ZURICH IRISH EAST COAST DRAGON CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

hosted by

KINSALE YACHT CLUB

Friday 7th – Sunday 9th June 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

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.

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 3 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.

5. ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION

- **Entries on the official Entry Form with accompanying entry fee (see below) by latest 1000 hrs on Friday 7th June 2024.**
- **All Owners and Helmsmen shall be paid up members of their National Dragon Association and their National Sailing Authority.**
- **Entries should be completed online at the Kinsale Yacht Club website www.kyc.ie and the event page will be published online very shortly.**

Sailing Instructions shall be available online at www.kyc.ie prior to the event.
Registration will take place in the Race Office at Kinsale Yacht Club during the following hours:

Thursday	6th June 2024	1800 - 2000 hrs
Friday	7th June 2024	0900 - 1000 hrs

Entry Fee: €225 per yacht for the event only

Payment may be made by:

- Online on the website at time of entry

Entry Fee includes participation, cranage (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 1030 hrs, Friday 7th June 2024.

6. CREW WEIGHT

Class Rule 13.30 shall not apply.

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, six (6) races will be sailed in the waters south of Kinsale Harbour from the 7th to the 9th June 2024; two races on each of the three days of the event, back-to-back.

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

- Friday 7th 1300 hrs (2 races)
- Saturday 8th 1200 hrs (2 races)
- Sunday 9th 1130 hrs (2 races)

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 9th June.

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)
for launching and recovery at following times:

Thursday 6th June: 1600 – 1900 hrs
Friday 7th June: 0900 – 1000 hrs
Sunday 9th June: recovery from 1430 hrs by finishing order of last race with priority to visiting boats.
Any times outside of the above may be facilitated by prior agreement with Kinsale boatyard directly.

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 Zurich Dragon Irish East Coast 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.

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.**

Further information from Sailing Instructions or KYC Dragon Class Captains:

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