

# 2022 Open Estonian Championship for Dragon Class

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The 2022 Open Estonian Championship is organized by Estonian Dragon Class Association.

### 2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2. International Dragon Class Rules will apply. Under RRS 87, the Class Rule 13.30 the crew weight restriction will not apply.
- 2.3. No national authority prescription will apply.
- 2.4. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Race Office.

### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 2 hours before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 21:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on official flagpole, in front of the Pärnu Yacht Club clubhouse.
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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| 6.1.                  | Day 1, August 5, 2022 | 09:00-13:00   | Registration, crew weighing, measurement and inspection of boats and sails, craning. |
|                       |                       | 13:00   | Skippers meeting   |
|                       |                       | 15:00   | 1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal of the day, no more than 2 races are scheduled        |
| Day 2, August 6, 2022 | 10:00                 | Skippers meeting  |  |
|                       | 12:00                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal of the day, no more than 3 races are scheduled |  |
| Day 3, August 7, 2022 | 10:00                 | Skippers meeting  |  |
|                       | 12:00                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal of the day, no more                            |  |

than 3 races are scheduled

The Race Committee reserves the right to modify the above programme according to weather conditions and/or other unforeseen reasons.

6.2. No more than ten (10) races are scheduled.

6.3. On the last day of regatta, no warning signal will be given after 16:00.

## **7. CLASS FLAG**

The Class flag will be Dragon Class insignia on white background.

## **8. THE START**

8.1. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her Start signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.

8.2. After signalling an individual recall, the race committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number or name of boat that has not started and is identified as OCS on VHF channel 11. The failure or delay to broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

8.3. The starting line will be between staff displaying orange flag on RC boat at the starboard and staff displaying orange flag on a buoy at the port end.

## **9. THE COURSE**

The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be passed. Length of course, directions of leg and wind will be decided by Race Committee and will not be grounds for seeking redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

## **10. MARKS**

Marks 1, 1a, 2S/2P will be orange inflatable buoys. Replacement Mark will be green inflatable buoy.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a Replacement Mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. If mark 1 has been replaced, mark 1a will not be reset and is no longer a mark. (This changes RRS 33(c).  
When in a subsequent change a Replacement Mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12. FINISHING LINE**

The finishing line will be between staff displaying orange flag on RC boat at port end and staff displaying orange flag on a buoy at starboard end of the line.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the

One-Turn Penalty.

**14. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 100 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

**15. HEARING REQUESTS**

15.1. A boat shall inform the Race Committee of her protest against other boat verbally after the race as soon as reasonably possible. This changes RRS 61.

15.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the Race Committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

15.3. Hearing request forms are available from the Race Office.

15.4. 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 at Race Office.

**16. SCORING**

16.1. The championship is valid if at least 4 races are completed.

16.2 (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.

(c) When ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worsts scores.

**17. [DP] [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**

Boats retiring for any reason in any race shall promptly report to the Race Committee. The penalty for breaking this SI will be Disqualification not excludable (DNE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

**18. SUPPORT BOATS**

All support boats shall keep well clear of the starting area and, after the preparatory signal, are not allowed to approach within 100 meters of any competing boat. A breach of this SI may result with a scoring penalty against the boat connected and/or withdrawal of permission to be in the racing area for one or more days.

**19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTION**

From 13:00 on August 5, 2022 yachts shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the Protest Committee. While hauled for this purpose, cleaning and

polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted. Appendages shall not be removed from the boat during the series

## **20. COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1. Radio communication with Race Committee during the regatta will be on VHF channel 11. The Race Committee may give verbal confirmation of any race signal over VHF Channel 11. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 20.2. Except when communicating with the race committee, a boat while racing, shall not transmit or receive communication of any information not publicly available to all boats participating.

## **21. TROPHIES AND PRIZES**

- 21.1. Prizes will be awarded to each member of the crew of the first, second and third placed boat in the championship.
- 21.2. Helmsman and crew of the winning boat of the championship acquire the title 'Estonian Champions' and will receive the accompanying medal of the EDA.

## **22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The organizing authority disclaim any and all responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and materials, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the event. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing entry form. The attention of competitors is drawn to World Sailing Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

## **23. [DP] [NP] INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 200.000 per incident or the equivalent.

ATTACHMENT 1

The Course: START - 1 - 1a - (3s-3p) – 1 - 1a - FINISH

