



International Dragon Class – Easter Regatta  
The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club (RCYC),  
15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
Royal Corinthian Yacht Club  
Burnham on Crouch Essex  
CM0 8AX

### **Sailing Instructions**

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

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

Organising Authority draw attention to Covid 19 Laws and guidance with an expectation that Officials, Support persons, Competitors will comply with them

## **1 RULES**

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 Crouch Harbour Authority Byelaws.

1.3 The Rules of the International Dragon Association.

1.4 RRS A5.1 and A5.2 is changed as follows, A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10 is changed as follows) A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text takes precedence.

1.6 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable instructions from an event official.

1.7 All participants (competitors, support persons and officials) are expected to follow general government COVID-19 guidelines and legislation, general RYA guidance and any Club guidance. Participants should make their own decision on whether to participate, having regard to COVID-19. Neither the Organising Authority nor the PRO is responsible for enforcing any measures. The Sailing Instructions may, from time to time, however, include an appendix with Rules relating to COVID-19 and which will be within the jurisdiction of the Protest Committee.

## 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 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 published by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

## 3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board is located at the East End of the clubhouse

3.2 The race office is located at RCYC main office telephone 01621 782105 email [info@royalcorinthian.co.uk](mailto:info@royalcorinthian.co.uk)

3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.

3.4 The race committee may make the following communications on VHF channel 72 Courses and time checks

3.5 [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 unavailable to all boats.

## 4 CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organising Authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

## 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the RCYC Race box

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Dates	Race numbers	Races per day scheduled	Races per day maximum
15.04.2022	1,2,3	3	4
16.04.2022	4,5,6	3	4
17.04.2022	7,8	2	3

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 10.55

6.3 The orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made to alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon.

6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 13:00h

## 7.0 CLASS FLAG

7.1

The International Dragon Class Flag



## 8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area is rivers, Crouch and Roach.

## 9 COURSES

9.1 The diagram in SI Addendum 1 shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## 10 MARKS

10.1 Mark(s) are orange inflatable buoys. The WWL spreader mark, if laid, will be a Black inflatable buoy.

10.2 New marks, as provided in SI 13, are orange inflatable buoys.

## 11 OBSTRUCTIONS

## 12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal

- 12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and an orange buoy displaying an orange flag.
- 12.3 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).
- 12.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

**13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1 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 mark as soon as practicable. When a new mark is replaced in a subsequent change, it may be replaced by an original mark.

**14 THE FINISH**

- 14.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel and an orange buoy displaying a blue flag

**15 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 15.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.1, applies

**16 TIME LIMITS**

- 16.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
20	30,45	15

- 16.2 The race will be abandoned if no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit.
- 16.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window and not subsequently retiring, penalised, or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the day's final race, or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

17.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at RCYC

17.3 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 on RCYC first floor, beginning at posted time.

## 18 SCORING

18.1 The scoring system is as follows: A4 low points system.

18.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.3 When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

18.4 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score

18.5 Rule A5.3 applies.

## 19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

19.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

## 21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, a notice of race and sailing instructions.

21.2 [DP] A boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection when instructed by a race official on the water.

## 22 OFFICIAL VESSELS

22.1 Official vessels will be identified as follows: RCYC burgee

## 23 SUPPORT TEAMS

- 23.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the preparatory signal for the first start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 23.2 Support person vessels shall be identified with support.

## 24 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 24.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

## 25 BERTHING

- 25.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the moorings

## 26 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 26.1 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## 27 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 27.1 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 last race of the event.

## 28 PRIZES

- 28.1 Prizes will be given at the Prizegiving after racing on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April

## 29 RISK STATEMENT

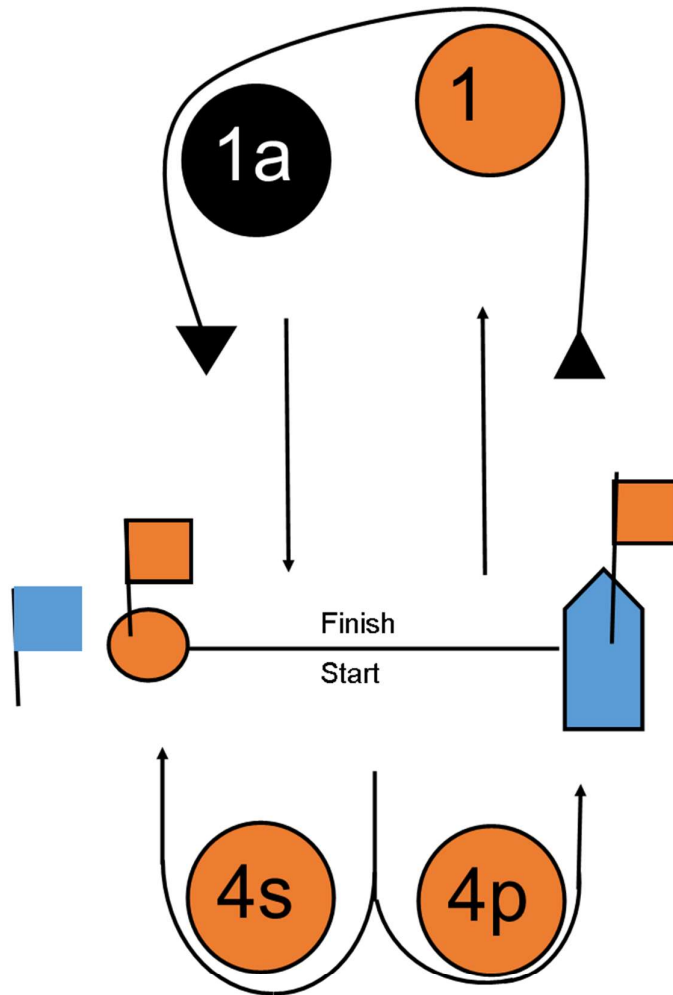
- 29.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' Each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks by participating in this event. These risks include strong winds 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 an 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.**

**30 INSURANCE**

- 30.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 3 million pounds sterling per incident or the equivalent.

Addendum 1 follows on page 8

Windward leeward course



The diagram shows the direction of rounding mark 1 and 1a when the red board is shown by the Committee boat (Port rounding)

If a green board is displayed by the Committee boat the direction of mark 1 will be to starboard. Mark 1a to Starboard. Marks 3&4 will form a gate at the leeward end of the course you must pass between Mark 3 & 4 and round either of the marks. Boats must pass through the start finish line on each windward leg.

**All Boats must pass through the Start/ Finish gate on each windward leg**

The race will finish on a windward leg when the leading boat passes through the start finish gate for the first time after the race has been in progress for the time displayed on a board at the stern of the Committee Boat. If however the conditions are extreme the race may be shortened sooner. **Marks 1, 4s and 4p are orange buoys. Mark 2 a black buoy. Pin orange buoy**