



INTERNATIONAL DRAGON CLASS NSW CHAMPIONSHIP

1 – 3 December 2017



The Organising Authority (OA) of the 2017 International Dragon Class NSW Championship is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS) in conjunction with the International Dragon Class NSW Inc.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 All races shall be governed by:
- the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing as amended
 - the 2017-2021 Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7, and
 - the Rules of the International Dragon Class Association.
- 1.2 If there is conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The Official Notice Board is located underneath the RSYS Careening Cove stairs.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0900 hours on the day they will take effect and signaled as per RRS Race Signals. After this time, any changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be indicated by displaying code flag L on the committee vessel.
- 3.2 Any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000 hours the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the RSYS main flag mast located on the Squadron's front lawn.
- 4.2 Code flag "AP", Answering Pennant displayed ashore means; "All races not yet started are postponed". The warning signal shall be made not less than 30 minutes after "AP" is lowered ashore.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Date	Race	Scheduled Warning Signals
Friday 1 December	Race 1	not before 1230 hours
Friday 1 December	Race 2	ASAP after race 1
Friday 1 December	Race 3	ASAP after race 2
Saturday 2 December	Race 4	not before 1230 hours
Saturday 2 December	Race 5	ASAP after race 4
Saturday 2 December	Race 6	ASAP after race 5
Sunday 3 December	Race 7	not before 1230 hours
Sunday 3 December	Race 8	ASAP after race 7
Sunday 3 December	Race 9	ASAP after race 8

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag shall be the International Dragon class insignia on a white background.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area shall be on the waters of Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) in the general area between Kirribilli Point and South Head.

8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 **Cardinal Marks** – boats shall not sail within the area bounded by cardinal marks. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions.
- 8.2 **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.

8.3 **Garden Island and Chowder Bay** – boats shall not sail within the yellow markers in the vicinity of Garden Island or in Chowder Bay. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.

8.4 **Shark Island** – boats shall not sail between the yellow Australian Yachting mark/Shark Island mark and the cardinal mark south of Shark Island in either direction. This area is prohibited and deemed to be a continuing obstruction.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The diagrams and the accompanying notes in Attachment A, show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will indicate the course to be sailed by displaying the corresponding numeral pennant and the approximate magnetic compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 1a and 2S/2P shall be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

10.2 The starting and finishing marks shall be black and white inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

10.3 Change marks as provided in clause 13 shall be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS and a black band.

11 THE START

11.1 Starting sequence shall be in accordance with RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line shall be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and the starting mark at the port end of the line.

11.3 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal may be scored DNS. This changes RRS Appendix A4.

12 RECALLS

12.1 Individual and general recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.

12.2 To assist competitors, the race committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF 74. This changes RRS 29.

12.3 Any error or omission in the advice referred to in clause 12.2 above shall not be grounds for protest or redress.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 The race committee may change the position of the next mark in accordance with RRS 33 subject to the following amendments.

13.2 When the next leg of the course is changed, the race committee will lay a new mark as described in clause 10.3 and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable.

13.3 In the event that the position of Mark 1 is changed, Marks 1 and 1a may be replaced by a new single Mark 1 and boats will round the new Mark 1 and proceed directly to Marks 2S/2P or the finishing line, as appropriate.

14 POSTPONEMENT AND ABANDONMENT

14.1 Postponement and abandonment shall be in accordance with RRS 27.3 and RRS 32.

14.2 Abandoned races will not be re-sailed, except at the discretion of the race committee.

14.3 Any race not completed on the scheduled day will not be re-sailed.

15 THE FINISH

15.1 For courses 1, 2 and 3 when viewed from the last mark of the course the finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the port end of the line and the finishing mark at the starboard end of the line.

15.2 For courses 4, 5 and 6 when viewed from the last mark of the course the finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end of the line and the finishing mark at the port end of the line.

15.3 For courses 1, 2 & 3 the finishing line will be approximately 50m below Marks 2S/2P. For courses 4, 5 & 6 the finish line will be approximately 50m above Marks 1 & 1a.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

17 TIME LIMIT

17.1 The absolute time limit shall be 90 minutes from the starting signal.

17.2 No boat shall be timed in after the expiration of the time limit. This changes RRS 35.

18 PROTESTS

18.1 Protest forms are available at the RSYS Sailing Office.

18.2 Protests shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office within one (1) hour, taken from the finish time of the last boat to complete the last race of each race day. This changes RRS 61.3.

- 18.3 Protest notices shall be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the expiry of the protest time limit or as soon as possible thereafter to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a protest.
- 18.4 Breaches of Sailing Instructions 21, 22 or 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 18.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
This changes RRS 66.
- 18.6 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 The Low-Points Scoring System as set out in Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 19.2 The series shall consist of 9 races, 8 will count.
- 19.3 In the event of 8 or less races being completed, all will count.
- 19.4 A minimum of 3 completed races will constitute the Series.

20 RACE COMMITTEE VESSEL

The race committee vessel at the start and finish of each race may display the RSYs race committee burgee.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Coach and support boats may be required to display an identification flag at the request of the OA. Note: RSYs has no ability to berth or store coach or support vessels during the regatta.
- 21.2 Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first warning signal of the day until racing has been concluded for the day.
- 21.3 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.
- 21.4 Between races, coach and support boats shall not approach, communicate or transfer provisions or equipment with their supported boats unless in a medical emergency requirement threatening the health of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the race committee.

22 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 22.1 Boats may be hauled out during the regatta.
- 22.2 Plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 23.1 All boats shall carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving and transmitting marine VHF channels. Boats shall use the radio to report retirement from racing and may use the radio to request assistance in an emergency. No transmissions of any other nature are permitted by competing boats during each racing day from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day.
- 23.2 The race committee may use VHF channel 74 to advise of general matters relating to the racing.
- 23.3 The use of mobile/cell phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first warning signal on each race day until the boat has completed its day's racing, except as provided in clause 23.1 or in an emergency threatening the safety of any member of the crew or the flotation of the boat and only with the express permission of the jury or race committee.

24 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

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

25 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

- 25.1 Yachts shall not interfere with the commercial or defense shipping of the port. The attention of skippers is drawn to NSW Maritime Authority regulations regarding the right of way of vessels entering or leaving port, ferries displaying orange diamonds and vessels engaged in towing. NSW Maritime regulations specify *"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"*.
- 25.2 Boats found to have interfered with commercial shipping may be subject to action by the race committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

- 25.3 All yachts must abide by traffic directions of NSW 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.
- 25.4 Any yachts reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime regulations shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

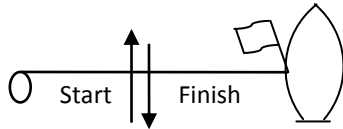
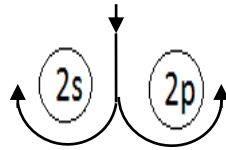
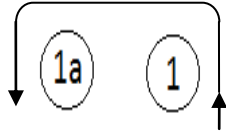
- 26.1 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race. Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors must indemnify the Organising Authority their officers, members, staff and agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.
- 26.2 The Organising Authority their officers, members, staff and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.
- 26.3 Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS 4 – Decision to Race.

27 INSURANCE

All boats competing 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 incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained for the period of racing.

Attachment A - Course Diagrams

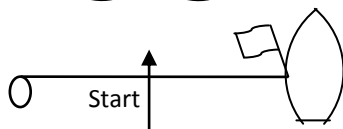
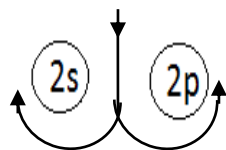
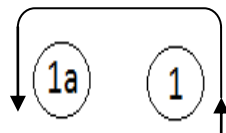
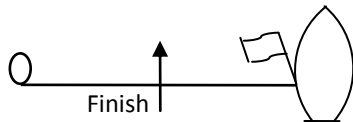
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Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Downwind Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
1	Start – 1 – 1a – Finish
2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

WA



Course WA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
5	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
6	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p Finish

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