

O'LEARY LIFE IRISH NATIONAL DRAGON CHAMPIONSHIP 2021

hosted by



Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th September 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

This event is subject to the COVID-19 guidelines as laid out by the Irish Government and in the Host Club's Covid-19 event protocol document. All people associated with this event must comply with these conditions. These conditions may change as the event approaches and will influence the running/organisation/cancellation of this event.

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY AND RULES

The organising authority (OA), by permission of the Irish Dragon Association, is **Kinsale Yacht Club (KYC)**.

The event will be governed by rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association, the current International Dragon Class Rules, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

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, the event.

In the event of any discrepancies between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instruction's, the Sailing Instruction's will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

Advertising is as permitted under ISAF regulation 20.4. Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

3. SCORING

It is a helmsman's championship and is a ranking regatta for the purposes of the IDA International Ranking List and for Irish qualification for European & World Championships. Under RRS 90.3, scoring shall be the Low Points Scoring System.

A minimum of 4 races must be sailed to constitute a series. If five or more races are sailed there will be one discard applied, subject to provisions of RRS Appendix A2 - Scores not Excludable. Ties will be decided in accordance with Appendix A8.

4. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the helmsman and crew of the first five boats overall, and to the winner of each race, except that no helm and crew may win more than one race winner prize. Further prizes may be awarded.

5. ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION

- Entries on the official Entry Form online on the link provided below, with accompanying fee of €250 by 1900 hrs on Wednesday 1st September 2021.
- <https://www.kyc.ie/oleary-life-irish-national-dragon-championships-2nd-5th-sept-2021/>
- All Owners and Helmsmen shall be paid up members of their National Dragon Association and their National Sailing Authority.

Sailing Instructions shall be available online at <https://www.kyc.ie/oleary-life-irish-national-dragon-championships-2nd-5th-sept-2021/>

Please ensure to sign up to the WhatsApp group on the link above for event communications.

Entry Fee: €250 per yacht or €100 per yacht if all crew under age of 30 (please contact us directly to arrange: kinsaledragons@gmail.com).

Payment via online registration with accompanying entry form.

Entry Fee includes participation, cramage (into water and out of water once only), trailer parking, mooring and honorary membership of KYC for the duration of the event.

Skipper's briefing will be held at 11.00 hrs, Thursday 2nd September. The briefing may be virtual in location.

6. CREW WEIGHT

Class Rule 13.30 shall apply. *"Except when excluded by the Sailing Instructions, the total weight of the crew shall not exceed 285 kg. The weight shall be taken with the crew wearing lightweight clothing. If a crew has been officially weighed immediately previous to the regatta, re-weighing during the regatta shall not take place unless there is a change of crew."*

7. NUMBER OF CREW AND PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

Class Rule 13.10 will apply. *"There shall not be more than four persons on board while racing. A boat shall compete with the same number of crew throughout an event."* Class Rule 11.10.4 will also apply. *"A Personal Flotation Device (PFD) with minimum buoyancy of 50 Newton 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."*

8. COURSES AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

The courses will be Windward-Leeward. Subject to confirmation in the Sailing Instructions, seven (7) races will be sailed in the waters south of Kinsale Harbour from the 2nd to 5th September 2021; two races on each of the first three days of the event followed by one race on the final day.

The Warning Signal for the first race each day will be as follows:

- Thursday 2nd 1300 hrs (2 races)
- Friday 3rd 1200 hrs (2 races)
- Saturday 4th 1200 hrs (2 races)
- Sunday 5th 1200 hrs (1 race / Possibility of more if all races not sailed)

The race schedule may be modified by the PRO in the interest of completing as many of the planned races as possible.

No warning signal will be made after 1430hrs on Sunday 5th September.

9. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-turn penalty is replaced by a One-turn.

10. LAUNCHING / RECOVERY

A hoist / crane will be available in Kingston Brothers Kinsale Boatyard, Middle Cove, Kinsale. (contact: Shawn Kingston 087 279 0351)

Launching for boats is as follows:

Wednesday 1st September: 1600 - 1800 hrs

Thursday 2nd September: 0900 - 1100 hrs

Sunday 5th September: recovery from 1300 hrs in the order of finishing of final race, except that priority will be given to boats travelling.

11. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are on KYC marina.

12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Race information may be given on marine VHF (156-162MHz). The Channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions. It is the owner's/helmsman's responsibility to fulfill all legal requirements to carry and use marine VHF radio on board a yacht.

14. INSURANCE

Each competing Dragon Owner(s) and competing crews shall ensure that they are adequately insured with valid third-party liability insurance of not less than €2,000,000 per incident. All owners/competitors who sign / write their name at the bottom of the Entry Form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, "Decision to Race". No responsibility shall be accepted by the OA, their directors, officers, members, servants or agents nor any sponsor, nor those officials or members connected with the Event 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 the O'Leary Life Irish National Dragon Championship event.

16. RESPONSIBILITY

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. This includes responsibility to ensure a record is kept of all crew in the boat's "pod" and to ensure no attendance or participation by crew who are unwell or have recently been unwell or who have had any contact with someone who has been unwell.

Neither this Notice of Race nor the Sailing Instructions nor any action by Kinsale 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.**

17. COVID 19 CANCELLATION

After entry applications are opened and until the start of the event the OA will monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic or other potential disruptions to the event and, having regard for the health and safety of all participants as well as any government travel restrictions or government mandated conditions on gatherings that affect participation in or conduct of the Regatta, may at its sole discretion:

- a) Cancel the championships and reject or cancel entries at its absolute discretion.
- b) Limit the number of entries.
- c) Restrict the entries from a region.
- d) Use the date order of receipt of entry to determine the cancelled entries if limiting class entries.
- e) Make any other decision deemed necessary in the circumstances.
- f) Refund the entry fee in full should the OA cancel the championship or reject an entry.

18. COVID STATEMENT

By taking part in any of the events covered by this Notice of Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the COVID-19 procedures of KYC and Cork County Council. Any specific guidance or protocols that govern the event will be published on the official notice board located online or at the Race Office. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from the OA or Club official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by OA and Club officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Details to be confirmed at a later date, but the social programme will be limited. Any activities will comply with public guidelines re; COVID-19. At this time, it is anticipated that outdoor seating for post-sailing refreshments will be available.

Any further details / information will be provided as soon as practical.

Further information from Sailing Instructions or KYC Dragon Class Captains:

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