



ROYAL ST GEORGE YACHT CLUB

## Dragon East Coast Championships

Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin, Ireland

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

# Notice of Race (NoR)

Organising Authority - Royal St. George Yacht Club in conjunction with the Irish Dragon Association

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 Irish Sailing 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 on the Official Notice Board (ONB) by 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board will be online [Here](#)
- 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 East Coast Championships 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. The WhatsApp Group Chat is not a substitute for the ONB.
- 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 [HERE](#) by 1800 hrs on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026.
- 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 and have paid all fees.

#### **5. FEES**

- 5.1 Entry Fee of €250 per boat including boat craning/berthing and temporary membership of Royal St. George Yacht Club for the duration of the event.

#### **6. CREW LIMITATION**

- 6.1 The following crew limitations apply:
  - (a) Class Rule 13.30 (crew weight) will not apply
  - (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.

#### **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 Craning in – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1400-1800, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 0800-1000.
- 8.2 Registration - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1400-2000hrs.
- 8.3 Skippers briefing will be held at 1030hrs on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May.
- 8.4 Subject to confirmation in the Sailing Instructions, it is the intention to sail two races a 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:
  - Friday 15<sup>th</sup>            1300 hrs            (2 races back-to-back)
  - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>        1100 hrs            (2 races back-to-back)
  - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>         1100 hrs            (2 races back-to-back)
- 8.6 While the intention is that no warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, the Race Committee reserves the right to run racing after that time to complete a minimum of four races to constitute a series in accordance with section 13.1

#### **9. MEASUREMENTS**

**9.1** Each boat must have a valid measurement certificate according to the rules of the International Dragon Association.

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

## **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.

## **SCORING**

**13.1** 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**13.2** (a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 or 6 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 always use a kill cord.

## **15 BERTHING**

**15.1** All competitors are required to berth at the assigned mooring 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 Baltimore Sailing Club, its directors, members, trustees, employees, servants or agents nor any of the sponsors, nor those officials or members connected with the Event, nor Cork County Council 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 the Royal St George e Yacht Club, the Organising Committee or Race Committee, Dublin Port Company or Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council 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 helm and crew of the first 5 boats overall and to the helm and crew 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:

RSGYC Sailing Manager Karin Ryan: [Click to email:](#)

Event Chairman Peter Bowring: [click to email:](#)

Class Captain Ronan Murphy: [click to email:](#)

## **SOCIAL PROGRAMME**

Friday TBA

Saturday Championship Dinner at the RSGYC