

## WAIDA in conjunction with



# International Dragon Class 2023-24 Western Australian State Championship

Friday 23 to Sunday 25 February 2024

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Organising Authority, Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (Inc), Perth, Western Australia in conjunction with the Western Australia International Dragon Association (Inc) (WAIDA).

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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).

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

## 1 RULES

The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) as modified by these Sailing Instructions (SIs) and the International Dragon Class Rules.

## 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 7:30 am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18:00 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 located on the event page of the Club's website at https://rfbyc.asn.au/dragon-state-championship
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio Channel 74. Boats may use the radio to report retirement from racing and to request assistance in an emergency.
- 3.3 [NP][DP] While Racing, except in an emergency or as permitted above, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to allboats.

## 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole to the west of the Dinghy Training Centre.
- 4.2 When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 When Y flag is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times when afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

## 5 SCHEDULE

5.1 The times of racing are as follows:

Day	Date	Time of First Race Warning Signal	Location
Friday	23 February 2024	1630, subsequent races to follow	Melville Water West
Saturday	24 February 2024	0900, subsequent races to follow	Melville Water West
Saturday	24 February 2024	1630, subsequent races to follow	Melville Water West
Sunday	25 February 2024	0900, subsequent races to follow	Melville Water West

- 5.2 A maximum of eight (8) races will be conducted for the series.
- 5.3 To alert competitors that another race is to be sailed in a session, code flag Q will be displayed as boats are finishing the previous race. This flag will be removed with multiple sound signals one minute before the warning signal is displayed for the ensuing race.

5.4 No warning signal will be made after 1200 hours on Sunday, 26 February 2023.

#### 6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be International Code Flag D.

## 7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be Melville Water West.

## 8 COURSES

The diagram in Appendix A indicates the course to be sailed, including the approximate angles between the legs and the order in which each mark is to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

#### 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3s and 3p will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 The starting and finishing mark will be White and Black chequered cylindrical buoy.
- 9.3 Change of Course marks provided in 11.2 below will be a yellow inflatable buoy with a red band.

#### 10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 Before the first race of each session, the race committee will make 4 sound signals to alert competitors that a warning signal is imminent.
- 10.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and the starting mark at the port end.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

## 11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 In the event of a minor change in wind direction, the race committee may relocate the existing marks without signaling a Change of Course. This changes RRS33.
- 11.2 If a greater change in wind direction, to change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.
- 11.4 The race committee may change the length of a leg of the course without signalling a Change of Course. This changes RRS33 (b).

## 12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 For Course 1 the finishing line will be between the staff on the race committee boat displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the port end finishing mark.
- 12.2 For Course 2 and 3 the finishing line will be between the staff on the race committee boat displaying a blue flag at the port end and the starboard end finishing mark.

#### 13 TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for the first boat will be 90 minutes (1.5 hours).

- 13.2 The target time for each race is 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 13.3 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes of the first boat will be recorded DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be a One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe in the same direction) except that for infringements within the Zone, as defined in the RRS, the penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2
- 14.2 [NP][DP] A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 or retired shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Regatta Office within the Protest Time Limit

#### 15 PROTESTS AND REDRESS

- 15.1 Hearing request forms are available at the Yachting Operations Office at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.
- 15.2 Hearing request forms shall be delivered to the Yachting Operations Office within 60 minutes of the docking time of the Start/Finish boat after the last race of each session. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Aubrey Sherwood room on the day of the protest lodgment (unless otherwise advised) starting as soon as possible after the notice has been posted on the official noticeboard.
- 15.4 Notice of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

## 16 SCORING

- 16.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - (b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.3 The regatta handicap results will be determined by back calculation using the "Finishing Line" scoring program. Points will be awarded for handicap results in accordance with 16.2 above. A boat that finishes in the first three places in the State Championship will be ineligible to win the handicap trophies.

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][DP]

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## 18 REPLACEMENT OF SKIPPER/HELMSPERSON

Substitution or replacement of Skipper/Helmsperson during the regatta will not be allowed.

## 19 EQUIPMENT, MEASUREMENT AND CREW WEIGHT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Crews will be required to be weighed before the regatta.

## 20 SUPPORT BOATS

Unless otherwise advised or requested by the Race Officer team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for the infringement of this Instruction will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may include disqualification of boats connected with the coach.

## 21 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks.

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## **APPENDIX A – COURSES**

