



INTERNATIONAL DRAGON CLASS

2025 – 2026 Pennant Series



Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (Organising Authority)

SANDY BAY, TASMANIA

Sailing Instructions

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.

1. RULES

- The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RSS).
- Appendix T will apply to this regatta amended so that an Arbitrator may form part of a subsequent Protest Committee.
- International Dragon Class Rule 13.30 (Crew Weight) will not apply to this regatta.
- Boats shall comply with AS Special Regulations Part 1, Category 7, plus on a boat without lifelines complying with 3.12, a lifejacket complying with 5.01.1(i) shall be worn by each member of the crew while on deck.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the southern end of the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania (RYCT).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- Signals made ashore will be displayed on a signal mast situated at the entrance to the RYCT marina.
- When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The RYCT Dragon Pennant Series for 2025-2026 will be conducted over five weekend. Events scheduled for; 5 - 6 July 2025, 6-7 Sept 2025, 25 - 26 Oct 2025, 13 – 14 Dec 2025 & 18 – 19 Apr 2026

Each event will be scored separately but total results combined to form the Summer Pennant.

Individual event entrant's welcome.

| Date | Time/Warning Signal | Event | No. races scheduled |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Saturday | 0800 - 0900 | Registration | |
| Saturday | 1000 | Championship Races | Max of 5 races per day |
| Sunday | 1000 | Championship Races | Max of 5 races per day |

- The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

- b. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- c. On the Sunday of each event no warning signal will be made after 1600.

6. CLASS FLAG

The Class flag will be a white flag with the class insignia in blue.

7. RACING AREAS

Addendum "A" shows the location of the racing area.

8. COURSES

The diagram in Addendum "B" shows the course, the course designations, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9. MARKS

| Mark | Description |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1, 1A, 2 | Orange Inflatable |
| Starting line and finishing line mark | Black & White Inflatable |
| New marks as provided in instruction 11 | Yellow inflatable |

10. THE START

- a. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- b. A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This changes rule A4. [NP]

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- a. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will (a) lay a new mark, or (b) move the finishing line. When a new mark is laid, the original mark will be removed as soon as possible. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- b. When Mark 1 is replaced with a new mark, Mark 1A will not be deployed.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff with a blue flag on the committee boat and the finishing mark. This changes Race Signals.

13. SHORTENING COURSE

If a course is shortened boats will sail from Mark 1/1A to the Finishing Line. Mark 2 will not have a required side when approaching the Finishing Line to finish. This changes RRS 32.2.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty when the infraction occurs outside the Zone as defined in the RRS.

15. TIME LIMITS

| Mark 1 Time limit | Target time | Time limit | Finish Window |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| 30 | 45 | 70 | 20 |

- If no boat passes Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.
- Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- Boats failing to finish within finish window after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

17 PROTESTS

- Penalties for breaches of Sailing Instructions marked [DP] and class rules are at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- Penalties for breaches of Sailing Instructions marked [NP] will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- Protest forms are available from the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 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 be held in the protest room, located in the RYCT Clubhouse.
- Notices of protests by the race committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day; no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

18 SCORING

Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series. For each individual regatta there will be a maximum of eight races. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six to eight races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

The **RYCT Dragon Pennant Series for 2025-2026** will be the total scores from events scheduled for 5 - 6 July 2025, 6-7 Sept 2025, 25 - 26 Oct 2025, 13– 14 Dec 2025 & 18 – 19 Apr 2026 with drops as follows

When fewer than seven (7) races have been completed, a boats series score shall be the total of her race score

When eight (8) and fewer than fifteen (15) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her race score excluding her two (2) worst scores.

When fifteen (15) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her score excluding her three (3) worst scores.

When twenty (20) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her score excluding her four (4) worst scores.

When twenty five (25) races have been completed a boats series score will be the total of her score excluding her five (5) worst scores.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]

Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without approval of the Race Committee. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed without approval of the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT [DP]

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.

21 SUPPORT PERSONS [DP]

Team Leaders coaches and other support persons shall stay at least 100m outside areas where boats are racing and any mark of the course, starting line and finishing line from the time of the preparatory signal for the first start until the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

22 ADVERTISING [DP] [NP]

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

23 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [DP]

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

24 BERTHING OF BOATS

- a. Boats shall be berthed as per direction of the Race Committee.
- b. Boats shall be launched by 09:00 on the first day of each event and shall remain in the water for the duration of the regatta.

25 RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP]

- a. All boats must carry a marine band VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Marine VHF channel 10. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio or data transmissions while racing, nor receive radio or data communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- b. Except in an emergency, the use of mobile phones or any device capable of sending and/or receiving external electronic communication and/or connecting to the internet is prohibited after the first warning signal on each race day until the boat has completed its day's racing.

25. PRIZES

Will be presented at discretion of the Tasmanian International Dragon Association.

26. INSURANCE

All competing yachts are required to have current Third Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability cover of not less than AUD10,000,000 (10 million) or the equivalent thereof in any other currency for any one incident.

27. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In participating in an event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in these events event in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the events without compensation.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

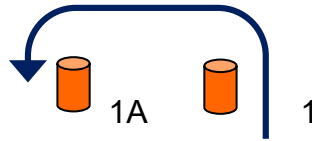
Competitors participate in the Regattas entirely at their own risk – see rule 3, Decision to Race, which states; “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

The Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, the Tasmanian International Dragon Association, their executives, boards, servants, volunteers and agents and all other parties involved with the conduct and organisation of the Regatta disclaim any and every responsibility for loss, damage, injury, death or inconvenience that might occur to persons or property, both ashore or afloat, as a consequence of participation in the races covered by the notice of races and the sailing instructions.

Addendum “A”



Addendum “B” – Course Diagram



Starting/Finishing Line

Course: Start – 1 – 1A – 2 – 1 – 1A – Finish

Marks 1, 1A & 2 are to be left to port.



Change Mark