



British Dragon Association
Medway Dragon Fleet
East Coast Dragon Championships
29-31 May 2010
MEDWAY YACHT CLUB
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The Organizing Authority
Medway Yacht Club ("MYC")
Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent, ME2 4XB
29th – 31st May 2010

Notice of Race

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 and prescriptions of the RYA.
- 1.2. International Dragon Class Rules, the British Dragon Class Association Rules.
- 1.3. Medway Ports Bylaws will apply.
- 1.4. The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5. 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 will be restricted to Category A

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The Regatta is open to Dragon owners or helmsman of any nationality who are members of a yacht club who are recognised by their National Authority and who are current members of their National Dragon Class Association and whose boat holds a valid Class Measurement Certificate.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the [Registration form](#) and sending it, together with the required entry fee of £120 and the required number of tickets for the Championship Dinner and Hog Roast by cheque made payable to the **Medway Dragon Fleet ("MDF")** and sent to Julian Sowry, 105 Gowan Avenue, London, SW6 6RQ.
- 3.3. If there are over 30 entrants the Race Officer reserves the right to split the competitors into fleets.
- 3.4. Owners shall be up to date members of their National Associations.

Visitors are welcome to participate in the MYC Spring Series, please contact Don McMillan email: dragon.captain@medwayyachtclub.com mobile: 07931 368511 or visit the Medway Dragon Fleet Website – www.medwayyachtclub.com/dragons

- 3.5. The Entry Fee includes free craneage (using a travel hoist at the MYC) for visitors (i.e. one launch and one recovery) and a swinging mooring at the MYC.

4. Schedule

- 4.1. Registration will take place at the MYC from 1200 until 2100 on Friday 28th May and 0800-1000 on Saturday 29th May 2010. Special dispensation may be given on request.
4.2. Measurement and inspection are at the Race Officers discretion.

4.3. Race Dates & Times:

Maximum 8 races. Up to four races per day may be sailed:

Friday	28th May	PRO / Skippers briefing at 1800
Saturday	29th May	Race 1 not before 1030
Saturday	29th May	Further races to follow ASAP after race 1
Sunday	30th May	First race not before 1030
Sunday	30th May	Further races to follow ASAP after first race of day
Monday	31st May	First race not before 1030 & no start later than 1230

5. Equipment & Measurement, Replacement of Crew

- 5.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement Certificate (or photocopy) and present it with the entry form on registration.
5.2. All sails intended to be used at the Championship must have been pre-measured before arrival at the event, not more than 8 separate sails may be used, and only the correct sail number may be used except with prior written permission of the Race Officer.
5.3. All helm and crews will be weighed at registration.
5.4. Depth sounders will be permitted in accordance with IDA rule 12.20.
5.5. Boats must carry two red or orange flares.
5.6. The organising authority reserves the right to conduct measurement and safety equipment checks at any time for compliance with the class rules and NOR.
5.7. Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written permission of the Race Committee. Replacement crew must be weighed before racing.
5.8. As a qualifying event, each boat will sail with the same number of crew for the whole event.

6. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions will be available from 1200 on the 3rd May 2010 on www.medwayyachtclub.com/dragons

7. Venue

The racing shall be on the River Medway.

8. The Courses

The courses will be issued with the Sailing Instructions. The starts will be Committee boat starts. Courses will be a windward/leeward configuration or as close as can be reasonably achieved at the race officer's discretion.

9. Scoring

The low point scoring system will apply. Up to eight races may be sailed of which a minimum of 3 shall be completed to constitute the Championship. If three or four races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the races scored. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score. RRS 2009 – 2012 Appendix A2 will not apply.

10. Support Boats

- 10.1. Support boats shall be marked with Flag R
- 10.2. Competitor's support boats shall keep clear of the race course after the warning signal for the race.

11. Berthing and Craneage

- 11.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places on the moorings and the helm lashed to starboard when moored on the Medway River.
- 11.2. A launch service will be provided for all competitors from the MYC.
- 11.3. Craneage is free for visitors at the MYC. See 3.5 or alternative arrangements can be made directly with Chatham Maritime Marina.
- 11.4. Owners of visiting yachts should ensure that they bring their own tested lifting strops.
- 11.5. Yachts may be craned in on Friday 28th May at the MYC from approx. 1100 and craned out immediately after racing on Monday 31st May.

12. Haul-Out Restrictions

Boats shall not be hauled out during the Regatta, except with prior written permission of the Race Committee.

13. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keel boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the Regatta.

14. Radio Communication

A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing, including any by mobile telephone, except in an emergency. The Race Committee may transmit before and between racing on Channel 37.

15. Prizes

- 15.1. Prizes for the days racing will be presented on the day as soon as practical after racing has been concluded. This will be in the MYC.
- 15.2. The Championship Trophies and Prizes will be awarded at the MYC as soon as possible after completion of the final race.

Overall Winner:	The East Coast Dragon Championship Salver
Race One:	Aldeburgh Dragon Fleet Trophy
Race Two:	Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Trophy
Race Three:	Walderingfield Sailing Club Trophy

Race Four: The McKay-Lewis Challenge Trophy
Race Five: The Haven Ports Yacht Club Decanter

Others prizes: May be awarded at the MDF's discretion for any subsequent races.

A Corinthian Trophy will be awarded for the helmsman with the best overall result amongst those who have chosen, and are eligible to compete for it as ISAF Category 1 sailors. All crew members must be registered as ISAF Category 1 for this trophy. Follow the link to register: <http://www.sailing.org/classification/index.php>

- 15.3. The winners of all the trophies shall have temporary possession of them for a period of one year, and have responsibility to have them suitably engraved and insured.

16. Disclaimer of Liability.

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, 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. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his/her boat for the race or races.

The safety of the boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the boat is fully founded, thoroughly seaworthy, manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging and all gear and must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is used.

Neither the establishment of these conditions, nor their use by the Organising Authority and Race Organisers, in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

17. Insurance

Each entrant shall hold adequate third party Insurance valid for the River Medway.

18. Further Information

For further information please contact:

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