



**NOTICE OF RACE
and
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

FOR THE

**INTERNATIONAL DRAGON
CLASS**

GOLD CUP

2009/2010

**CONDUCTED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON
and
ROYAL PRINCE EDWARD YACHT CLUB**

**On behalf of the
INTERNATIONAL DRAGON ASSOCIATION OF NSW**

The Organizing Authority is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), the Royal Prince Edward Yacht Club (RPEYC) and the International Dragon Association of NSW.

1 RULES

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) as amended. In the event of conflict between rules and regulations, other than RRS, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.2 For all races the provisions of the RSYS/RPEYC 2009/2010 Sailing Handbook General Sailing Instructions, and Spring & Summer Series Sailing Instructions, as modified by this document, shall apply.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 A boat and her crew shall comply with Category A pursuant to ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code as detailed in RRS 79.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The Gold Cup is open to all International Dragon Class boats.
- 3.2 All owners and helmsman and crew shall be financial members of the International Dragon Association.
- 3.3 All competitors helming or crewing a boat while racing shall conform with RRS 46 and RRS 55.
- 3.4 The helmsman nominated on the entry form shall be deemed to be in charge of the yacht and no change of helmsman shall be made without the prior written consent of the Race Committee.
- 3.5 A minimum of five entries may be required before the Gold Cup can be run.

4 ENTRY

Entries on the attached entry form shall be received at the RSYS Sailing Office by 1400 hours on Thursday 10 September 2009.

5 ENTRY FEE

- 5.1 The Entry Fee is \$250.00
- 5.2 The entry fee is waived for boats block entered in the 2009/2010 RSYS SPR and SUM series.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	International Dragon	Scheduled Time of Warning Signal
12/09/09	Heat 1	1300 hrs
17/10/09	Heat 2	1300 hrs
14/11/09	Heat 3	1300 hrs
19/12/09	Heat 4	1300 hrs
06/02/10	Heat 5	1300 hrs
27/02/10	Heat 6	1300 hrs
13/03/10	Heat 7	1300 hrs

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The General Sailing Instructions and the SPR & SUM Sailing Instructions shall apply as detailed in the RSYS/RPEYC 2009-2010 Sailing Handbook.

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 Races shall be conducted in Port Jackson, in the general area between Kirribilli Point and South Head.

9 COURSES

The Course configuration will be as described in the relevant Sailing Instructions as detailed in clause 7 above.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low-Points Scoring System as set out in Appendix A of the RRS will apply.
- 10.2 The series shall consist of 7 races, the best 6 will count.
- 10.3 In the event of 6 or less races being completed, all will count.
- 10.4 A minimum of 4 races shall constitute the Series.

11 TURNS PENALTIES

- 11.1 The RRS 44.2 Turns Penalty will apply.

12 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 12.1 YA Special Regulations Equipment Compliance - Category 7 shall apply.
- 12.2 Any yacht not currently racing with the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron shall lodge, with the Sailing Office by 1400 hours Thursday 10 September 2009, a copy of her completed YA Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form - Category 7.

13 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 13.1 **Risk Warning** - The Organising Authority advises owners, skippers and anyone who participates in yachting events conducted by the Organising Authority that participation in the sport of yachting, whether racing or otherwise, can be dangerous and can result in harm, personal injury and property damage. The Organising Authority is not responsible for any harm or injury suffered by any person in any yachting event of whatever nature conducted by the Organising Authority. All participants acknowledge that competing in yachting events may be dangerous and may result in harm or personal injury and participate in such events aware of such dangers and voluntarily accept any risk of harm.
- 13.2 **Competitors Declaration** - It is the responsibility of owners and skippers to ensure that each boat nominated on the entry form complies with the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS).

All competitors who sign the entry form in doing so have made a declaration to the Organising Authority that the nominated boat will at all times while racing comply with the requirements of Yachting Australia and the Sailing Instructions, including:

- (a) RRS 46 and the responsibility of the person in charge of the boat to ensure that the crew complies with RRS 55;
- (b) the Yachting Australia Special Regulations;
- (c) adequate current Third Party Property Liability Insurance and Third Party Personal Liability cover of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million dollars) for any one incident. All insurance shall be maintained during the period of racing.
- (d) the person who signs and lodges the entry form with the Organising Authority warranting to the Organising Authority that he or she will draw the attention of any person who competes on the yacht the subject of the entry form in any event conducted by the Organising Authority of the risk warning above;
- (e) the person who signs and lodges this entry form with the Organising Authority acknowledging receipt of the risk warning above and releasing the Organising Authority from any claim or liability whatsoever for any harm or personal injury suffered by him, or by any person claiming through him, in any event conducted by the Organising Authority;

13.3 Responsibilities

- (a) All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The RSYS, RPEYC, sponsors, the International Dragon Association of NSW, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.
- (b) The RSYS, RPEYC, sponsors, the International Dragon Association of NSW, the Race Committee and other race officials are not responsible for the seaworthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment.
- (c) All those taking part in these races are reminded of their obligations as set out in the Yachting Australia Special Regulations clause 1.02 Owner's Responsibility.

14 SAIL NUMBERS

- 14.1 A boat should sail under the sail number advised on its entry form.
- 14.2 A boat should display identical sail numbers on all its sails.
- 14.3 The use of any sail displaying a different number to that on the entry form must be notified to the Sailing Office not later than two (2) hours before the start of the race.
- 14.4 A boat which displays an incorrect sail number and which has not notified the Sailing Office in accordance with 14.3 above may be subject to protest by the Race Committee.

15 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING

- 15.1 Waterways Authority Regulations specify that boats shall not interfere with the commercial shipping of the Port. *"Priority over sail - some Commercial Ferries on Sydney Harbour display an orange diamond shape which grants priority of way over sailing vessels. Do not attempt to cross the path of an approaching ferry displaying this signal"*.
- 15.2 Boats found to have interfered with the Commercial Shipping may be subject to action by the Race Committee in accordance with RRS 60.2.

16 REGATTA OFFICE

- 16.1 The Regatta Office will be the Sailing Office of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron situated at:
33 Peel Street Kirribilli Telephone: 02 – 9017 0150 Fax: 02 - 9955 3404
Email: sailing@rsys.com.au Website: www.rsys.com.au
- 16.2 The Official Regatta Notice Board will be located underneath the RSYS Careening Cove Room stairs.

17 SUPPORT VESSELS

- 17.1 Team leaders, Coaches and other support personnel or boats will not approach closer than 100 metres from any boat racing from the Warning Signal until the last boat in that race has finished or the race has been postponed or abandoned, without the approval of the Race Committee.
- 17.2 Any breach of clause 17.1 may result in penalties being applied to any or all competitors serviced by that coach or support boat. The penalty may be disqualification or as the Protest Committee determines. In addition the coach or support boat may be barred from going afloat for a time period. (Addition to RRS 60.2)

18 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats may haul out without restriction.

19 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 19.1 The Dragon Gold Cup shall be awarded to the winner of the series and shall be inscribed with the winner's name.
- 19.2 Prizes shall be awarded by the International Dragon Association of NSW for 1st in the series for the Scratch and Handicap Pointscores.
- 19.3 All awards shall be presented at a time and place to be advised by the International Dragon Association of NSW.
- 19.4 The awarding of any prizes shall be subject to any decisions from outstanding protests and appeals.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 20.1 Competition Temporary Membership of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron has been extended to all visiting yachtsmen during the Gold Cup series.
- 20.2 Parking: Car parking on Fridays between 3:30 pm and 7:30pm and on Saturdays and Sundays is restricted to members only.
- 20.3 Trailers should be legally parked in the street. NO trailers will be permitted to stay in the carpark.
- 20.4 The Boatshed and Hardstand are located on the waterfront of the Squadron and accessible via the upper carpark entrance in Peel Street. The Dockmaster and Tender Driver are on duty Saturday and Sunday from 0800 to 1800 hours.
- 20.5 The Squadron will endeavour to cater for visiting boats however please make arrangements in advance with the Dockmaster, on 02-9017 0162.



2009/2010 DRAGON GOLD CUP ENTRY FORM

Boat Name: _____ Sail No: _____

Owner/s: _____ Club: _____

The boat's helmsperson shall be: _____ Club: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone: _____ (Home)

_____ Phone: _____ (Work)

_____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

The following documents are attached:

- Copy of Valid Registration and Measurement Certificate if applicable.
- Copy of completed current YA Special Regulations Equipment Compliance Form – Category 7 (if not held by RSYS).

Entry Fee: \$250.00

The entry fee is waived for boats block entered in the 2009/2010 RSYS SPR and SUM series

Cheque (payable to the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron) \$ _____

HOUSE A/C No: _____ (RSYS Members only)

VISA MC # _____ exp _____

I agree to be bound by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) and by the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the races concerned. I have read and understand my obligations as set out in the YA Special Regulations 1.02 Owners Responsibility. I certify that the vessel entered will maintain, during period of racing, an insurance policy with a minimum of TEN million dollars (\$10,000,000) public liability cover and compliance with all current NSW Waterways requirements.

By signing this entry form I declare that I have read and understand clause 13.1 Risk Warning, clause 13.2 Competitors Declaration and clause 13.3 Responsibilities as detailed in the Notice of Race.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Entering Helmsman or Owner)

Please note: IT IS THE OWNER'S OR HELMSMAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO COLLECT THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE RSYS SAILING OFFICE