



AIDCL and WAIDA
in conjunction with
Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club
Presents the

**International Dragon Class
2025 Australasian Championship
Prince Philip Cup
And
Ted Albert Memorial**

Friday 3rd to Friday 10th January 2025

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in these Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

The notation (SP) in a rule in these Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a standard penalty will be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing.

The notation (DP) in a rule in these Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club (Inc), Perth, Western Australia in conjunction with the Western Australia International Dragon Association (Inc) (WAIDA) and the Australian International Dragon Co Ltd (AIDCL)

2 RULES

- 2.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) as modified by these Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 2.2 The Australian Sailing Special Regulations Part 1 for Category 7 shall apply.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 7:30 am on the day it will take effect.

4 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the event page of the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club website at <https://rfbyc.asn.au/dragon-australian-championship-2025>.
- 4.2 All boats may carry a marine band VHF receiver capable of receiving and transmitting Marine VHF channels. Boats may also use the radio to report retirement from racing and to request assistance in an emergency. No other transmissions of any other nature are permitted by competing yachts during each racing day from the first warning signal until the completion of each race.
- 4.3 The Race Committee will use VHF radio channel 74 to advise competitors of general matters relating to the racing.
- 4.4 [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.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole on the upper lawn area at Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.
- 5.2 When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 The times of racing are as follows:

Fri 3 Jan 2025	Sat 4 Jan 2025	Sun 5 Jan 2025	Mon 6 Jan 2025	Tue 7 Jan 2025	Wed 8 Jan 2025	Thu 9 Jan 2025	Fri 10 Jan 2025
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Registration Measure & Weigh-in	Registration Measure & Weigh-in	Ted Albert Race 2	PPC 1	PPC 3	Lay Day	PPC 5	PPC 7
	Briefing Ted Albert Race 1	Ted Albert Race 3	PPC 2	PPC 4		PPC 6	PPC 8

6.2 Boats may request measurement from 30th December by appointment.

6.3 A competitors' briefing for the Ted Albert Memorial will be held on the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club upper lawn at 1105 hours on Saturday 4th January 2025.

6.4 The first warning signal for Race 1 of the Ted Albert Memorial will be at 1300 hours on Saturday 4th January 2025.

6.5 The first warning signal for Race 1 of the Australasian Championship will be at 12.00 on Monday 6th January 2025

6.6 Except for the first race of the Ted Albert Memorial and the first day's races of the Australasian Championship the time of the 1st Warning signal for each day's races shall be displayed on the Official Notice Board by 18.00hrs the day before and may be advised to entrants by WhatsApp.

6.7 Three races are scheduled for the Ted Albert Memorial and eight races scheduled for the Australasian Championship.

6.8 Two races per day are scheduled for the Australasian Championship.

6.9 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 following race.

6.10 No warning signal will be made after 1500 hours on Friday 10th January 2025.

7 CLASS FLAG

7.1 The class flag will be International Code Flag D.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be Melville Water West.

9 COURSES

9.1 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.

10 MARKS

10.1 Marks 1, 2, 3s and 3p will be yellow inflatable buoys.

10.2 The starting and finishing mark will be White and Black chequered cylindrical buoy.

10.3 Change of Course marks provided in clause 12.2 below will be a yellow inflatable buoy with a red band.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal.
- 11.2 Before the first race of each session, the race committee will make multiple sound signals to alert competitors that a warning signal is imminent.
- 11.3 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.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 In the event of a minor change in wind direction, (10 degrees or less), the race committee may relocate the existing marks without signaling a Change of Course. This changes RRS33.
- 12.2 If a greater change in wind direction, (more than 10 degrees), 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.
- 12.3 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.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 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.
- 13.2 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.

14 TIME LIMIT AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The Race Time Limit is 120 minutes.
- 14.2 The Target Time Limit is 60-90 minutes.
- 14.3 The Finishing Window is 15 minutes.
- 14.4 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.
- 14.5 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finish Window and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.
- 14.6 A boat that scores TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finish Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 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, shall be a Two Turns Penalty (two tacks and two gybes in the same direction). This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.2.
- 15.2 If Mark 2 (offset) is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the Zone around Mark 1, or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 2, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 2. This changes RRS 44.2.

16 PROTESTS AND REDRESS

- 16.1 Hearing request forms are available on the event website of the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club website at <https://rfbyc.asn.au/dragon-australian-championship-2025>.

- 16.2 Hearing request forms shall be submitted online within 60 minutes of the docking time of the race committee boat after the last race of the day or 90 minutes after the last boat to finish the last race of the day, whichever is the later. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 Notice of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 60.2(a)(2).

17 SCORING

- 17.1 For the Ted Albert Memorial Trophy one race is required to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's score for the Ted Albert Memorial will be the total of her race scores with no exclusions.
- 17.2 For the Australasian Championship four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (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

18 RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1 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.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS (DP)

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

20 REPLACEMENT OF SKIPPER/HELMSPERSON

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

21 EQUIPMENT, MEASUREMENT AND CREW WEIGHT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and these 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.

22 SUPPORT BOATS (DP)

- 22.1 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.
- 22.2 Unless approved in writing by the Race Committee, no support personnel shall launch or fly a drone from the time of the race warning signal when starting to 10 minutes after the last boat finishes.

23 INSURANCE

23.1 Each participating boat shall have third-party liability and public liability insurance cover of not less than AUD\$10,000,000. By signing the Entry Form entrants declare that they hold such insurance in respect of this boat and this regatta and that they will continue to do so for the duration of the regatta.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

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APPENDIX A

2025 Australasian Dragon Championships

Prince Philip Cup

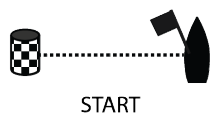
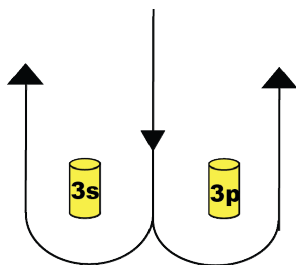
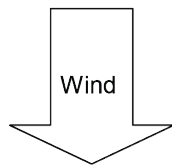
Ted Albert Memorial

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COURSES

COURSE 1

Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - Finish



COURSE 2

Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - Finish

COURSE 3

Start - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - 3s/3p - 1 - 2 - Finish

