



British Dragon Association
Medway Dragon Fleet

East Coast Dragon Championships

12-13th September 2026

MEDWAY YACHT CLUB

Organising The Organising Authority is:

Medway Yacht Club (MYC) in association with the British Dragon

Notice of Race

NOTATIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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 12-13th September 2026.

1. Rules:

- 1.1. The Championship will be governed by The Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
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 - 1.2.1. The International Dragon Class Rules.
 - 1.2.2. The British Dragon Association Rules.
 - 1.2.3. The Bye Laws and directives of Peel Ports Medway (Medway Ports).
- 1.3. RRS 63.5(c) is changed so that in the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.4. The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS)
- 1.5. Competitors should note that the Medway Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it.
- 1.6. The Post-Race Penalty and Appendix T will be available. The Post-Race Penalty will be 30% of the number of boats (rounding 0.5 upwards) entered.

2. Sailing Instructions.

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Medway Yacht Club website www.medwayyachtclub.com by 1st September 2026

3. Communication

- 3.1. The online official noticeboard is located at www.medwayyachtclub.com
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72, 37A and 16
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The Event is open to all boats of the International Dragon Class with Dragon Owners or helmsman of any nationality, and members of a Yacht Club, which is recognised by their National Authority.
- 4.2. A boat's owner shall be up to date members of their National Dragon Association.
- 4.3. Dragons must hold a valid Class Measurement Certificate.
- 4.4. Eligible boats shall enter by completing the Registration Form and sending it, together with the required entry fee to the MYC.
- 4.5. Entries will only be accepted via the event website at the following link www.medwayyachtclub.com
- 4.6. Entries will be accepted up to 08.30hrs on Saturday 12th September.

5. **Fees**

- 5.1 Entry fees are £50 per boat for the complete event
- 5.2. The Entry Fee covers the cost of cramage (using a travel hoist at the MYC) i.e. one launch and recovery and use of a swinging mooring at the MYC.

6. **Crew Limitations**

- 6.1. A boat's crew shall be no more than 4 persons.
- 6.2. A boat wishing to substitute a helm or crew after registration shall make prior written request to the race committee to do so. The decision to permit or deny such request shall be entirely at the discretion of the race committee.

7. **Advertising**

- 7.1. None

8. **Qualifying Series and Final Series: N/A**

9. **Schedule:**

- 9.1. **Registration** will take place from 1700 – 1800 on Friday 11th September 2026 in the library and from 0700 – 0830 on Saturday 12th September 2026

- 9.2. **Race Dates & Times:**

The event will consist of up to six races, each lasting approximately one hour.

The race committee may change the number of races each day but may not start more than 4 races on either day.

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Saturday 12 th September	not before 09.00	Race Officer's Briefing	In front of the Clubhouse
	not before 10.55	First Warning Signal	
Sunday 13 th September	not before 09.55	First Warning Signal	

- 9.3 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs on Sunday 13th September.

10. **Equipment Inspection:**

- 10.1. [DP] Each boat must be able to produce a valid Measurement Certificate (or photocopy) and Sail Registration Form at registration.
- 10.2. [DP] 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.
- 10.3. Depth sounders will be permitted in accordance with IDA rule 12.20.
- 10.4. The Organising authority reserves the right to conduct measurement and safety equipment checks at any time for compliance with the BDA rules and this NOR.

11. **Clothing And Equipment**

- 11.1 RRS 40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

12. **Venue:**

- 12.1. Medway Yacht Club. Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent ME2 4XB. The Race Office will be in the Library in the Office building for Registration and for the event
- 12.2. Racing will be on the River Medway.

13. **The Course:**

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

14. **Penalty system:**
 - 14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe) when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.
15. **Scoring:**
 - 15.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 15.2. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.
16. **Support Person Vessels:**
 - 16.1. Competitor's support vessels shall keep clear of the racecourse after the warning signal for a race.
17. **Chartered or Loaned Boats**
 - 17.1 Not Applicable.
18. **Berthing and Cranage:**
 - 18.1 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places on the moorings and the helm lashed to starboard when moored on the River Medway.
 - 18.2 A launch service will be provided for all competitors from the MYC.
 - 18.3 Cranage for visitors at the MYC is included in the entry fee.
 - 18.4 Owners of visiting boats should ensure that they bring their own tested lifting strops.
 - 18.5 Boats will be craned into the water before the Championships. Visiting yacht owners should contact the Club Bosun, Toby Attack (contact details below) to liaise on the arrival of their yacht
 - 18.6 Boats may be brought to the Club prior to the 11th September and left ready to be launched. Subject to arrangements with the Club Bosun, they may be launched in the Owner's absence.
19. **Haul-Out Restrictions :**
 - 19.1. All boats shall be afloat the day before the 12th September 2026
 - 19.2. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
20. **Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools:**
 - 20.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats whilst they are in the water.
 - 20.2 Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.
21. **Data Protection**
 - 21.1. In order to manage the event, information provided by competitors will be held on a general database. The management of personal information and images will comply with the UK General Data Protection Regulations.
22. **Risk Statement**
 - 22.1. **Rule 3 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:

 - 22.1.1. 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.
 - 22.1.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - 22.1.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - 22.1.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - 22.1.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

- 22.1.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.
- 22.1.7. 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 safety briefing held at the venue.

23. Insurance:

- 23.1 Each participating boat shall ensure their boat is adequately insured against all third-party claims. A minimum of £3,000,000.

24. Prizes:

- 24.1. Daily prizes will be presented as soon as practical after racing has been completed. This will be at the Medway Yacht Club.
- 24.2. The Championship Trophies and Prizes will be awarded at the Medway Yacht Club as soon as possible after completion of (that day's racing).

Overall Winner:	The East Coast Dragon Championship Salver Dragon East Coast Windward Leeward Series Trophy
Deuxieme Prix:	The Medway Yacht Club Salver (need to check this trophy)
Race One:	Aldeburgh Dragon Fleet Trophy
Race Two:	Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Trophy
Race Three:	Waldringfield 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

- 24.3 Corinthian Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Any boat that wishes to be eligible for a Corinthian Prize shall submit a written statement to the Race Committee no later than 1800 on 11th September stating that all participating crew are amateurs. For the purposes of clarification, they should conform to the World Sailing Competitor Categorization description for Group 1. If no such statement is received, the boat shall not be eligible for the Corinthian Prize.
- 24.4 The winners of all the trophies shall have temporary possession of them for a period until required for the next ECDC and are responsible for them to be suitably engraved and insured.

25. Rights and copyrights

- 25.1. 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, and of all of his/her material related to the event, without compensation, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the event.

26. Further Information:

Please contact: Howard Paterson at dragons@medwayyachtclub.com or 07868 175507
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Signed:

MYC Organizing Committee 10.07.26