

INTERNATIONAL DRAGON ASSOCIATION

YANMAR DRAGON GOLD CUP 2023

Thursday 7th to Friday 16th September



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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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).

Times stated in the Notice of Race, these Sailing Instructions or in any other instructions concerning the races are in British Summer Time (UTC + 1).

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, and as stated in the Notice of Race.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 09:00 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the event website.
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- 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 The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 77 to keep competitors and support boats informed of its intentions whilst afloat.

- 3.4 A competitor's WhatsApp group will be used, providing notifications and Race Committee communications whilst ashore. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 (DP) Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 (DP) Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment or place advertising provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the inshore end of Haldon Pier, adjacent to the slipway.
- 5.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, 1 minute is replaced with not less than 60 minutes in Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 (DP) From Sunday 10th September through to Friday 15th September, boats shall not leave the harbour until Flag D is displayed with one sound signal. The warning signal will not be displayed before the scheduled time or less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Dates and Number of Races:

Date	Intended time of warning signal
Saturday 9 th September	12.55, Practice race.
Sunday 10 th September	11.55
Monday 11 th September	11:55
Tuesday 12 th September	11:55
Wednesday 13 th September	11:55
Thursday 14 th September	11:55
Friday 15 th September	11:55
	Prize Giving, Corinthian Room RTYC

- 6.2 Two races per day may be sailed if the Race Committee so decides and the decision is published in accordance with Sailing Instruction 2.1.
- 6.3 On Friday 15th September, there will be no warning signal displayed after 14.30.

7. CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The Class flag is a white flag with the Dragon insignia in blue.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 Numeral Pennant 1 or Numeral Pennant 2 will be displayed with Flag D, to indicate the race area that the Race Committee intends to use for racing in accordance with NOR Addendum 2.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course diagram and configuration is shown in Addendum A.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the main Race Committee vessel will display the course to be sailed and the approximate bearing and distance of the first leg to mark 1 from the Race Committee vessel. The Race Committee will also broadcast the details using VHF. Failure to receive VHF broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.3 If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1, 1a, 2P and 2S will be orange inflatables with sponsor decals.
- 10.2 The change mark for mark 1 will be a yellow inflatable.
- 10.3 The start marks will be Race Committee vessels with a mast displaying an orange flag.
- 10.4 The finish marks will be Race Committee vessels with a mast displaying a blue flag.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS (DP)

- 11.1 The following is an obstruction – A yellow buoy with associated trailing buoys serving as a wave monitor located at approximately 050°433N 003°517W.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The start line will be between the mast on the Race Committee vessels displaying an orange flag at each end of the start line.
- 12.2 To alert boats that a race will soon begin, the orange starting line flags will be displayed with one sound at least 5 minutes before a class warning signal is displayed.
- 12.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure by her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did not Start' without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course the Race Committee will either lay a new mark 1 or move the gate or move the finishing line and remove the original marks as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change and a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. This adds to changes RRS 33.
- 13.2 When mark 1 is moved the original mark 1a will be repositioned.
- 13.3 In addition to RRS 33, the Race Committee will communicate details of a change to the next leg of the course using VHF. Failure to communicate by VHF will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The Finish Line will be between the staffs displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee vessels.

15 TIME LIMITS and TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 If no boat has passed mark 1 for the first time within 90 minutes of the start time, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2 The time limit for the first boat to finish is 5 hrs, except where there are two races scheduled on any day when the time limit for each race shall be 3 hours.
- 15.3 Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes or where two races are scheduled on any day within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did not finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 HEARING REQUESTS AND PENALTIES

- 16.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 16.2 In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may delay taking a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, until she has passed Mark 1a.
- 16.3 Appendix P applies. The Two-Turn penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty. P2.3 does not apply and P2.2 applies to second and all subsequent Penalties. This changes RRS P2.1, P2.2 and P2.3.

- 16.4 The Protest Time Limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or, the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.5 Hearing request forms are available from the race office or the event website.
- 16.6 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will take place in a Protest Room located at the Royal Torbay Yacht Club, beginning at the time posted.
- 16.7 A list of boats penalised for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.
- 16.8 Penalties for breaches of the Class Rule, RRS 50.1, or rules in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions marked [DP], should the case go to a hearing, are at the discretion of the International Jury and may be less than disqualification.
- 16.9 Notice of Race 23 (Insurance) or rules in the Sailing Instructions or Notice of Race marked (NP) shall not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS (DP)(NP)

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a race committee, or jury boat as soon as soon as possible or the race office immediately after returning to the harbour.
- 17.2 When returning to the harbour, boats may be held outside the harbour entrance to avoid unnecessary congestion in the harbour. All boats are required to follow the instructions of the safety ribs supervising this process.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT (DP)

- 18.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without the prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without the written approval of the Technical Committee. Requests shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 19.1 The Race Committee vessel will be identified by a yellow flag with Race Committee in red letters.
- 19.2 The Photography boat will be identified by a white flag with the letter "P" on the flag.
- 19.3 Mark laying boats will be identified by a yellow flag with the letter "M" on the flag.
- 19.4 Safety boats will be identified by a numbered pink flag.
- 19.5 Registered Support Boats will be identified by a numbered white flag.
- 19.6 Judges – orange flag with Jury in black letters.
- 19.7 Event Technical Committee – purple flag with TC in white letters.

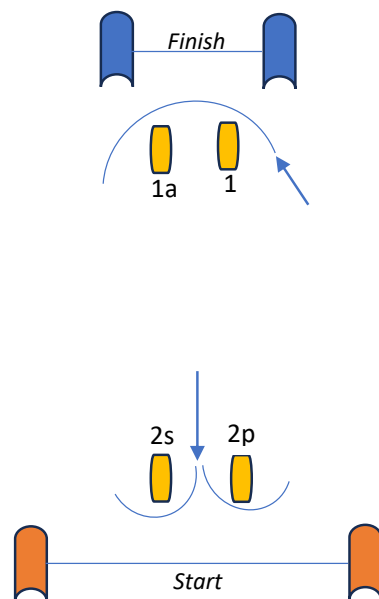
20 SUPPORT TEAMS (DP)

- 20.1 Support teams shall register in accordance with NOR 16.
- 20.2 All registered support boats shall carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving and agree to assist the Race Committee if directed to do so, RRS 37.
- 20.3 Support boats shall display identifying flags, white flag with a black number issued by the OA.
- 20.4 Except when participating in rescue operations all support boats shall stay at least 100m away from any boat racing and outside the race area. During the start sequence support boats shall be to 100m to leeward of the start-line.
- 20.5 For the purposes of identifying the race area, this shall be determined as any part of the course bound by racing marks, start, and finish lines, and relevant lay lines between race marks extending to 100m from all these points.
- 20.6 Unless requested by the Race Committee, support boats shall not tow competitors after leaving the dock or their mooring until the last competitor has finished or retires from the last race of the day and all on the water checks by the Jury and/or measurers have been completed.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL

21.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

ADDENDUM A.



Course: Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish.