



International Dragon Easter Regatta 2020

Friday 10th April – Sunday 12th April

Royal Corinthian Yacht Club
Burnham on Crouch, Essex

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2** No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3** Crouch Harbour Authority byelaws will apply.
- 1.4** Racing rules will be changed as follows 62.1(a) to Si 15.10 Rule A4 to Si 11.3, Rule 35, A4 and A5 to Si 15.2, Rule 60.1(a) to Si 16.5, Rule 62.2 to Si 16.7, Rule 66 to Si 16.6
- 1.5** Under rule 87, rule(s) 12.20 of the International Dragon Class class rules will not apply they are changed as follows: the use of depth sounders is permitted.
- 1.6** If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7** Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the rights in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television of, or relating to, this event.
- 1.8** Competitors should note the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and they will be required to sail in compliance with the Charter.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board, located on the Ground Floor of the RCYC club house.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Race box atop the RCYC Clubhouse.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration: Friday 10th April 2020

From 09.30 to 11:00. Special dispensation for late entry may be given on request.

5.2 Briefing will take place in the East end ground floor of Royal Corinthian Yacht Club 11h00 on Friday 10th April 2020

5.3 Dates of racing will be 10th, 11th and 12th April 2020.

5.4 A maximum of four races will be sailed on any one day.

5.5	Date	Race	Start line	Warning Signal
	10 th April	Race one	Phoebe	12h55
		Race two	Phoebe	As soon as possible after race one
		Race three	Phoebe	As soon as possible after race two
	11 th April	Race four	Phoebe	10h55
		Race five	Phoebe	As soon as possible after race four
		Race six	Phoebe	As soon as possible after race five
	12 th April	Race seven	Phoebe	10h55
		Race eight	Phoebe	As soon as possible after race seven

5.6 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed on the committee boat, with one sound, at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.7 A maximum of eight races will be sailed in total.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flag will be ICF 'D'.

7 RACING AREAS

7.1 Rivers Crouch and Roach

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the course to be sailed. One lap is 1P – 2P – 3P/3S – Start/Finish.

8.2 The planned duration of each race will be displayed in minutes on the committee boat no later than the warning signal.

8.3 If one of two gate marks has not been laid, or is missing and has not been replaced as RRS 34, then the remaining mark shall be left to port.

8.4 All boats shall pass through the start/finish gate on the windward leg. Any boat failing to comply with this instruction shall be scored **DNF** without hearing.

9 MARKS

9.1 Mark 1 Green conical buoy. Mark 2 Black cylindrical buoy. Marks 3P and 3S will be Orange cylindrical buoys.

9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be Orange cylindrical buoys.

9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be Orange cylindrical buoys.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 The following areas are designated as obstructions: Breaches entrances.

11 THE START

- 11.1** Races will be started by using Rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2** Committee boat start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag aboard the race committee signal boat and a buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 11.3** A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start, without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original as soon as practicable.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag aboard the race committee signal boat and a buoy displaying an orange flag.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1** The penalties are as follows: Rule 44.1 apply

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1** Mark 1 – 30 minutes
Target Race Time – 45/60 minutes
- 15.2** If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 15.3** Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1** Protest forms are available at the race office, located at RCYC office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 16.2** For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 16.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the Library RCYC, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5** Breaches of instructions 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

- 16.6** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a)** within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b)** no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 16.7** 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 rule 62.2.

17 SCORING

- 17.1** Three completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 17.2** When 4 races, or fewer, have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3** When more than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1** Check-Out and Check-In: None.
- 18.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 19.1** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee, equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 EVENT ADVERTISING

- 21.1** Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 22.1** Official boats will be marked as follows: RCYC.

23 SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1** Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 23.2** Support boats shall be marked with Support Boat Flag.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

24.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

25.1 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

26.1 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 regatta.

27 RADIO COMMUNICATION

27.1 All boats shall carry VHF radio. A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing, with the single exception being communication with the Race Management Vessel in an emergency using VHF Ch72. This restriction on communication also applies to mobile telephones.

28 PRIZES

28.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
Daily race prizes for each day of racing
Overall winner Burnham Easter Trophy

29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

29.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a)** They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b)** They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c)** They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d)** Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e)** The provision of a race management team, patrol boat and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f)** The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

30 INSURANCE

30.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

Attachment A – The Course



One lap is: 1P – 2P – 3P/3S – Start/Finish

Marks 3P and 3S form a leeward gate. Boats are to pass between and either round 3P to Port or 3S to Starboard.

All boats are to pass through the Start/ Finish line at the end/ beginning of each lap.

Unless shortened in accordance with RRS32, each race will finish on a windward leg after the race has been in progress for the duration displayed on the committee boat.

Mark 1	Green Cone
Mark 2	Black Cylinder
Marks 3P/3S	Orange Cylinders
Start/ Finish	Orange Cylinder and mast displaying orange flag on committee boat