



**British Dragon Association
Medway Dragon Fleet
East Coast Dragon Championship
14th September – 15th September 2019
MEDWAY YACHT CLUB**



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organising Authority – Medway Yacht Club at the request of the British Dragon Association

1. Rules:

1.1. The Championship will be governed by:

- The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020
- The Prescriptions of the RYA and the RYA racing charter
- The Bye-laws and Directives of Peel Ports Medway
- The International and British Dragon Association rules
- These sailing instructions and other rules as described in the NOR

1.2. RRS changes: RRS Race Signals (see 4.2); RRS 33, RRS 35, A4, A5; RRS 66.

2. Notices to Competitors:

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the entrance lobby of the Medway Yacht Club.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions:

3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 08:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore:

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from MYC Race Hut mast.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals

5. Schedule of Races:

5.1. Briefing. Saturday 14th September at 08:00 at Medway Yacht Club

5.2. Maximum of six races. Up to four races per day may be sailed.

5.3. Saturday 14th September: Warning signal for the first race of the day will not be before 09:55

Sunday 15th September: Warning signal for the first race of the day will not be before 09:55.

5.4. No warning signal will be displayed after 13:00 on Sunday, 15th September.

6. Class Flags:

6.1. Class flag will be ICF "D".

7. Racing Areas:

7.1. Racing will be in the River Medway (Imray chart Y18 River Medway and Approaches)

8. The Course:

8.1. Appendix 1 – Course Card shows the courses to be sailed.

One lap is: Course "A" 1P, 2P, 3P, start/finish line or Course "B" 1P, 2P, 3P or 3S, start/finish line

8.2. The course number and number of laps of the course to be sailed will be displayed on the committee boat no later than the warning signal.

9. Marks:

9.1. Racing marks will be orange or white inflatable buoys.

10. Obstructions:

10.1 Boats will not sail on the shore side of Folly Beacon or Darnet Beacon nor cross Bishop Marsh which lies between Darnet Ness and Bishop Ness.

10.2 Competitors are reminded that they are sailing on a commercial river and such ships or other large vessels have right of way. Boats shall not obstruct the fairway. From time to time deep draught vessels may pass through the racing area. These vessels may be preceded by a patrol boat flying flag ICF 9 and in addition a Naval Numeral Zero flag. No boat may pass between this patrol boat and the vessel. Any competitor who contravenes this instruction or causes any perceived danger to the navigation of the vessel may be subject to protest by the Race committee and liable to be scored DNE.

11 The Start:

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and either an inflatable buoy or a staff/mast displaying an orange flag on an outer distance boat/ rib.

11.2 Boats, marks or other items attached to the race committee boat for the duration of the starting sequence are deemed to be part of the committee boat and are not temporary attachments.

11.3 Attention signal: to alert boats that a race will begin, the orange line starting flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before the warning signal is made.

12 Change of the next leg of the course:

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

12.2 The position of a laid inflated mark(s) may be adjusted without a signal with the following criteria:
By up to approximately plus or minus 10 degrees relative to the previous mark(s) position and/or
Up to approximately 100 metres to windward or leeward. This changes RRS 33.

13 Abandoning a Race

13.1 Under RRS 32.1, the race committee may abandon the race because of a major wind shift or irregular winds or when the wind speed drops below 5 knots as measured by the race committee. Any action or no action by the race committee under this instruction will not be grounds for redress under RRS 62

14 **The Finish:**

- 14.1 The finishing line will be a line between a staff or mast displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and either an inflatable buoy or a staff/mast displaying an orange flag on an outer distance boat/rib.

15 **Penalty System**

- 15.1 One-turn and Two-turn penalties will apply (RRS 44.1 and 44.2)
- 15.2 Penalties for a breach of class rules and Peel Port Bye Laws and Directives are at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

16 **Time Limits:**

- 16.1 The target time for each race is 60 minutes.
- 16.2 The race time limit is 2 hours.
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored 'DNF'. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17 **Protests and Requests for Redress:**

- 17.1 Protest forms are available from the Regatta office in the MYC Library. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time.
- 17.2 The protest time is 120 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later.
- 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. Protests will be held in the library (Regatta Office) at the time stated on the notice.
- 17.4 A schedule of protest hearings will be displayed on the official notice board 2¼ hours after the last boat finishes or retires from the last race of the day. Further protest hearings may be added to the schedule.
- 17.5 Notices of protests by the race committee or the protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.6 On the last day of the Regatta a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit when the party requesting the re-opening was informed of the decision on the previous day and no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on the last day. This changes RRS 66.
- 17.7 The Exoneration Penalty, the Advisory Hearing and RYA Arbitration of the RYA rules disputes process will be available. The Post Race Penalty will be 30%.

18 **Scoring:**

- 18.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute the Championship
- 18.2 If fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

19 **Safety:**

- 19.1 Boats retiring shall notify the Race Committee by VHF as soon as possible.

20 **Official Boats:**

20.1 Official boats will be marked by displaying 'ICF' Numeral 9.

21 **Radio Communication:**

21.1 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. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

22 **Prizes:**

22.1 See NOR 17

23 **Risk statement:**

Rule 4 of the RRS states "The Responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

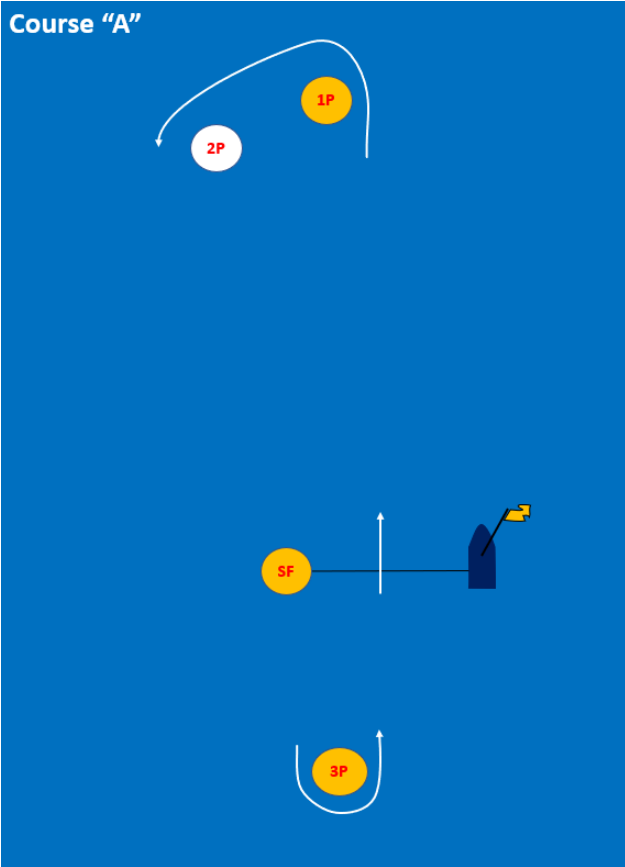
- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.
- It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue of the event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue.
- They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather, that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather, and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

24 **Insurance:**

24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 third party/public liability cover per incident or the equivalent.

Appendix One

The Courses:

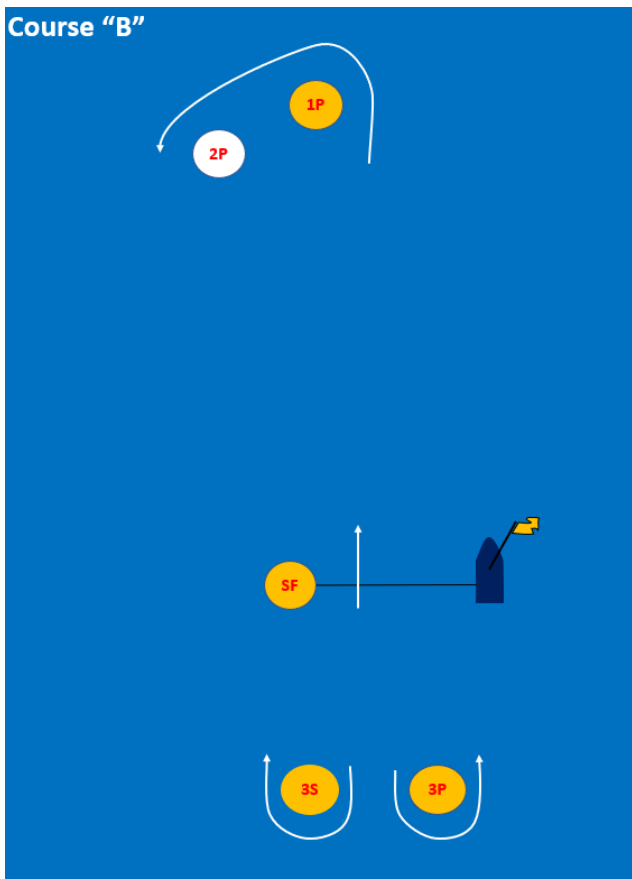


Course "A"

One lap shall be:

1(p) - 2(p) - 3(p) – start/finish line

Boats must sail through the S/F line on the upwind leg



Course "B"

One lap shall be:

1(p) - 2(p) – 3P(p) or 3S(s) – S/F line

Boats must sail through the S/F line on the upwind leg