



INTERNATIONAL DRAGON CLASS 2021 NSW CHAMPIONSHIP 27 - 28 November 2021



Sailing Instructions (SIs)

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron (RSYS), located at 33 Peel Street Kirribilli, 2061
The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for infringing that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the protest committee.

1. Rules

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules, as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of World Sailing, and the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing (AS), as may be amended.
- 1.2 In the event of conflict between any of the rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Changes to the SIs

- 2.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board and RSYS website by 1000 hours on the day they will take effect and signaled as per RRS Race Signals. After this time, any changes to the sailing instructions, including oral instructions given on the water, will be indicated by displaying code flag L on the committee vessel.
- 2.2 Any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by 2000hours the day before it will take effect.

3. Communications with Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board and may be published online.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 74.
- 3.3 The list of entries will be placed on the RSYS website and official notice board no later than 2 hours before the start of each race.

4 Code of Conduct

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 Signals made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RSYS main flag mast located on the Squadron's front lawn.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes Race Signals AP.
- 5.3 Entrants may be advised of the display/removal of AP by text message. Owners may provide their boat phone number in the online entry if they would like to be advised by text.
- 5.4 Flags N over A over Second Substitute with three sounds indicates racing has been abandoned for the day. This changes RRS 27.3 and Race Signals.

6. Schedule of Races

6.1

Date	Event	Scheduled Warning Signal
Saturday 27 November	Race 1	from 1230hrs
Saturday 27 November	Race 2	asap after Race 1
Saturday 27 November	Race 3	asap after Race 2
Sunday 28 November	Race 4	from 1230hrs
Sunday 28 November	Race 5	asap after Race 4
Sunday 28 November	Race 6	asap after Race 5

6.2 A maximum of six (6) races are scheduled for the series with up to three (3) races sailed each day.

6.3 The first scheduled warning signal will be no earlier than 1230 hours on each day.

6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1700 hours.

7 Class Flags

7.1 The intended starting order will be advised over VHF channel 74.

7.2 After the start of the first race of each day all other races will start as soon as practicable after completion of the previous race.

7.3 The class flag for the Dragon Fleet will be a white flag with the class insignia.

8 Racing Area

8.1 Racing shall be conducted on Port Jackson, Sydney Harbour.

8.2 The race committee shall advise competitors on VHF channel 74 of the intended starting area.

9 Courses

9.1 The diagrams and the accompanying notes in Attachment A show the courses and marks including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will indicate the course to be sailed by displaying the corresponding numeral pennant and the approximate magnetic compass bearing from the starting line to the windward Mark.

10 Marks

10.1 Marks 1, 1a and 3S/3P will be yellow inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

10.2 Mark 2 and 2a will be orange inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

10.3 The start and finish marks will be black and white inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS.

10.4 Change marks as provided in clause 14 will be yellow (or orange) inflatable marks with the lettering RSYS and a black band.

11 Prohibited Areas/Obstructions

11.1 For the purposes of RRS 19 the following are continuing obstructions and prohibited areas:

11.2 **Cardinal Marks** – boats shall not sail within the areas bounded by cardinal marks. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions.

11.3 **Moorings** – boats shall not sail within mooring areas. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be obstructions. Naval and shipping moorings are excluded from this clause.

11.4 **Garden Island and Chowder Bay** – boats shall not sail within the yellow markers in the vicinity of Garden Island or in Chowder Bay. These areas are prohibited and deemed to be continuing obstructions.

11.5 **Shark Island** – boats shall not sail between the yellow AS Shark Island mark and the cardinal mark south of Shark Island in either direction. This area is prohibited and deemed to be a continuing obstruction.

12 The Start

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

12.2 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

12.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12.5 At least five (5) boats from a class will be ready to start each race or racing for that class may be abandoned for the day.

13 Recalls

13.1 To assist competitors, the race committee may advise individual and general recalls over VHF channel 74. This changes RRS 29.

13.2 The sail numbers of the recalled boats or any boats identified as BFD or UFD may be announced on VHF Channel 74. This changes RRS 29 and 30.

13.3 Failure to announce the sail number or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14. Change of Course

14.1 In the event that the position of Mark 2 is changed, Marks 2 and 2a may be replaced by a new single Mark 2. Boats will round the new Mark 2 as appropriate and proceed directly to Marks 3P/3S or to the finishing line as appropriate. Similarly, in the event that the position of Marks 3P/3S is changed and there is only one new mark in place, boats shall leave the single mark to port.

15. The Finish

15.1 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

16. Penalty System

16.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

17. Time Limit

17.1 The absolute time limit for all races will be 90 minutes.

17.2 A boat that starts and does not finish within the time limit shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

18. Boats Retiring

18.1 [NP] A boat that retires shall notify the race committee by direct contact or on VHF channel 74 or by phoning the Sailing Office on 9017 0152.

19. Hearing Requests

19.1 Protests are to be lodged in accordance with RRS 61 as amended by clauses 19.2 and 19.3.

19.2 Protests should be lodged on the World Sailing prescribed form and shall be lodged at the RSYS Sailing Office or by electronic means. If the RSYS Sailing Office is closed, protests may be placed in the Sailing Office letter box.

19.3 The time limit for the lodging of protests will be 1000 hours on the first working day after the event.

19.4 Protests will be heard at the clubhouse of the conducting club on the following Wednesday unless otherwise decided by the race committee. The hearing time will be advised to the parties involved.

19.5 Any boat which lodges a protest and which is not represented at the protest hearing without informing the protest committee by 1000 hours on the day of the hearing shall be scored DNE for the race to which the protest is related. This changes RRS 63.1 and 63.3 (b).

20. Scoring

20.1 Scoring System - the Low Point System, RRS Appendix A, applies including the provisions of RRS Appendix A5.2 with the amendments detailed in clauses 20.3 and 20.4.

20.2 In addition to penalties at the time of the incident in accordance with rules 44.1 and 44.2, boats may also take a 30% Post Race Penalty in accordance with RRS Appendix T by notifying the OA.

20.3 A boat shall drop any one (1) race, except if three (3) or less races are completed, no score will be discarded.

20.4 Three (3) completed races are required to constitute a series.

21. Abandoned Races

21.1 Abandoned races may not be re-sailed, except at the discretion of the race committee.

22. Safety Regulations

22.1 [NP] Boats shall comply with the following with regard to commercial shipping.

(a) Boats shall not pass between the bow of any seagoing ship and a dedicated Port Authority escort vessel whilst on escort duty and within 500 metres from the bow and 30 metres from the side or stern of the seagoing ship

(b) Boats shall maintain a minimum distance of 200m from the bow, and 30m from the sides or stern of any ferry displaying the orange diamond.

- (c) Boats must abide by traffic directions of NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers. Any yacht directed to stop or alter course by NSW Maritime Boating Service Officers as a result of an anticipated breach of the above rules, incident/collision or complaint shall do so immediately.
 - (d) Boats reported by NSW Maritime as having contravened NSW Maritime regulations shall be scored DNE (Non-excludable disqualification) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 22.2 All boats are required to submit a Crew Contacts Form via the online entry system prior to 1000 hours on each day that the boat intends on racing in this series. Boats not complying with this requirement shall be scored DNC for the relevant race. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 22.3 Boats shall report any incident involving injury or significant damage likely to costs more than \$5000 to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 23. Equipment Checks**
- 23.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules.
- 24. Official Vessels**
- 24.1 The committee vessel will be identified by the RSYS burgee surrounded by a white border.
- 25. Insurance**
- 25.1 Each participating boat shall be covered by current third-party property liability insurance and third-party personal liability insurance of not less than \$10,000,000 (ten million) for each separate incident. All insurance cover shall be maintained during the period of racing, and it is the owner's responsibility to ensure a current Certificate of Currency is lodged.
- 26. Prizes**
- 26.1 The trophy for the winner will be presented at the NSWIDA end of Season Dinner.
- 26.2 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the NSWIDA committee.
- 26.3 The awarding of any prizes shall be subject to any decisions from outstanding protests and appeals.
- 27. Risk Statement**
- 27.1 The attention of all competitors is drawn to the responsibilities of owners and skippers as detailed in the notice of race clauses 18.1 – Risk Warning, 18.2 – Competitors' Declaration and 18.3 - Disclaimer of Liability and clause 14 – Safety Regulations.

Attachment A - Course Configuration

The Course

The diagram below shows the approximate course configuration. Mark 1 will be to windward of marks 3P/3S, and mark 1a will be an offset mark approximately 50 metres from mark 1. Marks 2 and 2a will be to leeward of marks 1 and 1a, and mark 2a will be an offset mark approximately 50 metres from mark 2. Marks 3P/3S are a gate and will be approximately 50m to windward of the starting and finishing lines. The diagram shown is not drawn to scale.

Course Description

One Lap

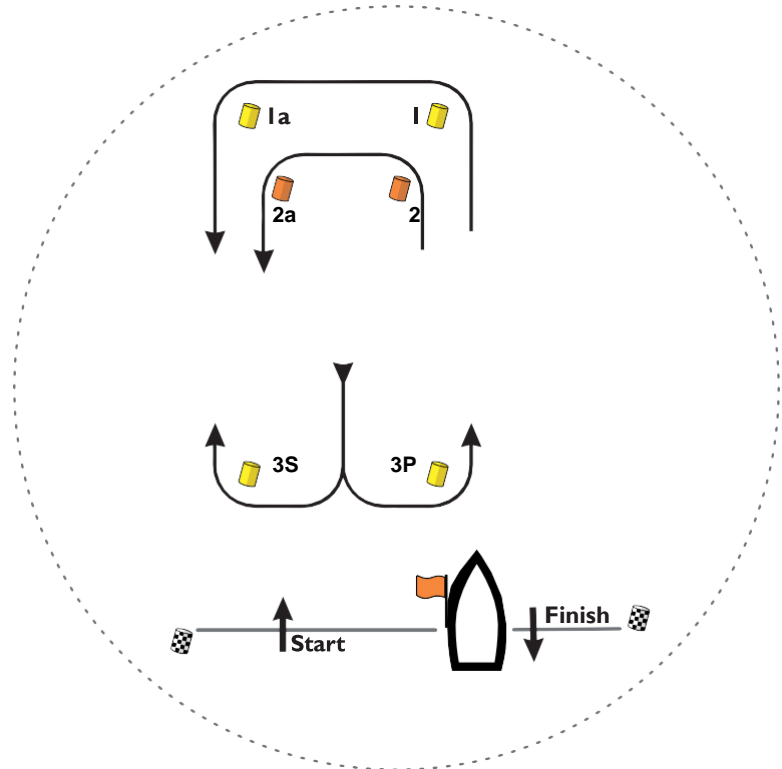
Start – 2 – 2a – Finish

Two Laps

Start – 2 – 2a – 3P/3S – 2 – 2a - Finish

Three Laps

Start – 2 – 2a – 3P/3S – 2 – 2a – 3P/3S – 2 – 2a - Finish



- Marks 2 and 2a shall be left to port.
- In the event that either mark 2 or mark 2a is not in place, boats shall leave the single mark to port.
- Marks 3P/3S are a gate. When a boat passes through the gate it shall leave either mark 3P to port or mark 3S to starboard.
- In the event that either mark 3P or 3S is not in place, boats shall leave the single mark to port.
- Number of laps – the number of laps shall be indicated by the corresponding numeral pennant displayed no later than the warning signal for each race.
- The approximate compass bearing of the first leg will be displayed no later than the warning signal for each race.