IRISH NATIONAL DRAGON CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

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Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the current prescriptions of Irish Sailing when they apply, the current International Dragon Class Rules and the Notice of Race, except as any of the aforementioned is altered by these Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

1.2 Class Rules 13.10 (crew numbers) and 13.30 (crew weight of max 285kgs) shall apply.

1.3 Class Rule 11.10.3 will also apply. "A Personal Floatation Device with minimum buoyancy of 50 Newton shall be carried for each person on board."

1.4 Competitors' attention is drawn to *RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rules* and to the current International Dragon Class Rule 11 *Equipment.*

1.5 Penalties for breaking rules of Part 2, RRS 44.1, is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by a one-turn except when taking a penalty for infringing Racing Rule 18.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Notice Board (ONB) at the KYC Clubhouse and online on the KYC event site.

3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before such change is to take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals to competitors will be displayed from the main flagstaff which is situated in the Kinsale Yacht Club.

When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute' will be replaced with "not less than 60 minutes in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Skipper's briefing will be held at 10.30 hrs, Thursday 24th August at KYC Clubhouse.

DATE	*RACE NO.*	*WARNING SIGNAL*
Thursday 24th	Race 1	1300 hrs
	Race 2	As soon as possible after the conclusion of Race 1
Friday 25th	Race 3	1200 hrs
	Race 4	As soon as possible after the conclusion of Race 3
Saturday 26th	Race 5	1200 hrs
	Race 6	As soon as possible after the conclusion of Race 5
Sunday 27th	Race 7	1200 hrs
		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.
On the last day of racing, no Warning Signal will be made after 14.30 hrs.

6 CLASS FLAG

The Class flag will be I.C. flag 'D'

7 RACING AREA.

The waters outside of Kinsale harbour

8 THE COURSE

8.1 The diagram and notes in *Attachment A* show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 The approximate compass bearing to Mark 1 may be displayed from the Committee Vessel.

8.3 At the Leeward Gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark, rounding Mark 2A to Starboard or Mark 2B to Port. If, for any reason, there is only one Leeward Mark, it shall be rounded to port.

8.4 If for any reason the spreader mark is not there on rounding, boats shall round the weather mark and proceed directly to the leeward gate.

9 MARKS

9.1 Mark 1 will be a Yellow Inflatable Mark and Marks 2A & 2B will be orange tetrahedral inflatable marks.

9.2 The outer limit Starting Mark will be a danbuoy-type mark with an orange flag.

9.3 The Wing Mark will be a red spherical buoy.

9.4 If a Mark is lost or has shifted, it may be replaced by an inflatable orange tetrahedral mark or by a boat displaying I.C. Flag 'M'.

9.5 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark.

10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started as set out in rule 26.

10.2 The Starting Line shall be between a White Pole with Red stripes displaying an Orange flag on the committee vessel and an Outer Limit mark. An inner limit mark may also be laid.

10.3 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 call her sail number on VHF. Failure to call her number, failure of her to hear such a call, or the order in which boats are called will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored *Did Not Start*, without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original Mark or lay a replacement mark as described in 9.4 (or move the finishing line) to a new position.

11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

11.3 If a race is shortened at the Leeward Gate rule 32.2 (c) applies; i.e. finish between the Gate Marks.

11.4 Minor adjustments to the course will not be signalled.

12 THE FINISH

Unless the course is shortened, the finish line will be between a committee vessel displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and Mark 1 at the port end.

13 TARGET TIME

13.1 The target time for each race shall be approximately 75 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored *Did Not Finish* (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

14 RETIRAL

The crew of a boat retiring shall make every effort to inform the Race Committee of their retiral.

15 SAIL NUMBERS

Permission to change sail numbers shall be sought in writing from the Principal Race Officer at least two hours before the start of racing each day and will only be granted in exceptional circumstance.

16 PROTESTS

16.1 In accordance with rule 61, protests and requests for redress shall be written on KYC forms available online @ https://www.kyc.ie/kyc-protest-form/ and lodged at the race office or by email within 90 minutes after the time of the last boat to finish the last race on that day.

16.2 A boat intending to protest shall where possible inform the Committee Vessel after finishing.

16.3 The Protest Committee will hear protests and requests for redress, approximately in the order of receipt, as soon as possible.

16.4 The protest committee hearing schedule will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.5 Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last scheduled day of racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 15 minutes after being informed of the decision".

17 SCORING

17.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with rule 90.3 (Low Point System).

17.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.4 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.5 Series ties will be broken in accordance with rule A8.

18 RADIOS

18.1 In line with Dragon Class Rule 11.11, VHFs can be carried by competitors.

18.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

18.3 VHF channel 69 will be used to communicate with competitors.

19 PRIZES

19.1 Perpetual Trophies

- 1st Overall
- 2nd Overall
- 3rd Overall
- Finnegan Cup

Awarded for the best results in the final two races of the Championship. Must be Irish Helm

19.2 Keeper Prizes (X3)

- 1st Overall
- 2nd Overall
- 3rd Overall
- 4th Overall
- 5th Overall

19.3 Individual Race Winners (X3)

No boat can be awarded more than one RACE WIN PRIZE.
Prizes will descend to next placed boat who has not previously won a race.
The Organizing Authority will have the discretion to award additional prizes

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 3, *Decision to Race.* The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

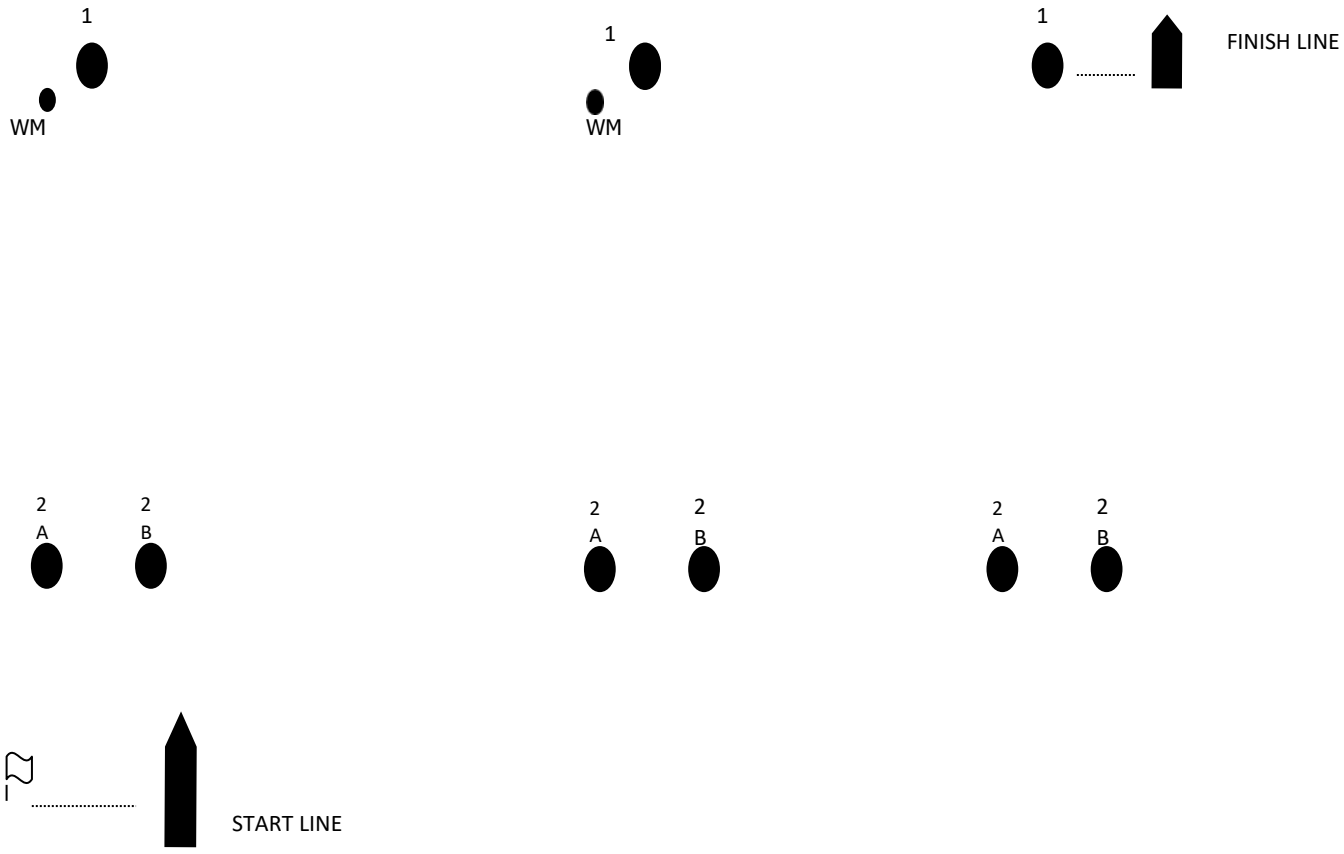
Attachment A

The Course

First Round	Second Round	Final Leg
Start	Mark 1 (P) Wing Mark (P)	Finish between Mark 1 and race committee vessel displaying a blue flag
Mark 1 (P) Wing Mark (P)		
Gate: 2A (S) *or* 2B (P)	Gate: 2A (S) *or* 2B (P)	

On Leg 1: Marks 2A and 2B if laid are not Marks of the Course.

COURSE DIAGRAM



ROUND 1 ROUND 2 FINAL LEG