



INTERNATIONAL DRAGON CLASS NSW CHAMPIONSHIP 18 - 19 November 2023



Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) in conjunction with the NSW International Dragon Class Inc.

The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for infringing that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). (DP) denotes that a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules, as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, and the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended.
- 1.2 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Sailing instructions will be available for download from the regatta website at least seven (7) days before the first scheduled race.

3. Communication

- 3.1 (DP) All boats shall carry an operating marine band VHF radio capable of receiving normal international channels. The radio shall be switched on at all times and tuned to the correct race committee frequency. The race committee intends to monitor VHF channel 74 and communicate race information to competitors.
- 3.2 (DP) Boats are required to use the VHF radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from their warning signal until the completion of their race.

4. Eligibility

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Dragon class.
- 4.2 All boats shall have a valid AS Special Regulations Category 7 Equipment Audit Form.
- 4.3 All competitors shall comply with the International Dragon class rules and the WS Eligibility Code.
- 4.4 All skippers and crew shall be financial members of the International Dragon Class Association and shall comply with the requirements of RRS 46.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. Entry

- 5.1 Entry fee for the series is \$180.00 (including GST).
- 5.2 The casual entry fee is \$100.00 per day (including GST).
- 5.3 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/2/entry/series/2984/pricing>
- 5.4 Series entries shall be completed online by midday Thursday 16 November 2023.
- 5.5 A minimum of five entries are required to constitute the series.

6. Advertising

- 6.1 All races governed by this Notice of Race are subject to the advertising code as set out in World Sailing Regulation 20 (World Sailing Advertising Code).

7. Schedule of Races

7.1

Date	Event	Scheduled Warning Signal
Saturday 18 November	Race 1	from 1230hrs
Saturday 18 November	Race 2	asap after Race 1
Saturday 18 November	Race 3	asap after Race 2
Saturday 18 November	Race 4	asap after Race 3
Sunday 19 November	Race 5	from 1230hrs
Sunday 19 November	Race 6	asap after Race 5
Sunday 19 November	Race 7	asap after Race 6

- 7.2 Seven (7) races are scheduled.
- 7.3 The first scheduled warning signal will be no earlier than 1230 hours on each day.
- 7.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1600 hours.
- 8. Registration & Measurement**
- 8.1 Only measured equipment may be used for the International Dragon class NSW Championship.
- 8.2 (DP) A boat may be subject to measurement or inspection by the OA at any time, including compliance with the AS Special Regulations. Compliance failures will be referred to the Protest Committee for consideration of an appropriate penalty.
- 9. Racing Area**
- 9.1 Racing shall be conducted on Port Jackson, Sydney Harbour.
- 10. Courses**
- 10.1 Courses will be windward/leeward as described in the sailing instructions.
- 11. Penalty System**
- 11.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12. Scoring**
- 12.1 Scoring System - the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applies including the provisions of RRS Appendix A5.2 with the amendments detailed in clauses 12.3 and 12.4.
- 12.2 In addition to penalties at the time of the incident in accordance with rules 44.1 and 44.2, boats may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T by notifying the OA.
- 12.3 A boat shall drop any one (1) race, except if three (3) or less races are completed, no score will be discarded.
- 12.4 Three (3) completed races are required to constitute a series.
- 13. Other Instructions**
- 13.1 (NP) **Safety Requirements** – All boats are required to enter crew contact details (including the skipper) into the host club's race management system on each day that the boat intends to race. Boats not complying with this requirement may be scored DNC. This changes RRS 63.
- 14. Safety Regulations**
- 14.1 [NP] Boats shall comply with the following with regard to commercial shipping.
- (a) Boats shall not pass between the bow of any Seagoing Ship and a dedicated Port Authority escort vessel whilst on escort duty and within 500 metres from the bow and 30 metres from the side or stern of the Seagoing Ship
- (b) Boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 200m from the bow, and 30m from the sides or stern of any ferry displaying the Orange Diamond.
- (c) Boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
- (d) Boats reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime regulations shall be scored DNE (Did Not Enter) without a hearing (amends RRS 63.1).
- 14.2 Boats shall report any incident involving Injury or Significant Damage likely to costs more than \$5000 to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 15. Support Boats**
- 15.1 RSYS has no ability to berth or store coach or support vessels during the regatta.
- 15.2 (DP) Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first warning signal each day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 15.3 (DP) Competitors shall have no communication with, and boats shall not be tied to, coach or support boats from the first warning signal each race day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 16. Berthing**
- 16.1 Visiting boats may be berthed at the RSYS from midday prior to the first race until midday the day after the final race in the series.
- 16.2 To allow for ample competitor parking, no boat trailers of any description shall be allowed in any RSYS car parking facility without prior written approval.
- 17. Haul Out Restrictions**
- 17.1 Boats may haul out without restrictions.

18. Responsibilities

- 18.1 **Risk Warning** - The OA advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in sailing events conducted by the OA that participation in the sport of sailing, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The OA is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any sailing event of whatever nature conducted by the OA. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and they participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.
- 18.2 **Competitors' Declaration** – It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated complies with the 'rules' as defined in the RRS. The owner or person who enters the boat declares to the OA that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Australian Sailing, this notice of race and the sailing instructions and that the owner or person who enters the boat:
- (a) warranting to the OA that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the boat the subject of the entry in any event conducted by the OA to the risk warning above; and
 - (b) acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the OA from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the OA, and declaring to the OA that the nominated boat has not been grounded during the past twelve (12) months.
- 18.3 **Disclaimer of Liability**
- (a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 3 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The organising authority, sponsors, class associations, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
 - (b) The OA, sponsors, class associations, the race committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
 - (c) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the AS Special Regulations clause 1.02 Responsibility of the Person in Charge.

19. Insurance

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be covered by current third-party property liability insurance and third-party personal liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing, and it is the owner's responsibility to ensure a current Certificate of Currency is lodged.

20. Rights to Use Name and Likeness

- 20.1 In participating in these events, a competitor automatically grants to the OA and the sponsors of these events the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition for the said events in which the competitor participates, and all material related to the said events without compensation.

21. Prizes

- 21.1 The trophy for the winner will be presented at the NSWIDA end of Season Dinner.
- 21.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the NSWIDA committee.
- 21.3 The awarding of any prizes shall be subject to any decisions from outstanding protests and appeals.

22. Further Information

- 22.1 For further information please contact;
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