



**British Dragon Association**  
**Medway Dragon Fleet**  
**East Coast Dragon Championship**  
**14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
**MEDWAY YACHT CLUB**  
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**The Organising Authority**  
**Medway Yacht Club ("MYC")**  
**Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent, ME2 4XB**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

As organising Authority on behalf of the British Dragon Association the Medway Yacht Club invites International Dragons to a six-race open event regatta for the BDA Eastern Championship to be held on the River Medway on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### **1. Rules:**

- 1.1. The Championship will be governed by:
  - 1.1.1 The Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and prescriptions of The RYA and the RYA Racing Charter
  - 1.1.2 The International Dragon Class Rules
  - 1.1.3 The British Dragon Association Rules
  - 1.1.4 The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict, the sailing instructions shall prevail. This changes rule 63.7
  - 1.1.5 The bye laws and directives of Peel Ports Medway
- 1.2. The exoneration Penalty (and the advisory and RYA Arbitration) of the RYA Rules disputes procedures may be available.
- 1.3. Any changes to the RRS or the Class Rules will be given in full in the SI's.

### **2. Advertising:**

- 2.1. Competitor advertising will be restricted as follows:
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

### **3. Eligibility**

- 3.1. The Championship is open to Dragon owners or helmsman of any nationality who are members of a yacht club who are recognised by their National Authority.
- 3.2. Yachts entered by British Dragon Association members must either have paid a fee to the BDA for 2019 or replaced a boat that has paid one.
- 3.3. Dragons must hold a valid Class Measurement Certificate.

### **4. Entry and fees**

- 4.1. Eligible boats may enter by completing the Registration Form available on the Medway yacht club website and sending it, together with the required entry fee to the MYC Office address below or emailing it to [medwaydragoncaptain@gmail.com](mailto:medwaydragoncaptain@gmail.com) and payment direct to the Dragon Class bank account
- 4.2. Entry fees are £135 if paid by 1<sup>st</sup> September, hereafter £150
- 4.3. The Entry Fee covers the cost of craneage (using a travel hoist at the MYC) i.e. one launch and recovery and use of a swinging mooring at the MYC for visitors and the cost of the Saturday evening meal for the three crew.

### **5. Schedule:**

- 5.1. **Registration:** MYC Race office (library) from 11:00 until 13:00 and 16:00 to 18:00 on Friday 13th September and on Saturday 14th September from 07:30 until 08:30. Special dispensation may be given on request.
- 5.2. **Briefing:** Saturday 14th September at 08:00 at MYC.

- 5.3. **Race Dates & Times:** Maximum six races of approximately one hour each race.
- 5.3.1. Saturday 14th September: Warning signal for the first race will not be before 09:55
  - 5.3.2. Sunday 15th September: Warning signal for the first race will not be before 09:55
  - 5.3.3. No warning signal will be made after 13:00 hours on Sunday 15th September

**6. Equipment & Measurement, Replacement of Crew:**

- 6.1. Each boat shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate (or photocopy) and Sail Registration Form and send it with the entry form or present it on registration.
- 6.2. All sails intended to be used at the Championship must have been pre-measured before arrival at the event, no more than eight sails may be used. Only the correct sail number may be used except with prior written permission of the race committee, and declared on the Sail Registration Form. Dispensation will not be given if another boat is already using the same sail number.
- 6.3. Helm and crew will be weighed at registration.
- 6.4. Depth sounders will be permitted in accordance with IDA rule 12.20.
- 6.5. The organising authority reserves the right to conduct measurement and safety equipment checks at any time for compliance to the BDA rules and this NOR.
- 6.6. Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior permission of the race committee. Replacement crew must be weighed before racing.

**7. Sailing Instructions:**

- 7.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Medway Yacht Club website [www.medwayyachtclub.com](http://www.medwayyachtclub.com) and will be available at registration.

**8. Venue:**

- 8.1. The venue will be the Medway Yacht Club. Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent ME2 4XB. Racing will be on the River Medway from navigation buoy 30 to navigation Buoy 12

**9. The Course:**

- 9.1. The courses will be issued with the Sailing Instructions. The starts will be Committee Boat starts. The course will be a windward/leeward configuration.

**10. Penalty system:**

- 10.1. Rule 44 will apply. i.e. Two-Turns

**11. Scoring:**

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

**12. Support Boats:**

- 12.1. Competitor's support boats shall keep clear of the race course after the warning signal for a race.

**13. Berthing and Craneage:**

- 13.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places on the moorings and the helm lashed to starboard when moored on the River Medway.
- 13.2. A launch service will be provided for all competitors from the MYC.
- 13.3. Craneage is free for visitors at the MYC. See 4.3 or alternative arrangements can be made directly with Chatham Maritime Marina.
- 13.4. Owners of visiting yachts should ensure that they bring their own tested lifting strops.
- 13.5. Yachts may be lifted in on Friday 13th September at the MYC from approx. 09.00 (prior to 12.30) and craned out immediately after racing on Sunday 15th September (prior to 14.30). This is due to tidal constraints. Please contact Toby atack on 0781 584 9553 to arrange your launch time.
- 13.6. Boats may be brought to the Club prior to the event and left ready to be launched. Subject to arrangements they may be launched in the Owner's absence.

#### 14. Haul-Out Restrictions:

- 14.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the Championship, except with prior permission of the race committee.

#### 15. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools:

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

#### 16. Radio Communication:

- 16.1. All boats shall carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving course announcements and other information on channel 72
- 16.2. Except in an emergency, boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

#### 17. Prizes:

- 17.1. The Championship Trophies and Prizes will be awarded at the Medway Yacht Club as soon as possible after completion of the final race.

Overall Winner:	The East Coast Dragon Championship Salver
Deuxieme Prix:	The Medway Yacht Club 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
Race Six:	The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club Trophy

Others prizes will be awarded at the Medway Dragon Fleet's discretion for any subsequent races.

A Corinthian Trophy may 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>

- 17.2. 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.**

#### 18. 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 or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safely 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.

**19. Insurance:**

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

**20. Disclaimer:**

- 20.1. The Organising Authority and its organization partners, the sponsors, the committees, the insurers and any other party and/or persons involved in the organization will accept no liability whatsoever for any personal or material damage (including but not limited to death, injury, consequential damages, etc) sustained prior to, during or after the event.

**21. Rights and copyrights**

- 21.1. By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants the organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the event, an of all of his/her material related to the event, without compensation, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the event.

**22. Data Protection**

- 22.1. In order to manage the event, information provided by competitors will be held on a general database. The management or personal information and images will comply with the General Data Protection Regulations.

**Further Information:**

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