



ROYAL IRISH YACHT CLUB

IRISH NATIONAL DRAGON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

Thursday 16th – Sunday 19th July

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Irish Yacht Club.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The event is a helmsman's championship and is a ranking regatta for the purposes of the IDA International Ranking List and for Irish qualification for European & World Championships.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SI) will be made available from the 14th of July at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/15157/event>.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board is located at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/15157/event>
- 3.2 [NP] [DP] All boats shall carry a functioning VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 71.
- 3.3 On the water, the Race Committee may make broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI.

3.4 [DP] While racing, 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
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter the Event by registering online [HERE](#), before 1000 hrs on Monday 13th July 2026.
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the Event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is €285.
- 5.2 Entry Fee includes participation, crantage (into water and out of water once only), trailer parking and mooring

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 The owner and competing helmsman of the boat shall be paid up members of their National Dragon Association and their National Sailing Authority.
- 6.2 The names of the crew and the single designated helmsman shall be declared at the time of registration.
- 6.3 After registration, substitution of declared crews shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Competitors may be required to display Event sponsor's advertising material as prescribed under World Sailing Regulation 20.

8. NOT USED

9. SCHEDULE

- 9.1 A briefing will take place on Thursday, 16th of July at 11:00. Further details will be available in the Sailing Instructions
- 9.2 Registration and crew weigh in:

Date	From	To
Wednesday, 15 th July	16:00	19:00
Thursday, 16 th July	09:00	11:00

9.3 Launching

Date	From	To
Wednesday, 15th July	10:00	18:00
Thursday, 16th July	09:00	11:00

On Sunday 19th July, recovery will be from 1300 hrs by finishing order of last race with priority to visiting boats.

9.4 Launching outside the specified times should be requested through the OA.

9.5 Number of Races

The championships shall consist of 7 races scheduled as follows

Date	Races Scheduled	Warning Signal	HW Dun Laoghaire
Thursday 16 th July	2	12:55	13:47 3.97m
Friday 17 th July	2	11:55	14:35 3.88m
Saturday 18 th July	2	11:55	15:22 3.76m
Sunday 19 th July	1	10:55	16:10 3.63m

9.6 On Sunday 19th July, no starting signal will be made after 14:00 hrs, except for the restart of a race following a General Recall or a Postponement during a starting sequence.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1 The OA reserves the right to inspect equipment and/or measure boats, sails, or equipment and/or weigh boats before or during the Event. This includes on-the-water inspections.

11. NOT USED

12. VENUE

12.1 The Race Area will be in the waters of Dublin Bay

13. COURSES

13.1 The courses to be sailed will be defined in the SIs and will be Windward-Leeward.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

14.2 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, will apply. If a party, having been informed that an Arbitration Meeting will be held, does not attend, other parties may take a Post-

Race Penalty at any time until the protest committee has completed taking evidence. This changes RRS Appendix T1(a).

15. SCORING

15.1 The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

15.2 A minimum of four (4) races must be sailed to constitute a series.

15.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.4 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. NOT USED

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18. BERTHING

18.1 Berthing will be available, free of charge, at the Club for the duration of the Event. Details will be provided on arrival.

18.2 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are on RIYC marina.

18.3 Competitors are requested to bring lines and fenders.

19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 [DP][NP]Boats shall be afloat by 1100 hrs on 16th July and shall not be hauled out during the Event, except in accordance with the prior written permission and terms of the OA.

19.2 Launching at the RIYC will be at the time indicated in NOR 9 "Schedule". Launching slots will be made available. Only certified lifting strops shall be used.

19.3 During the launching time indicated in NOR 9, maintenance of boats when hanging from the crane is not permitted.

20. NOT USED

21. DATA PROTECTION AND USE OF IMAGES

21.1 Any personal information provided to the organizing authority can be used to facilitate participation in the event. Competitors and support persons are bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. For any person not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organizing authority's privacy policy which can be found at www.riyc.ie When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with Irish Sailing, a competitor's, or support person's national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

21.2 By entering the Event competitors and support persons (or their parent or guardian) understands that the Organising Authority may arrange for images or videos to be taken at the event both on the water and on shore for the purpose of promoting the event. Competitors and support persons (or their parent or guardian) will be required to confirm if they give consent to the taking of such images and to the use, reuse, publication and republication of such images in any media without compensation, which may be in conjunction with the competitor's or support person's (or their parent or guardian) names or not. The images may only be used for the promotion of the event, its sponsors, the Organising Authority, and the Class Associations involved.

22. RISK STATEMENT

22.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to 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:

- a. 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 whilst taking part in the event.
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- g. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and adequate third-party liability insurance.

24. PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be awarded to the helmsman and crew of the first five boats overall, and to the winner of each race, except that no helm and crew may win more than one race winner prize.

24.2 There may also be race prizes.

25. TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

25.1 All helms and their crews competing in the Event will be granted Temporary Membership of the Royal Irish Yacht Club for the duration of the event and will be bound by the rules of the Club. The Club reserves the right to withdraw such temporary membership.

26. FURTHER INFORMATION

26.1 The Regatta Organising Committee and Organising Authority may be contacted at:

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