



BRITISH DRAGON ASSOCIATION EASTERN AREA CHAMPIONSHIPS

HAVEN PORTS YACHT CLUB, SUFFOLK YACHT HARBOUR and ALDEBURGH YACHT CLUB

25th – 27th May 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

Organising Authority: Haven Ports Yacht Club, Suffolk Yacht Harbour, IP10 0LN

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012 the prescriptions of the RYA, the RYA Racing Charter, the International Dragon Class Rules, the British Dragon Association Rules, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.2 Competitors automatically grant to the organising authority without payment the rights in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live taped or filmed television of, or relating to, the event.

2. Advertising

- 2.1 The regatta is designated Category %A+ under ISAF Advertising code Regulation 20. (Advertising pursuant to Regulation 20.3(d)(i) may be required). Failure to comply will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS Rule 60.1(a).

3. Eligibility, Entry & Fees

- 3.1 Only International Dragon Class yachts which hold valid registration/measurement certificates shall compete.
- 3.2 The Regatta is open to Dragon owners or helmsmen of any nationality who are members of a yacht club which is recognised by its National Authority. The helmsman and one other member of the crew must be current members of their National Dragon Class Association. Yachts entered by British Dragon Association members must either have paid a fee to the BDA for 2012 or replaced a boat that has paid one. Eligible yachts may enter by completing the Registration Form and sending it, together with the entry fee of £120.00, by cheque made payable to HPYC. Alternatively the Registration Form may be submitted on line to sailing@hpyc.com and payment made electronically to HPYC, Sort Code 60-02-13 A/c No. 08056099 referring to %Dragon and yacht name+.
- 3.3 If there are over 50 entrants the Race Officer reserves the right to split the competitors into fleets.
- 3.4 The Entry Fee includes free craneage at Suffolk Yacht Harbour (i.e. one launch and one recovery) , a pontoon mooring (maybe rafted) in the Marina and the race management.

4. Classification

- 4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply as stated in Class Rules.
- 4.2 The International Dragon Class Eastern Area Championships 2012 ranks as a National Ranking Event.
- 4.3 Corinthian Trophies where applicable will only be presented to yachts whose crews are all Cat. 1 sailors.

5. Qualifying Series

- 5.1 This event is a qualifying event for the 2013 World Championships at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

6. Schedule of Races & Events

- 61 Registration will take place at the HPYC from 1600 until 2100 on Thursday 24th May, 08.00 until 10.00 on Friday 25th May and thereon upon request at the Race Office .
- 6.2. Measurement and inspection are at the Race Officers discretion.
- 6.3. Race & Events Dates & Times:

Date	Time	Races / Events
24/05/12	12 - 1800	Launch boats
24/05/12	18 - 2100	Registration and weigh in
25/05/11	From 08.00	Breakfast on the go!
25/05/11	09.00	Skippers briefing
25/05/11	10.55	Warning signal for up to 3 races back to back
25/05/11	18.30	Commodores Cocktails on LV87
25/05/11	18.45	Daily prize giving
26/05/11	From 08.00	Breakfast on the go!
26/05/11	09.00	Skippers Update
26/05/11	10.55	Warning signal for up to 3 races back to back
26/05/11	tba	Daily prize giving
26/05/11	19.30	Gala Dinner
27/05/11	From 08.00	Breakfast on the go!
27/05/11	08.30	Skippers Update
27/05/11	09.55	Warning signal for up to 2 races back to back
27/05/11	asap	Haul out of boats as required after racing
27/05/11	16.00	Championship Prize Giving

7. Equipment & Measurement, Replacement of Crew

- 7.1 Each boat shall hold a valid Measurement Certificate.
- 7.2 All sails intended to be used at the Championship must have been pre-measured before arrival at the event, not more than 8 separate sails may be used, and only the correct sail number may be used except with prior written permission of the Race Officer.
- 7.3 All helm and crews will be weighed at registration.

- 7.4 In addition to Class Rule 11.10 yachts must carry at least one orange smoke flare.
- 7.5 The organising authority reserves the right to conduct measurement and safety equipment checks at any time for compliance with the class rules and NOR.
- 7.6 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written permission of the Race Committee. Replacement crew must be weighed before racing.
- 7.7 As a qualifying event, each boat will sail with the same number of crew for the whole event.

8. Sailing Instructions

- 8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before 1st May 2012 on the BDA website, on the HPYC website and from the race office at registration.

9. Venue

- 9.1 The racing shall be in the vicinity of Fox Buoy+(51 54 00N 001 21 00E), Admiralty Chart 2052. Competitors should be aware that this is over one hours sail from the marina to the race area.

10. The Courses

- 10.1 The courses will be issued with the Sailing Instructions. The starts will be Committee boat starts. Courses will be a windward/leeward configuration or as close as can be reasonably achieved at the race officer's discretion.

11. Scoring

- 11.1 The low point scoring system will apply. Up to eight races may be sailed of which a minimum of three shall be completed to constitute the Championship.
- 11.2 If four or less are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all the races scored.
- 11.3 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

12. Support Boats

- 12.1 Support boats, including Coach, Press, Private and Spectator boats shall fly code flag R+.
- 12.2 Support boats, including Coach, Press, Private and Spectator boats shall keep clear of the race area whilst any yacht is racing and shall not communicate with any competitor whilst racing.

13. Berthing and Craneage

- 13.1 Yachts shall be kept in their assigned places in SYH.
- 13.2 The craneage is inclusive as part of the entry fee. See 3.4
- 13.3 Competitors should ensure that they bring their own lifting strops and should store trailers as directed by the SYH staff.
- 13.4 Yachts may be craned in from noon on Thursday 24th May and craned out immediately after racing on Sunday 27th May or by direct arrangement with SYH.

14. Haul-Out Restrictions

- 14.1 Yachts shall not be hauled out during the Regatta, except with prior written permission of the Race Committee.
- 14.2 Yachts requiring haul out and re-launching during the regatta do so at their own expense.

15. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools

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

16. Radio Communication

- 16.1 Dragon Class rule 11.11 is varied to allow the use of VHF radio to pass race management information to yachts so owners are advised to secure a set that is capable of standard channels 37 (sometimes referred to as ~~M+~~, ~~M1+~~ or ~~R1+~~), 71,72 and 77.

17. Prizes

- 17.1 Prizes for the each day's races will be awarded at the daily prize giving at the HPYC. Trophies for the whole event will be awarded at the HPYC as soon as possible after the final race.

Overall Winner	East Coast Salver
Winner Race 1	Aldeburgh YC Trophy
Winner Race 2	Royal Norfolk & Suffolk YC Trophy
Winner Race 3	Waldringfield SC Trophy
Winner Race 4	McKay-Lewis Challenge Trophy
Winner Race 5	Haven Ports YC Trophy
Winner Race 6	Royal Corinthian YC Trophy
Winner Race 7	TBA
Winner Race 8	TBA
First Amateur Overall (whole crew cat. 1)	East Coast Corinthian Trophy
First Dragon over 20 years old.	TBA

18. Disclaimer of Liability.

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Moreover, every owner/competitor warrants the suitability of his/her yacht for the race or races.

The safety of the yacht and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure that the yacht is fully founded, thoroughly seaworthy, manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars,

rigging and all gear and must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is used.

Neither the establishment of these conditions, nor their use by the Organising Authority and Race Organisers, in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

19. Insurance

19.1 Each entrant shall hold adequate third party Insurance valid for 2 million sterling.

20. Further Information

TIDES

DAY	HIGH WATER				LOW WATER			
	AM	Height	PM	Height	AM	Height	PM	Height
Fri. 25	02.54	3.81	15.07	3.77	08.39	0.76	21.04	0.56
Sat. 26	03.32	3.75	15.45	3.69	09.17	0.83	21.45	0.60
Sun 27	04.14	3.67	16.28	3.60	09.59	0.92	22.32	0.65

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Accommodation

A wide range of accommodation is easily researched and booked on the world wide web.

Some ideas:

Quality Hotels:

Seckford Hall Hotel
Milsoms Kesgrave
Orwell Hotel Felixstowe

Medium Hotels:

Cameo Copdock
Holiday Inn Ipswich Orwell
Ramada Encore

Budget Hotels

Premier Inn
Novotel Ipswich Centre

B & B

Lilac Cottage Levington Lattice Lodge Guest House Foxhall Court

Marine Services

Comprehensive boat yard facilities are available at Suffolk Yacht Harbour, including a sailmaker.