board, which is online at 'ONB' on the event page of www.racingrulesofsailing.org, may be repeated at www.rsgyc.ie
- 3.2** [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on marine channels.
- 3.3** On the water, the race committee will make courtesy and safety broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4** Competitors may be alerted to new notices being posted via the Official Irish Dragon Nationals Group Chat on WhatsApp. The Race Committee (RC) may also use the Group Chat to make other courtesy announcements concerning the Event. Boats should register at least one mobile device to receive WhatsApp group messages.
- 3.4** [DP] 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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** The Event is open to all International Dragon Class yachts that hold a valid measurement certificate.
- 4.2** All Owners and Helmsmen shall be paid up members of their National Dragon Association.
- 4.3** Boats may enter the event and pay the entry fee online at www.rsgyc.ie by 1800 hrs on Wednesday, August 21st 2024.
- 4.4** Entries are currently not open to boats where any crew member holds a Russian or Belarus Passport or to a boat that is registered with or a member of the National Association in those countries.
- 4.5** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall have registered with the event race office, completed crew weighing and measurement requirements and have paid all fees.

5. FEES

- 5.1** Entry Fee is €380 per boat, this includes:

- craning,
- boat parking/mooring,
- championship dinner,
- car parking permit (1 per team)
- honorary membership of Royal St George Yacht Club for the duration of the event

5.2 Standard entry is up to 21st July 2024, after which a late entry fee of €450 will apply.

6. CREW LIMITATION

6.1 The following crew limitations apply:

- (a) The total weight of the crew shall not exceed 285 KG. The weight shall be taken with the crew wearing lightweight clothing. (Class rule 13.30)
- (b) There shall not be more than four persons on board while racing. (Class Rule 13.10)
- (c) A boat shall compete with the same number of crew throughout an event.” (Class Rule 13.10) ;and
- (d) Substitution of crew will not be permitted without the prior written permission of the RC. The replacement crew member shall be weighed before racing.

6.2 Entry to the Corinthian Division requires a valid World Sailing I.D. with Group 1 Categorisation. Unclassified sailors will be deemed to be Group 3. Details may be found on the WS website.

6.3 A boat entered in the Corinthian Division shall also be entered automatically into the Open Division.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 Advertising is only allowed under World Sailing Regulation 20.4. IDA rules do not permit any competitor advertising.

7.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 Launching – Wednesday 21st August 1000-1900, Thursday 22nd August 0800-1000.

8.2 Registration, Measurement and Crew Weighing – Wednesday August 21st 0900-1900hrs.

8.3 Skippers briefing will be held at 1100 hrs on Thursday 22nd August.

8.4 Subject to confirmation in the Sailing Instructions, it is the intention to sail two races on each of the first 3 days and one race on the final day. However, additional races may be held on any day as necessary with a view to achieving a series.

8.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race on each day will be as follows:

- Thursday 22nd 1300 hrs (2 races back to back)
- Friday 23rd 1100 hrs (2 races back to back)
- Saturday 24th 1100 hrs (2 races back to back)
- Sunday 25th 1100 hrs (1 race)

8.6 While the intention is that no warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs on Sunday 25th August, the Race Committee reserves the right to run racing after that time in order to complete a minimum of four races to constitute a series in accordance with section 13.1

9. MEASUREMENTS and EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.

9.2 Boat and equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules.

9.3 A sail declaration form shall be completed at registration or submitted prior to registration at www.racingrulesofsailing.org.

9.4 Crew weight forms will be available at the Race Office.

- 9.5** Boats shall not present any unmeasured sails for Registration and Measurement.
- 9.6** No more than eight sails per boat shall be submitted.
- 9.7** Boats shall not use any sails other than the eight sails listed on the Sail Declaration Form, except with the prior permission of the RC, and then only in exceptional circumstances.

10 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

- 10.1** 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.

11 COURSES

- 11.1** The courses will be Windward-Leeward courses staged on the waters of Dublin Bay.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.
- 12.2** Rule P2.3 will not apply and Rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first.
- 12.3** The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 12.4** Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

13 SCORING

- 13.1** 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2** (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 5 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1** [DP] Support person vessels shall register with the race office and shall always when afloat, display a flag provided by the Organising Authority.
- 14.2** [DP] All support vessel crew shall wear personal flotation devices (PFD) whilst afloat. When the engine is running, the support vessel helm shall use a kill cord at all times.

15 BERTHING

- 15.1** All competitors are required to berth at the Royal St George Yacht Club for the duration of the Championship or as directed by the Organising Authority.

16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1** Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee unless for serious and unavoidable circumstances.

17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 17.1** Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

18 LIABILITY

- 18.1** Competitors participate in the Event entirely at their own risk. No responsibility shall be accepted by the Royal St George Yacht Club, its directors, members, trustees, employees, servants or agents nor any of the sponsors, nor those officials or members connected with the Event, nor Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council and Dublin Port Company, 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.

19 RESPONSIBILITY

19.1 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. 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.**

20 INSURANCE

20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. All owners/competitors who enter are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

21 PRIZES

21.1 Prizes will be awarded to the helmsman and crew of the first three boats overall in Open and Corinthian divisions, and to the winner of each race, except that no helm and crew may win more than one race winner prize. Other prizes may be awarded at the Organising Authority’s discretion.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

22.1 For further information, please contact :

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SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Details to be confirmed at a later date, but the social program details / information will be provided as soon as practical.