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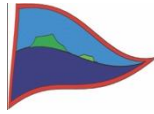
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1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the current prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association when they apply, the current International Dragon Class Rules and the Notice of Race, except as any of the aforementioned is altered by these Sailing Instructions. In the event of any conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.2 Class Rules 13.10 (crew numbers) and 13.30 (crew weight) shall apply.
- 1.3 Class Rule 11.10.3 will also apply. "A Personal Floatation Device with minimum buoyancy of 50 Newton shall be carried for each person on board."
- 1.4 Competitors' attention is drawn to *RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rules* and to the current International Dragon Class Rule 11 *Equipment*.
- 1.5 Penalties for breaking rules of Part 2, RRS 44.1, is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by a one-turn except when taking a penalty for infringing Racing Rule 18.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Notice Board outside the Glandore Harbour Yacht Club Clubhouse, School Lane, Glandore.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes in the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before such change is to take effect. A numeral pennant will be displayed under flag 'L' indicating the latest amendment in force.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals to competitors will be displayed from the main flagstaff of Glandore Harbour Yacht Club, located the garden in front of the Glandore Inn/Hayes Bar.
Flag 'L' with a sound signal means a notice to competitors has been posted.

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5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Skippers' briefing at 1100 hrs, Friday 30th August September in Glandore Harbour YC.

DATE	HW Glandore	RACE NO.	WARNING SIGNAL
Friday 30	LW 12.20 0.5	Race 1	1300 hrs
		Race 2	As soon as possible after the conclusion of Race 1
Saturday 3 rd	LW 13.06 0.3	Race 3	1100 hrs
		Race 4	As soon as possible after the conclusion of Race 3
		Race 5	As soon as possible after the conclusion of Race 4
Sunday 4 th	LW 13.51 0.3	Race 6	1100 hrs

The race schedule may be modified by the OOD in the interest of completing as many of the planned races as possible.

On the last day of racing, no Warning Signal will be made after 1400 hrs.

6. CLASS FLAG

The Class flag will be I.C. flag 'D'

7. RACING AREA.

The waters of Glandore Bay.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The diagram and notes in *Appendix 1* show the course, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The approximate compass bearing to Mark 1 may be displayed from the Committee Vessel.
- 8.3 The Wing (Spreader) Mark will be a mark of the course for the first round only.
- 8.4 The number of rounds to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the Committee vessel.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be Yellow inflatable Marks.
- 9.2 The Start Line Pin will be a danbuoy-type mark.
- 9.3 The Wing Mark will be a orange inflatable buoy.
- 9.4 If a Mark is lost or has shifted, it may be replaced by another inflatable buoy or by a boat displaying I.C. Flag 'M'.
- 9.5 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark.

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10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started as set out in rule 26.
- 10.2 The Starting Line shall be between the pole with a yellow flag on the committee vessel and an Outer Limit Mark (ODM)/ Start Line Pin.
- 10.3 The race committee signal boat may have a buoy/dinghy attached to the stern which shall be considered part of the mark
- 10.4 An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid between the ODM and the committee vessel (not necessarily on the start line) and if so boats shall pass between the ODM and the IDM when starting.
- 10.5 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored *Did Not Start*, without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original Mark or lay a replacement mark as described in 9.4 (or move the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28. .
- 11.3 Minor adjustments to the course will not be signalled.
- 11.4 When any of the race committee boats displays flag 'F' at a rounding mark, boats will sail from that rounding mark directly to the finish line. This is an addition to race signals and rule 32.

12. THE FINISH

Unless the course is shortened, the finish line will be between a pole on a committee vessel displaying a blue flag at the starboard end and the Mark 1 at the port end.

13. TARGET TIME

- 13.1 The target time for each race shall be 90 minutes from the valid start. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored *Did Not Finish* (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

14. RETIRAL

The crew of a boat retiring shall make every effort to inform the Race Committee of their retiral.

15. SAIL NUMBERS

Permission to change sail numbers shall be sought in writing from the Principal Race Officer at least two hours before the start of racing each day and will only be granted in exceptional circumstance.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1 In accordance with rule 61, protests shall be written on ISAF forms available at the Race Office in Glandore Harbour Yacht Club and lodged within 90 minutes after the time of the last boat to finish the last race on that day.
- 16.2 A boat intending to protest shall inform the Committee Vessel on finishing.
- 16.3 The Protest Committee will hear protests, approximately in the order of receipt, as soon as possible.
- 16.4 The protest hearing schedule 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.
- 16.5 Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last scheduled day of racing, a party to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 15 minutes after being informed of the decision".

17. ARBITRATION

- 17.1 As an alternative to a full Protest Hearing, an Arbitration System may be used. When all parties to an incident agree, a Protest Arbitrator, appointed by the Sailing Committee may decide a Protest. Such arbitration shall replace the protest required under RRS 63. The system may only be used if, before the hearing, all parties agree to accept the arbitration as final. All the parties shall have the opportunity of stating their case. The Arbitrator shall have total discretion as to whether any witness will be called. At any time during the hearing he/she may terminate the arbitration and refer the incident to a full Protest Committee hearing; otherwise, at the conclusion of the arbitration hearing he/she will reach a decision.
- 17.2 Any party found to have infringed a Rule shall not be disqualified but shall instead incur a 2 place penalty. No penalty shall result in a score which would exceed that of a disqualification. Any decision shall be final; however, a Request for Reopening may be made under RRS 66.
- 17.3 Arbitration will be provided as an alternate option to a full protest hearing when both parties agree: the decision is binding and cannot be referred to a further protest hearing. If competitors agree to Arbitration, a 20% penalty will be imposed on the losing party if rule infringement is found. A boat shall not get points exceeding last place.

18. SCORING

- 18.1 Scoring shall be in accordance with rule 90.3 (Low Point System).
- 18.2 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.4 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.5 Series ties will be broken in accordance with rule A8.

19 HAULING OUT

- 19.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee unless for serious and unavoidable circumstances.
- 19.2 All competitors are required to berth on moorings at the Glandore Harbour Yacht Club for the duration of the Championship, commencing after racing on Friday, 30th August until after racing on Sunday, 1st September.

20. RADIOS

- 20.1 In line with Dragon Class Rule 11.11, VHF's shall be carried by competitors.
- 20.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 20.3 VHF channel 68 will be used to communicate with competitors.

21. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Dragon South Coast Perpetual Trophy to overall winner

Adam & Eve Perpetual Cup to the Top placed GHYC boat.

Keeper prizes, glass sail and 3 tumblers to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed boats

Other prizes may be awarded.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. By participating in this event and any related activity sponsored or undertaken by Glandore Harbour Yacht Club, the owner, helmsman and each crew member agree: that they understand that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of serious bodily injury (including permanent disability, paralysis and death by drowning or otherwise), property damage and other economic loss; that the safety of the boat and her crew and the decision whether or not to start or continue to race is solely their responsibility and at their own risk, see rule 4 "Decision to Race"; that Glandore Harbour Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, and the event sponsor(s) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property, or to any participant, including injury or death; and that each of them releases and waives all claims which he or she, or any heir, representative, successor or assignee, may have against Glandore Harbour Yacht Club and its officers, trustees, members, committees, employees or agents, and the event sponsor(s) arising out of or in any way connected with participation in such race or activity. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the series.
- 22.2 The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do their best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. He must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. He must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. Neither these Sailing Instructions nor any action of the organising authority in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the owner(s) or owner's representative.

23. INSURANCE

Each boat's owner(s) and competing crews shall ensure that they are adequately insured against loss, damage or injury to persons, boats or equipment at all times and however occurring and shall maintain adequate third-party insurance cover for racing risks. All owners/competitors who sign the entry and registration form are deemed to have made a declaration that they hold such cover.

24. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash shall be brought ashore and properly disposed.

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The Course

First Round

Start

Mark 1 (P)
Wing Mark (P)

Leeward Mark 2 (P)

Second & Third Round

Mark 1 (P)

Leeward Mark 2 (P)

Final Leg

Finish between Mark 1
and
race committee vessel
displaying a blue flag

COURSE DIAGRAM

