

# INTERNATIONAL DRAGON CLASS MEDWAY FLEET 2026

## MEDWAY FLEET CAPTAINS

1951-57	Mr Tom Weeks	1990-91	Mr Michael Lutener
1958-59	Cmdr. Guy Clarabut D.S.O., D.S.C.,	1992-93	Mr Chris Ward
1960-61	Mr Ron Hollands	1994-95	Mr Philip Clarabut
1962-63	Mr Ken Williams	1996	Mr David Dale
1964-65	Mr Max Hamilton	1997-98	Dr Robin Ridsdill-Smith
1966-67	Mr Ray Sarant	1999-00	Mr Bruce Boyd
1968	Mr Dick Maltby	2001-02	Mr John Elphick
1968-69	Mr Ray Sarant	2003-04	Mr Robert Sheppard
1970-71	Mr Ken Richardson	2005-06	Mr Hilary Gallo
1972-73	Mr John Mack	2007-08	Dr Stewart Coltart
1974-75	Mr John Field	2009-10	Mr Donald McMillan
1976-77	Mr Keith Best	2011-12	Mr Julian Sowry
1978-79	Mr Gerr Bolton	2013 -14	Mr John Shilling
1980-81	Mr Roger Dawe	2015- 16	Mr Bruce Boyd
1982-83	Mr Stuart Wright	2017 -18	Mr David Harris
1984-85	Mr David Dann	2019 - 20	Mr Chris Brealay
1986-87	Mr Colin Storton	2021 - 22	Mr Trevor Cox
1988-89	Mr Jasper Wright	2023 - 24	Mr Edwin Hannant

## RULES OF THE MEDWAY DRAGON FLEET

**The Medway Dragon Fleet encourages competitive sailing, and supports the British Dragon Association in its broader effort to promote the Class and Dragon Yacht ownership**

### 1) Memberships

- a. **Membership** of the Medway Dragon Fleet (MDF) and the British Dragon Association (BDA) is obligatory for all MYC Dragon owners and share owners.  
(Non-BDA membership after six completed races or events will cause results to be negated)
- b. **Full Membership** of the MDF is obligatory for all helmsmen and crew that continue racing after 6 races or events in any season.  
(NB: more than one race in a day equals an event).
- c. **Social Membership** is welcomed to friends of the MDF and is open to any person who wishes to regularly participate in social events and interested in the activities of the MDF.

### 2) Subscriptions

- a) The annual subscriptions for members and boats shall be set at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the MDF and shall be paid before 31<sup>st</sup> March.
- b) If a Member's British Dragon Association (BDA) and Fleet Subscription remain unpaid by 30th May, the defaulter shall be removed from membership of MDF.

### **3) Management**

- a)** The affairs of the MDF are the responsibility of the Captain, Vice-Captain and Treasurer who may co-opt members at their discretion.
- b)** Captain and Vice-Captain shall be elected for a two-year term at the AGM and are not eligible for immediate re-election to the post vacated.
- c)** The Class Captain shall be the Fleet's representative to the BDA. The Captain may be represented by the Vice-Captain or a Full member of MDF and BDA if he/she is unable to attend meetings of the BDA.
- d)** Subscriptions will be used at the discretion of the Fleet Officers to defray expenses incurred in the administration of the Fleet's affairs, the provision and maintenance of Dragon-handling gear, sundry expenses of a like nature, the entertainment of visiting Dragon teams from time to time, and any other expenses which may be agreed by the members at AGM or duly convened meeting.
- e)** The Treasurer is responsible for the MDF accounts with a second signatory (normally a previous class Captain). Posts to be re-elected each year.

### **4) Voting**

- a)** All Dragon boats sailing and registered to MYC and MDF will carry 3 votes. These votes will be managed by the boat owners and if they wish allocated to current members of the MDF (known as Boat Voting Members)
- b)** At the AGM or other meetings, Boat Voting Members and shall be eligible to vote.
- c)** Full members and Social members may attend meetings, but cannot vote (unless allocated a Boat Vote).
- d)** A simple majority of Boat Voting Members present shall suffice for all matters other than the alteration of the MDF Rules.
- e)** The Rules of the MDF may be altered only at an AGM or Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) convened for that purpose on a two-thirds majority of the quorum of all Boat Voting Members present or their nominated proxy.
- f)** Boat Voting Members unable to attend may nominate a proxy in writing.
- g)** In the event of a tie, the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.

### **5) Meetings of the MDF**

- a)** An AGM shall be held at the MYC premises on a suitable day following the BDA AGM each year.
- b)** The chair shall be taken at the AGM or other meetings by either the Captain or Vice-Captain.
- c)** Items to be included in the agenda from members must be notified in writing and received by the Class Officers 14 days before the day of the AGM. All items correctly notified must be included in the agenda.
- d)** Any items arising under the agenda item of 'Any Other Business' cannot be subjected to a vote at the meeting.
- e)** In addition, meetings of the Boat Voting Members shall be called by the Captain or Vice-Captain as deemed necessary, or at the request of four Boat Voting Members at a convenient time.
- f)** A quorum shall consist of not less than 50 per cent of the Boat Voting Members including the Captain or Vice-Captain.
- g)** Minutes will be taken at each meeting and circulated to all members of the fleet within one month of the meeting.
- h)** The Minutes Book shall be held securely by the Class Officers and available to all members for inspection on request.

## 6) Accounts

- a) A statement of income and expenditure for the past year to 31<sup>st</sup> December shall be submitted to the AGM by the Treasurer or appropriate officer.

## 7) Scoring of Races

### a) Scoring system

- i. RRS Appendix A (current edition) will apply, including the low point scoring system RRS A 4.1.
- ii. As all MYC Dragon Series are held over a period of time longer than a regatta, RRS A 9 will apply.
- iii. The number of Dragons entered for any series is the total number of Dragons who have ranked as starters on any of the completed races in that series.
- iv. Redress - a Dragon whose helm and regular/nominated crew that are undertaking rostered MYC duties, shall be eligible to receive average points for the race that cannot be sailed.
- v. Redress for travelling Dragons – Any MDF Dragon competing in any Dragon event away from the Medway shall be eligible to receive average points for the MDF race(s) that cannot be sailed due to racing in an event on that day and to include one day either side of the race days to allow for cranage etc. Redress cannot be claimed for travelling to and from events.  
**NB** – Average points will be determined by the following guidelines

RRS Appendix A9(a) will be used for each mid-season series and these scores will also be applied to the overall season scores.

To qualify for redress any such duty must meet the following tests:

- Be requested by a notation on the MYC's Dragon Signing-on Sheet on the day of the duty
- Be notified to the Class or Vice-Captain within 24 hours of the said duty, to enable publishing of results
- Duty must have been rostered.
- Voluntary duty will not qualify for redress unless requested by the MDF Class Officer on the day of the duty.
- Travelling Dragons to notify the Class or Vice-Captain, prior to or within 24 hours of the redress date, to enable publishing of results.

## 8) Trophies and scoring

- a) Only MDF Boats and MDF Members shall be eligible to win and receive any MDF Trophy.
  - b) In the event that an open Regatta takes place on a Saturday, any races completed that day will not count towards the long series event.
  - c) **Trophies Awarded**
    - i. *'Silver Irish Bowl'* presented by the Medway Yacht Club for the first placed boat.
    - ii. *'The Deuxieme Prix'* presented by Ron Hollands Esq. in 1957 for the second best placed boat.
    - iii. *'B.A.R. Cup'* presented by Mrs J.W. Robertson in 1957 for the third best placed boat.
- Races for these three trophies are scheduled to take place on Saturdays, excluding open meetings (to avoid open events Sundays may be included).
  - The best aggregate of points for the season shall be calculated from the weekend races; one discard for every three races completed, worst races to be discarded.
  - So, the discard profile will be as follows:

No of completed Races	1, 2	3, 4, 5	6, 7, 8	9, 10, 11	12, 13, 14	15, 16, 17	18, 19, 20	21, 22, 23	24, 25, 26	27, 28, 29
No of discards	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

- iv. ***'The Medway Dragon Gold Cup'*** presented by Mr Bruce Boyd and Mrs Pepita Ratnage in 2012 for the overall season's winner with no discards. It is to be awarded to the Dragon with the lowest points score without discards during the overall Saturday racing. In the event that the lowest number of points without discards is achieved by a Dragon that has also, in the same season, won the Irish Silver Bowl, the Deuxieme Prix or the BAR Cup, then the Medway Dragon Gold Cup is to be awarded to the next lowest scoring boat. If two boats have the same lowest points in any one season, the winner will be the boat with the number of lowest scoring places achieved.
- v. ***'Proton Cup'*** presented by Charles C. Price Esq. of Pennsylvania, USA in 1958. This series is scheduled to take place on the first four Saturdays of the season. A boats series score will be her total score for all the races completed.
- vi. ***'The Dragon Flagon'*** A silver trophy given in memory of David Dann (presented 2006). This series comprises a maximum of 6 races, scheduled to commence on the Saturday of the spring Bank Holiday and end on the Saturday prior to the commencement of the Medway Keel Boat Regatta. When 6 races have been completed a boat's score will be her total score excluding her two worst scores. When 5 or fewer races have been completed a boats score will be her total score excluding her worst score.
- vii. ***'John Field Late Summer Series Trophy'*** (presented 2006): This series is scheduled to commence on the first Saturday after the Medway Keel boat Regatta and conclude on the last Saturday of August. The precise details will be confirmed by the Class Captain each year but generally decided on the basis of two discards if six or more races are sailed and one discard otherwise.
- viii. ***'211 Cup'*** presented by David Clarabut Esq. D.S.C., in 1956. This series is scheduled to commence from the first Saturday in September and conclude on the last Saturday of the season. In the event that more than one race is completed on a Saturday, the last completed race shall count. There will be two races discarded in this series; however if six or less races are completed, then only one discard will be applied. A minimum of four races are to be sailed for the cup to be awarded.

**The following trophies are awarded for additional distinguished performances by members of the fleet during the season:**

1. ***'Hai Lung Trophy'*** a silver Cocktail Set presented by Max Hamilton Esq. in 1952. Awarded to the Dragon making the greatest number of starts in point's races during the season. A winner of any of the 5 long series trophies shall not be eligible.
2. ***'Myrtle Cottell Trophy'*** presented by Mrs Augusta M. Cottell in 1974. To be awarded to the winning helmsman in a race sailed by a fleet member who normally crews in the Medway Dragon Class. A winner of the Trophy shall not be eligible the following season only.
3. ***'Rogue Cup'*** presented by David Dale Esq. in 1997, to be awarded to the owner of the Dragon with the greatest number of first places in Saturday points races during the season. In the event of two or more boats having the same number of wins, it would be awarded to each boat and shared at the discretion of the Class Captain.
4. ***'Kenny Ball Trophy'*** a micrometer made by the late Kenny Ball Esq. and donated by his family in 1997 in his memory, to be presented to the winning crew of a race sailed on the Saturday nearest to the late Kenny Ball's birthday (7<sup>th</sup> July) each year.

5. **‘Medway Dragon Crew Trophy’** was presented to Medway Dragon Fleet in 2012 by the Worsfold/Sheppard families in honour of their late father Albert Colin Worsfold who was a loyal MDF member crewing since 1951. The Trophy will be awarded annually to an outstanding crew member who is being honoured for long standing service, commitment to sailing, helping in an emergency, taking part in the most races over the season, exhibiting outstanding qualities, enthusiasm, etc. Nominations for a winner of the Trophy are invited from Full and Associate members of the Medway Dragon Fleet with a brief reason as to why the crew member should receive it. The winner of the trophy will be decided by the current Class Captain in consultation with a member of the Worsfold/Sheppard family (whilst they are a member of Medway Yacht Club)
6. **\*‘Commodore’s Cup’** presented by the Medway Yacht Club in 1999 and to be raced for in a single race or a mini series of races during the weekend of Commodore’s Day at the discretion of the Class Captain.
7. **\*‘Medway Dragon Trophy’** presented by Kenneth McAlpine Esq. in 1958 and raced for during Medway Regatta. A boats score will be her total score, for all races sailed during the Medway Regatta, no discards unless prescribed by the Class.
8. **\*‘Kittiwake Cup’** presented by Mrs Christine Gill in 1952 in memory of the late Ernest Gill Esq and now sailed for in the Medway Regatta, to be decided on the results of the Saturday and Sunday races. A boats series score will be her total score for all the races completed.
9. **‘North Sea Yacht Club Salver’** presented by the North Sea Yacht Club, Ostend for annual competition for the best placed travelling Dragon at any organized Dragon event from 1<sup>st</sup> November – 31<sup>st</sup> October.
10. **\*‘Proton Cup II’** acquired by the Medway Dragon Fleet as a replacement for the Proton Cup that was mislaid between 1977 and 1981. Reinstated in 2000 so as to be raced for by visiting Dragons to the Medway Regatta. To be decided on the results of all races sailed during the Medway Regatta, no discards unless prescribed by the Class.
11. **Towns Cup** Presented by Bruce Boyd and Jono Ratnage, awarded to any Dragon competing in its first three full seasons. The Dragon with the lowest overall season score including discards will win
12. **Windward/Leeward Crews Trophy**  
The last race in each of the windward/leeward series organised by MYC over the season will count towards the Windward/Leeward Crew Trophy (not including open Regattas) The Trophy to be awarded to the Helmsman with their lowest two race combined score who is a member of the Medway Dragon Fleet and normally crews in the Medway Dragon Class. In the event of a tie the winner will be the lowest scoring places achieved. A minimum of two races are to be helmed by the crew member for the Trophy to be awarded.
13. **Windward/ Leeward Trophy**  
Each race of the windward/leeward series organised by MYC over the season will count (not including open Regattas) The Trophy to be awarded to the boat with the lowest score over the season with 50% of her best races to count (including each crew’s race). Scores to be rounded up. In the event of a tie the winner will be the lowest scoring places achieved.

All the above Trophies are owned by the Medway Dragon Fleet apart from those marked with \* which are owned by the Medway Yacht Club.

## 9) Local Rules

- a) Permission has been granted by the British Dragon Association for the following local rules to apply to Dragon racing in the Medway fleet.
  - i. The number of crew to be carried shall be unlimited.
  - ii. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 were amended to change from a Two-Turn to a One-Turn penalty.
- b) Self-finishing – to provide fairer racing finishes in adverse tide and wind conditions, except for Windward/ Leeward races, Medway Regatta and BDA events. A decision for adopting self-finishing shall be made in agreement with the OOD and Class Captain/ Vice Captain, and advised to competitors prior to the start of a race.

- c) Self-finishing shall follow these rules:
  - i) Races will be self-finished at Medway Cruising Club line (MCC Line)
  - ii) Individual boats will determine their finish by crossing the MCC Line aligning the two triangles (as per the MYC finishing line)
  - iii) If a race is shortened by MYC Race Management, that will have precedence.
  - iv) Each participant shall note their finishing position and the sail number of the boat in-front and behind. They shall on return to MYC, record their finishing place on the Dragon signing-off sheet.
  - v) To demonstrate safe return, all boats shall cross the MYC Upnor line, unless impractical due to wind/ tide conditions
  - vi) In the event of over-lapped boats being unable to determine a place at Buoy 30, their position shall be given as an equal place.

**10) Class Property**

- a) The Fleet owns certain property for the convenience of its members. Members contribute to the upkeep and replacement of these by means of their annual subscriptions.
- b) As of 2025 it has purchased a Dragon 'Freebie' for the intended purpose of training and encouraging new members.

**These rules are as amended and ratified by the Dragon Fleet Extraordinary General Meeting on: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Revision Date: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026    Signed .....Class Captain**