An Invitation

Dear Dragon Sailors,

The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron together with the International Dragon Association of NSW are pleased to invite you to this year's Dragon Interport.

We challenge Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, Kansai Yacht Club and Royal Vancouver Yacht Squadron to join us in this, the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron's Sequicentennial year, to a regatta of fair winds, keen racing and ample social activity on one of the world's finest harbours.

Should you have particular questions concerning accommodation, special dietary needs or social activities please contact Nicholas Hogg at: 'nicholas.hogg@optusnet.com.au'

Welcome to Dragon Interport 2012.

Yours faithfully

Malcolm Levy

Commodore

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT
WED October 10th	10:00-17:00	Registration
	12:00	Practice sailing
	17:30	Competitors Briefing
	18:30-20:00	Flag Raising Ceremony followed by Commodore's Cocktail Party (Smart Casual)
THURS October 11th	07:30-09:30	Breakfast at RSYS - optional
	10:00	Spectator vessel available
	10:00	Racing, Round Robin 1
	13:30	Lunch – boat changeover
	15:00	Continue racing, Round Robin 1
	19:00	No function organised
FRI October 12th	07:30-09:30	Breakfast at RSYS – optional
	10:00	Spectator vessel available
	10:00	Racing, Round Robin 2
	13:30	Lunch – boat changeover
	15:00	Continue racing, Round Robin 2
	19:00	Harbour cruise to Dinner (Smart casual)
SAT October 13th		NO RACING - LAY DAY
	07:30-09:30	Breakfast at RSYS – optional
	10:00	Blue Mountains tour
	14:00	Lunch at "Craigmillar", Springwood
	18:00	Return to RSYS
SUN October 14th	07:30-10:00	Breakfast at RSYS – optional
	10:00	Catch–up racing if necessary
	11:45	Spectator vessel available
	12:00	Racing, Finals
	18:30	Closing Ceremony followed by Presentation Dinner (Jacket & tie)
MON October 15th	09:00	Golf Challenge

NOTICE OF RACE

for the

Dragon Interport Regatta

11 - 14 October 2012

CONDUCTED BY THE

ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

The organising authority is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS).

1. RULES

1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) as amended, including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules, and Appendix L – Addendum B (Boats Provided by the Organising Authority).

1.2 Appendix G (identification on Sails) will not apply

1.3 All races may be umpired.

1.4 If there is a conflict between languages English text will take precedence.

1.5 In the event of conflict between any of the rules and regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 This event is classified as Category A in accordance with RRS79.

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The Regatta is open to invited teams only. Entry shall be restricted to members of the following clubs: the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club (RVYC), the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC) and the Kansai Yacht Club (KYC).

3.2 Each Club entry shall consist of a team of three boats. Rotation of skippers and/or crew during the Interport is allowed, and in the case of the host club, the RSYS, mandatory.

3.3 To remain eligible, each crew must complete registration prior to obtaining access to any boat and a damage deposit of $A1,500 shall be paid by each team to the RSYS. In the event that a deduction is made from a deposit, the team from whose deposit the deduction was made shall restore the deposit to the original value.

4. BOATS

4.1 The Interport will be sailed in International Dragon Class boats, kindly provided by their respective owners for competitors, who shall not modify them or cause them to be modified in any way except that :

4.1.1 Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped any where on the boat;

4.1.2 Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line;

4.1.3 All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted may be adjusted, provided that the class rules are observed and for this purpose shrouds and forestay are deemed not adjustable and shall not be adjusted throughout the Interport;

4.1.4 Running repairs can be made provided the boat is not permanently affected by these repairs.

4.2 No spinnaker will be provided. Own Spinnakers shall be brought by each team.

4.3 The red flag for protesting will be provided by the race committee for each boat.

5. ENTRY

5.1 Entries must be received by 1700 hours Monday 30 July 2012 at the RSYS: RSYS Sailing Office:
PO Box 484
Milsons Point NSW 1565
Email: sailing@rsys.com.au Fax: 61 2 9955 3404

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Type of Racing

6.1.1 This Interport shall consist of team races.

6.1.2 The format of the race will be one or more full Round-Robin followed by Finals.

6.1.3 One round robin shall be completed to constitute the Interport.

6.2 Up to twelve races are scheduled.

Date of Race	Scheduled Time of Warning Signal
11 October 2012	Round Robin 1 not before 1000 hours
12 October 2012	Round Robin 2 not before 1000 hours
14 October 2012	Finals not before 1000 hours

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 Will be available from the RSYS Sailing Office and be posted on the RSYS website at www.rsys.com.au by Monday 1 October 2012.

7.2 Any change in the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0900 hours on Thursday 11 October 2012 and signalled as per RRS Race Signals. The Official Regatta Notice Board is located beneath the RSYS Careening Cove Room stairs.

8. RACING AREA

8.1 Races shall be conducted on Sydney Harbour in the general area between Kirribilli Point and South Head.

8.2 Cardinal Marks— boats shall not sail within the area bounded by Cardinal Marks. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions.

8.3 Moorings — boats shall not sail within mooring areas. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause.

9. COURSE

9.1 The course will be as determined by the Race Committee and as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The RRS 44 Turns Penalty will be amended so that the penalty for an

infringement will be one circle, including one tack and one gybe, unless the infringement occurs within three boat lengths of a rounding or finishing mark when the penalty will be as described in RRS 44.

11. SCORING

11.1 Rules D3 and D4 will apply. Each race will be scored as provided in rule D3 and the series will be scored as provided in rule D4.

12. RESPONSIBILITIES

12.1 Risk Warning - The Organising Authority advises owners, skippers and any one who participates in yachting events conducted by the Organising Authority that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event conducted by the Organising Authority of whatever nature. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.

12.2 Responsibilities

(a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The RSYS, sponsors, any Class Association, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.

All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Yachting Australia Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.

13. COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

13.1 Waterways Authority Regulations specify that boats shall not interfere with the commercial shipping of the Port. . "Priority over Sail – some Commercial Ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal".

13.2 Boats found to have interfered with Commercial Shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

14. REGATTA OFFICE

14.1 The Regatta Office will be the RSYS Sailing Office, situated at 33 Peel Street Kirribilli

Telephone: 61 2 9017 0150 Fax: 61 2 9955 3404

Email: sailing@rsys.com.au

14.2 The Official Regatta Notice Board will be located underneath the RSYS Careening Cove stairs.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron Sailing Office:

Telephone: 61 2 9017 0150

Email: sailing@rsys.com.au

THE ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON

Dragon Interport Regatta
11 – 14 October 2012

Entry Form

The Sailing Office
Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
PO Box 484 Milsons Point NSW 1565

Fax: 61 2 9955 3404
Email: sailing@rsys.com.au

Entries Close 1700 Monday 30 July 2012

Team Captain

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Name of Club

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Address

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Email

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Entry Fees : A Damage deposit of $A1,500 per team is payable at time of registration. I agree to be bound by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) and by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the races concerned. I have read and understand my obligations as set out in the YA Special Regulations 1.02 Owners Responsibility. I certify that the Damage deposit will be paid at time of registration.
By signing this entry form I declare that I have read and understand clause 12.1 Risk Warning, and clause 12.2 Responsibilities as detailed in the Notice of Race.

Signed: Date:

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A Brief History...
The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron was founded when nineteen yachtsmen met in the office of The Hon William Walker MLC on 8 July 1862, to found a yacht club to be designated 'The Australian Yacht Club'. An application was made for a Royal Warrant and the Patronage of the Prince of Wales. On 27 June 1863 the Commodore, the Hon William Walker MLC, received a letter from the Colonial Secretary's Office notifying him of the Prince of Wales' willingness to become Patron of the 'Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron'. This letter also issued an Admiralty Warrant authorising the use of the Blue Ensign of Her Majesty's Fleet. The present Patron is HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

It was not until 1902 that The Squadron was able to lease a property at Wudyong Point on the eastern side of Kirribilli, with a stone cottage, a landing stage and a slipway. The site was formally occupied on 24 January 1903. The whale's jawbones, forming an archway over the pathway, originally came from a whaling station at Twofold Bay. The flagstaff was salvaged from the collier BELLAMBI and presented by F G W Waley Esq.