

International Dragon Class South West Championship 2009

Organising Authority: The Royal Cornwall Yacht Club **NOTICE OF RACE**

1. RULES

1.1. Racing will be governed by the "Rules" as defined by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009/12 and the Rules of the International Dragon class.

1.2. The Rules of the British Dragon Association (BDA) shall apply. Attention is drawn to BDA rule 12 "that all dragons shall carry flares to a minimum of two orange smokes".

1.3. No competitor may use more than 8 separate sails during the event, except in exceptional circumstances and with the Race Committee's permission.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1. The regatta is designated Category 'A' under ISAF Advertising Code Regulation 20.

2.2. All boats shall display any advertising provided by the organizing authority at registration..

2.3. On the first day of the event the winner of the 2008 South Coast Championship or, in his absence, a boat drawn by lot shall use a spinnaker provided by the sponsor. On subsequent days the boat leading on points, after the relevant number of discards, at the beginning of the day shall use this spinnaker.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. The regatta is open to Dragon owners or helmsmen of any nationality who are members of a yacht club recognised by their National Authority and who are current members of their National Dragon Class Association and whose boat holds a valid Class Measurement Certificate. A photocopy of the measurement certificate shall be sent with the entry.

3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and sending it, together with the required fee, to the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club (see 18.1) by 31st May 2009.

3.3. Late entries will be accepted on payment of the late entry fee, except that the Organising Authority reserves the right to decline any entry received after 15th June.

4. FEES

4.1. The entry fee for the South West Championship is £160. For those also entering the Edinburgh Cup the combined fee is £390.

4.2. For late entries an additional fee of £25 (£50 for combined entries) is payable.

4.3. The entry fee includes: trailer parking, berthing for nights of 4th July to 6th July inclusive, crantage for launching, haul out at regatta end if required, and three Championship Dinner tickets. Further Championship Dinner tickets, dinner tickets for the other evenings and packed lunches may be ordered using the entry form or at registration (subject to availability).

5. SCHEDULE OF RACING and EVENTS

5.1.

Date	Time	Events / Races
Sat 4th July	1000 - 1800	Registration, crew weigh in, measurement checks. Launch new arrivals at Dockyard.
	1800	Skippers briefing
Sun 5th July	1055	First warning signal for up to 4 races
Mon 6th July	1055	First warning signal for up to 4 races
Tues 7th July	1055	First warning signal for 2 races.
	1200	Crane available at Dockyard

When two or more races are sailed on one day they will be scheduled "back to back".

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

6.1. All entrants shall register at the RCYC during the times prescribed in NoR 5.

6.2. Entrants shall present the original of their valid measurement certificate at registration unless a photocopy has already been submitted.

6.3. Entrants shall present themselves for crew weigh-in during the times prescribed in NoR 5.

6.4. The sails intended for use shall be specified at registration using IDA Sail Registration Form. Sails shall have been measured prior to arrival.

6.5. Boat, equipment and sails may be subject to measurement checks at any time.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. Sailing Instructions will be issued at registration.

8. VENUE

8.1. Attachment A shows the location of the RCYC, the Dockyard, Port Pendennis and the Town Quay marina.

8.2. The race areas will be in Falmouth Bay and in Carrick Roads.

8.3. Windward/leeward courses will be sailed as defined in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCORING

9.1. Up to 10 races may be sailed of which 3 shall be completed to constitute a series. When 4 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When 3 races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10. LAUNCH AND HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

10.1. Entrants shall complete registration before clearing the marshalling area to launch.

10.2. On 4th July access to the secure launch area is strictly limited to between 0900 and 1800 hours.

10.3. On 7th July haul out, if required, shall take place between 1200 and 1800 hours by which time all boats shall be clear of the secure launch area.

10.4. Boats shall be afloat by 1800 hours on Saturday 4th July and berthed in the area allocated. Boats shall not be hauled out before the end of the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee. An emergency crane will be available.

10.5. Any boats (having competed in the South West Championships) wishing to be scrubbed on 7th July should notify the race office in advance. There is no certainty that scrubbing can be arranged. Scrubbing will be subject to a fee.

11. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

11.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats at any time when afloat.

12. CREW SUBSTITUTION

12.1. A member of the crew may only be substituted following prior written permission of the Race Committee.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

13.1. All coach and support boats shall register at the Race Office on arrival, before going afloat.

15. PRIZES

15.1. Keeper prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each race and will be awarded daily at the 'Happy Hour' after completion of the days racing (Wednesday and Thursday), at the Edinburgh Cup Dinner and at the Prize Giving, unless notified otherwise.

15.2. Overall keeper prizes will be awarded to the winning helm and crew and to the next five boats overall.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1. A boat is entirely responsible for her own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

16.2. It is for a boat to decide whether she is fit to sail in the conditions in which she will find herself. By launching, or going to sea, the boat confirms that she is fit for those conditions and her crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

16.3. Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of a boat nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the Organising Authority, the Race Committee, the race officer, patrol boats and berthing masters.

16.4. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve a boat of her responsibilities.

17. **INSURANCE**

17.1. Each boat shall hold third party indemnity or not less than .2 million sterling for the duration of the regatta and for the waters around Falmouth.

18. **FURTHER INFORMATION**

18.1. For further information please consult the website at www.edinburghcup.co.uk or contact

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