

DRAGON GOLD CUP 2023

Thursday 7th to Friday 16th September



Royal Torbay Yacht Club
12 Beacon Terrace, Torquay, TQ1 2BH, England

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Torbay Yacht Club (RTYC)
In conjunction with the International Dragon Association (IDA)
and the Clyde Yacht Clubs Association (CYCA)

All times stated in the Notice of Race are local British Summer Time.

The notation (DP) in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking this 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 2021-2024.
- 1.2. The International Dragon Association rules shall apply.
- 1.3. The Gold Cup Rules including Appendix 1 shall apply.
- 1.4. No Dragon Class rules will be changed under RRS 87.
- 1.5. The RYA Prescriptions that apply are stated in NoR Addendum 1.
- 1.6. Competitors should note that the OA implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found on the RYA website at [Racing Charter \(rya.org.uk\)](https://www.rya.org.uk/RYA-Website/RYA-Website/RYA-Racing-Charter)
- 1.7. (NP) (DP) Torbay Harbour Bye-Laws apply
([Tor Bay Harbour - Byelaws \(tor-bay-harbour.co.uk\)](https://www.tor-bay-harbour.co.uk/Byelaws))
- 1.8. If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)

- 2.1. Sailing instructions will be published on the Official Notice Board by Monday 7th August 2023.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board (ONB) is located at dragongoldcup2023.com
- 3.2. (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. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and watches with GPS.
- 3.3. A WhatsApp group will also be used to contact registered mobile numbers for each boat providing notifications from the OA and Race Committee (RC) communications whilst ashore. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to boats of the International Dragon Association holding valid measurement certificates.
- 4.2. The boat's owner and any other person in charge shall be up to date members of their respective National Dragon Association.
- 4.3. Entries will not be accepted from any boat owned or effectively controlled or managed or crewed by a Russian or Belarusian individual or entity.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and making payment online at dragongoldcup2023.com
- 4.5. All entrants shall also complete the crew list to be found on the event website and present at registration
- 4.6. The OA will acknowledge receipt of entries and payment, and entry information will be posted on the event website.
- 4.7. To be considered an entry a boat shall meet all entry requirements, pay all fees and complete registration (see NoR 9.3 Registration requirements).
- 4.8. Entries will be accepted up to midnight on Friday 30th June 2023 after which late entry fees will apply.
- 4.9. Entries will not be accepted after midnight on Friday 28th August 2023.
- 4.10. The OA may limit the number of entries to 65 boats. After the limit has been reached, a waiting list will be held.
- 4.11. For the Nations Cup, each helm shall confirm their nationality at registration, see also 4.2 above and shall be deemed to be sailing for that nation.
- 4.12. For the Corinthian Division and Trophy, the following rules apply: -
 - 4.13.1 World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code Regulation 22 applies, and all Crew members including helm shall have a valid Group 1, if unclassified they are deemed as Group 3.
 - 4.13.2 All boats entered for the Corinthian Division shall be automatically entered in the Open Division and shall be eligible for prizes in both divisions.
 - 4.13.3 The crew deadline date for entrants to confirm their eligibility for the Corinthian Division is by the end of registration.
- 4.14. Parent/Guardian Declarations: All helms and crews under 18 years of age during the event shall submit signed Parent/Guardian Declarations as part of the entry process and submit details of the parent(s) acting in loco parentis. This can be emailed in advance to entries@dragongoldcup2023.org

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees, including berthing shall be £760 and for Late Entries and all payments received from midnight on Friday 30th June 2023 the fee shall be £860.
- 5.2. The entry fee includes: - Craning, Berthing, Trailer Parking, Car Park Pass, Welcome Party, Gala Dinner and Post-Race Refreshments for each crew member.
- 5.3. Any refunds shall be at sole discretion of the OA.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1. Competitors shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code (World Sailing Regulations)

7. (NP)(DP)ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

- 7.1. See Class Rules

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

Does not apply

9. REGISTRATION AND SCHEDULE

- 9.1. Boats should check-in upon arrival in Torquay, detailed instructions will be emailed to entrants in advance and published on the event website.
- 9.2. Registration and Crew Weighing will take place on the ground floor Royal Torbay Yacht Club on
 - a) Thursday 7th September from 10.00 – 18.00
 - b) Friday 8th September from 09.00 – 18.00
- 9.3. Registration Requirements are: -
 - a) To provide evidence of membership of their National Dragon Association.
 - b) Complete crew weighing and produce completed form at registration.
 - c) To submit a completed and stamped event measurement form and sail registration form.
 - d) All helms and all crew shall have provided their World Sailing ID number and classification (see NoR 4.4 and 4.10.3) by the end of registration
- 9.4. Craning in and Equipment Inspection will take place on Haldon Pier, Torquay on
 - a) Thursday 7th September from 09.00 – 18.00
 - b) Friday 8th September from 09.00 – 18.00
 - c) Boats are required to book a time for inspection and craning in, see event website for details.
 - d) Any further inspection required by the Chief Measurer may be carried out between 08.00 and 11.00 on Saturday 9th September.
- 9.5. There will be a Competitors' Briefing in the Corinthian Room, RTYC at 11.00 on Saturday 9th September
- 9.6. The Opening Ceremony will take place on Haldon Pier at 18.00 on Saturday 9th September.
- 9.7. There will be a daily Competitors Briefing at 10.00 from Sunday 10th September.
- 9.8. Six races are scheduled over 6 days. If required, an additional race may be sailed on any day to complete the full series of six races. No more than two races will be completed on a day.

9.9 Dates and Number of Races:

Date	No of Races	Scheduled time of Warning Signal
Saturday 9 th September	Practice Race	12.55
Sunday 10 th September	1 race	11.55
Monday 11 th September	1 race	11.55
Tuesday 12 th September	1 race	11.55
Wednesday 13 th September	1 race	11.55
Thursday 14 th September	1 race	11.55
Friday 15 th September	1 race	11.55
		Prize-giving after racing

9.10 On Friday 15th September there will be no warning signal displayed after 14.30.

10 (DP) EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1 Each boat shall hold a valid measurement certificate in the name of the owner and shall produce it at inspection.
- 10.2 Boats shall be available for inspection at the times specified in 9.4.
- 10.3 No more than 8 sails shall be submitted for inspection and registration.
- 10.4 Boats shall not use any sails other than those registered for the event except with the prior written permission of the Technical Committee.
- 10.5 During the event any boat or equipment may be inspected at any time.
- 10.6 The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this NoR and SI's.

11 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

See class rules

12 VENUE

- 12.1 A detailed plan of the event location will be published on the event website.
- 12.2 Racing will take place in Tor Bay and adjacent coastal waters, see Addendum 2.

13 THE COURSES

- 13.1 Courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Appendix P applies. P2.3 does not apply and P2.2 applies to second and all subsequent penalties, this changes RRS P2.2 and P2.3. A two turn penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty.
- 14.2 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with Appendix N.
- 14.3 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 14.4 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Appendix A applies, except no scores are discarded.
- 15.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 If a tie still remains, it shall stand as part of the final result and each of the joint winners shall hold the Dragon Gold Cup for an equal time until the next Dragon Gold Cup.

16 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS (DP) (NP)

- 16.1 All Support Vessel Operators shall register with the OA upon arrival and before launching, and pay all applicable fees determined by the OA. No citizens or residents of Belarus and Russia will be accepted as Support Persons or Support Vessel Operators.
- 16.2 Boats intending to bring a Support Vessel shall advise the OA in advance by email to events@rtyc.org in order to secure berthing space.
- 16.3 Support Vessel trailers shall be parked at Daddy Hole Plain, Daddyhole Road, Torquay.
- 16.4 Support Vessel Operators shall provide evidence of valid third-party liability insurance.
- 16.5 Support Vessels shall display identification flags assigned and issued by the OA.
- 16.6 All Support Vessels shall have a kill cord type device fitted and operational at all times whilst the engine is running.
- 16.7 All Support Vessel crew shall wear Personal Floatation Devices (PFD) whilst afloat.
- 16.8 The Sailing Instructions may further limit the activities of Support Vessels.

17 CHARTERED OR LOAN BOATS

- 17.1 A chartered or loan boat may carry national letters or sail numbers in contravention of her class rules and Appendix G3 RRS, provided the OA has approved her sail identification registration.

18 BERTHING (NP)(DP)

- 18.1 Berthing will be provided as directed on Haldon Pier, Torquay Harbour.
- 18.2 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places whilst in the harbour.
- 18.3 Trailer parking for competing boats will also be available free of charge at Daddyhole Plain, Daddy Hole Road, Torquay.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 (DP) Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and to the terms of prior written permission of the Technical Committee.
- 19.2 All boats shall be afloat by 13.00 on Saturday 9th September until all boats have completed the last race of the event.

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 20.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats from 13.00 on Saturday 9th September until all boats have completed the last race of the event.

21 DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1 The personal information you provide to the organising authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be 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. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the organising authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your National Authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.
- 21.2 RTYC Privacy Policy: <https://rtyc.org/privacy>

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."
- 22.2 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 organiser 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 specific risks 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 third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3 million per event or the equivalent and produce evidence of such insurance if requested to do so by the OA.

24 PRIZES

- 24.1 Prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the completion of racing on Friday 15th September 2023 at Royal Torbay Yacht Club, Torquay
- 24.2 The winning boat or boats (NoR 15.6) shall be awarded the Dragon Gold Cup with temporary possession until the next Dragon Gold Cup.
- 24.3 Secondary trophies will be awarded in accordance with Appendix 1 of the Dragon Gold Cup rules.
- 24.4 Daily and further additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

25 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

- 25.1 Competitors automatically grant to the OA and their sponsors without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion or still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television of or relating to the event.

FURTHER INFORMATION

See Other Event and Venue Information or contact
Royal Torbay Yacht Club,
12 Beacon Terrace,
Torquay, TQ1 2BH. Tel: 44+ (0) 1803 292006, email events@rtyc.org
Event website dragongoldcup2023.com
International Dragon Class Association internationaldragonclass

ADDENDUM 1

RYA National Prescriptions

The following RYA Prescriptions shall apply

RRS 4 – Acceptance of the Rules

Add new rule 4.6:

Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules.

Add new rule 4.7:

The penalty for a breach of rule 4 shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

RRS 6 – Anti Doping.

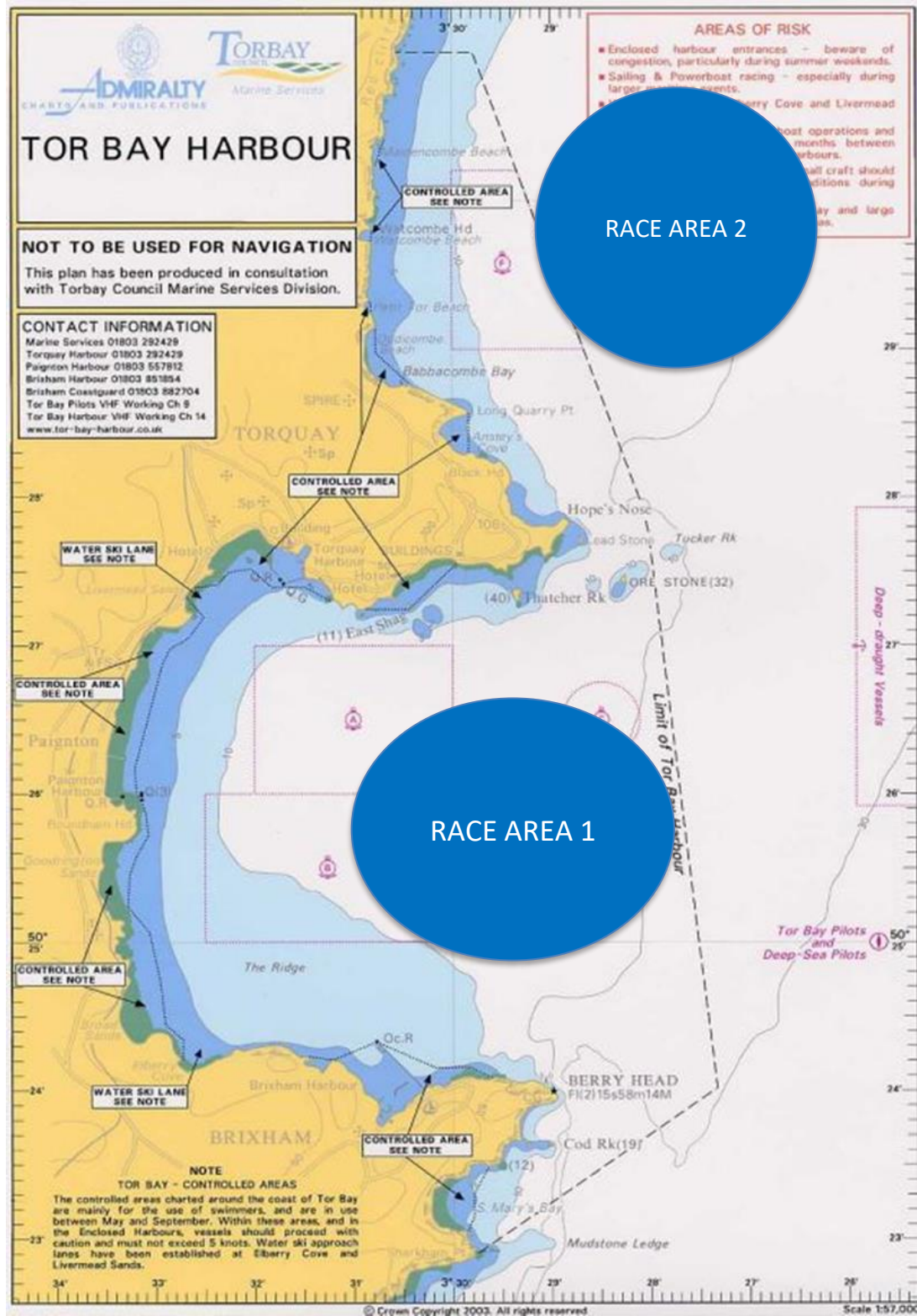
The national authority procedural rules required to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through World Sailing Regulation 21 are the **RYA Anti-Doping Rules**, as published on the RYA website.

[Rules - RRS, ERS, OSR & Anti-doping rules \(rya.org.uk\)](https://www.rya.org.uk/rules-rrs-ers-osr-anti-doping-rules)

RRS 67 - Damages

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

ADDENDUM 2



[Not to scale](#)

Torbay Harbour Information visit [Tor Bay Harbour - Home \(tor-bay-harbour.co.uk\)](http://tor-bay-harbour.co.uk)

OTHER EVENT AND VENUE INFORMATION

1. **Car Parking** opposite club and above the harbour, for information and additional passes visit torbay.gov.uk/roads/parking/car-parks/beacon-quay-cp/
2. **Trailer Parking** will be at Daddyhole Plain, Daddyhole Road, Torquay.
3. **Berthing for support boats** will Town Dock or pontoons on Haldon Pier
4. The **RTYC bar and restaurant** will be open all day and evening throughout the event serving meals, bar snacks, refreshments, and packed lunches to order. Detailed information including menus will be published on the event website.
5. **Entry/Bar Card** - At registration a club card will be made available to competitors, this should be used to access the club through both the main and garden entrances. This card can also be used to purchase drinks and food. Money can be added at the bar, minimum £10, there are no refunds.
6. **Club facilities** - Hand sanitisers continue to be widely available. Please respect and follow any procedures that may be in place.
7. **Social Events** details of all social events taking place will be published on the event website.
8. For **Accommodation** visit englishriviera.co.uk/accommodation

