



British Dragon Association
Medway Dragon Fleet Est. 1949
East Coast Dragon Championships

21-23rd September 2024
MEDWAY YACHT CLUB Est. 1880

Organising Authority
Medway Yacht Club

Celebrating 75 years of Dragons at MYC.

Notice of Race

The Organising Authority on behalf of the British Dragon Association (BDA) and Medway Yacht Club (MYC) invites International Dragons to a six-race open event regatta for the BDA Eastern Championship (E CDC).
Racing on the River Medway, 21st – 23rd September 2024.

1. **Rules:** The Championship will be governed by
 - 1.1. The Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - 1.2. The International Dragon Class Rules, except 13.3 will not be in force.
 - 1.3. The British Dragon Association Rules.
 - 1.4. The byelaws and directives of Peel Ports Medway (Medway Ports).
 - 1.5. The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of conflict, rule 63.7 applies.
 - 1.6. The rules of the MYC Minimum Equipment List (MEL) 2024. As defined on MYC website.
 - 1.7. The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS)
 - 1.8. Competitors should note that the Medway Yacht Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it.
 - 1.9. The Post-Race Penalty and Appendix T will be available. The Post-Race Penalty will be 30% of the number of boats (rounding 0.5 upwards) entered.
2. **Sailing Instructions.**
 - 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Medway Yacht Club website www.medwayyachtclub.com by 1st September 2024.
 - 2.2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race will be published on the event website <https://www.medwayyachtclub.com/racing/dragon-east-coast-championships/> Notices may also be published via the Event WhatsApp Group and the foyer of the Medway yacht Club (this is at the discretion of the organising committee).
3. **Communication**
 - 3.1. [DP] The online official noticeboard is located at <https://www.medwayyachtclub.com/racing/dragon-east-coast-championships/>
 - 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72,37A and16.
 - 3.3. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

- 3.4. [DP] While racing from the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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.
- 3.5. In addition to the official notice board, a WhatsApp group with voluntary sign up, will be used to assist competitors to stay informed of Race Committee instructions, notices, results, protest details and other information during the event. Sign-up details will be available to all competitors by 1st September 2024.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. The Event is open to all boats of the International Dragon Class with Dragon Owners or helmsman of any nationality, and members of a Yacht Club, which is recognised by their National Authority.
- 4.2. A boat's owner shall be up to date members of their National Dragon Association.
- 4.3. Dragons must hold a valid Class Measurement Certificate.
- 4.4. Eligible boats shall enter by completing the online Registration Form
- 4.5. Entries will only be accepted via the event website at the following link
<https://www.medwayyachtclub.com/racing/dragon-east-coast-championships/>
- 4.6. Entries will be accepted up to 1800hrs on Friday 20th September.

5. Fees

- 5.1. The fee of £99.75 per boat for the complete event if paid before 31st July 2024. If paid after this date the fee will be £149.75 per boat. The Entry Fee for visitors covers the cost of cramage (using a travel hoist at the MYC) i.e. one launch and recovery and use of a swinging mooring at the MYC.
The fees, bookings for food and social will be in detail and made available through the event website.

6. Crew Limitations

- 6.1. A boat's crew shall be no more than 4 persons.
- 6.2. A boat wishing to substitute a helm or crew after registration shall make prior written request to the race committee to do so. The decision to permit or deny such request shall be entirely at the discretion of the race committee.
- 6.3. IDA Rules 13.3 will not be in force.

7. Advertising

- 7.1. Advertising will be in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 7.2. Competitors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 7.3. Competitors shall not display any advertising which, in the opinion of the race committee, is in conflict with the event sponsors.

8. Qualifying Series and Final Series: N/A

9. Schedule:

- 9.1. Registration: Registration will be concluded from 12.00 until 1800 on 20th September 2024 in the library.
- 9.2. Briefing: There will be a briefing held at 0900 on the 21st September in the MYC Clubhouse and 0900 on all other days.
- 9.3. Race Dates & Times: The event will consist of up to six races, each lasting approximately one hour.
- 9.4. The race committee may change the number of races each day but may not start more than 4 races on a day.
 - 9.4.1. Saturday 21st September: The warning signal for the first race will not be before 10:55.
 - 9.4.2. Sunday 22nd September and Monday 23rd September: The warning signal for the first race on these days will not be before 09:55 on all other days.
- 9.5. No warning signal will be made after 1500 hrs. On Monday 23rd September 2024.

10. Equipment Inspection:

- 10.1. [DP] Each boat may be required to produce a valid Measurement Certificate (or photocopy) and Sail Registration Form at the request of organizing authority.
- 10.2. [DP] All sails intended to be used at the Championship must have been pre-measured before arrival at the event, no more than eight sails may be used. Only the correct sail number may be used except with prior written permission of the race committee. Dispensation will not be given if another boat is already using the same sail number.
- 10.3. Depth sounders will be permitted in accordance with IDA rule 12.20.
- 10.4. The organizing authority reserves the right to conduct measurement and safety equipment checks at any time for compliance to the BDA rules and this NOR.

12. Venue:

- 12.1. Medway Yacht Club. Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent ME2 4XB. The Race Office will be in the Library in the Office building for Registration and for the event.
- 12.2. Racing will be on the River Medway.

13. The Course:

- 13.1. The courses will be issued with the Sailing Instructions. The starts will be from a Committee Boat. The course will be a windward/leeward configuration.

14. Penalty system:

- 14.1. Rule 44.1 will be changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty will be replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. Scoring:

- 15.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her scores excluding her worst score.

16. Support Person Vessels:

- 16.1. Competitor's support vessels shall keep clear of the race course after the warning signal for a race.

17. Chartered or Loaned Boats – Not Applicable

18. Berthing and Craneage:

- 18.1.[DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places on the moorings and the helm lashed to starboard when moored on the River Medway.
- 18.2.A launch service will be provided for all competitors from the MYC.
- 18.3.Cranage is by WISE, free for visitors at the MYC. Alternative arrangements can be made directly with Chatham Maritime Marina and Gillingham Marina if desired.
- 18.4.Owners of visiting boats need not bring their own tested lifting strops for launching at MYC.
- 18.5.Boats will be craned into the water before the Championships. Visiting yacht owners should contact the Club Bosun, Toby Atack (contact details below) to liaise on the arrival of their yacht.
- 18.6.Boats may be brought to the Club prior to the 20th of September and left ready to be launched. Subject to arrangements with the Club Bosun, they may be launched in the Owner's absence.
- 18.7.Boat launching at MYC will be completed by 16.00 20th September 2024. Note: high water 15.00

19. Haul-Out Restrictions:

- 19.1. All boats shall be afloat the day before the 21st September 2024.
- 19.2. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

20. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools:

- 20.1. Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats whilst they are in the water.
- 20.2. Boats shall not be cleaned below the waterline by any means between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

21. Data Protection

- 21.1. In order to manage the event, information provided by competitors will be held on a general database. The management of personal information and images will comply with the UK General Data Protection Regulations.

22. Risk Statement

- 22.1. **Rule 3 of the RRS states “The Responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or 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:
 - 22.2. 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 while taking part in the event.
 - 22.3. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - 22.4. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
 - 22.5. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
 - 22.6. The provision of a race management team, patrol vessels and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.
 - 22.7. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances.
 - 22.8. It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue.

23. **Insurance:** Each Participating boat shall ensure their boat is adequately insured, against all third-party claims. A minimum of £3,000,000

24. Prizes:

- 24.1. Daily prizes will be presented as soon as practical after racing has been completed. This will be at the Medway Yacht Club.
- 24.2. The Championship Trophies and Prizes will be awarded at the Medway Yacht Club as soon as possible after completion of that day’s racing.

Overall Winner:	The East Coast Dragon Championship Salver
Race One:	Aldeburgh Dragon Fleet Trophy
Race Two:	Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Trophy
Race Three:	Walderingfield Sailing Club Trophy
Race Four:	The McKay-Lewis Challenge Trophy
Race Five:	The Haven Ports Yacht Club Decanter
Race Six:	The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club Trophy

- 24.3. Corinthian Prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Any boat that wishes to be eligible for a Corinthian Prize shall submit a written statement to the Race Committee no later than 1800 on 20th September stating that all participating crew are amateurs. For the purposes of clarification, they should conform to the World Sailing Competitor Categorisation description for Group 1. If no such statement is received, the boat shall not be eligible for a Corinthian Prize.
- 24.4. The winners of all the trophies shall have temporary possession of them for a period until required for the next ECDC and are responsible for them to be suitably engraved and insured.

26. Rights and copyrights

- 26.1. By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants the organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the event, and of all of his/her material related to the event, without compensation, unless otherwise advised in writing prior to the event.

27. Further Information:

Contacts:

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If you wish to register your phone number for our ECDC Whats App group contact Edwin above.

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MYC Organising Committee 01/07/2024.