



International Dragon Class Northern Championship 2024

Racing Sunday 7th July to Monday 8th July 2024

South Caernarfonshire Yacht Club

Abersoch
North Wales

Notice of Race

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Registration Saturday 6th July 2024

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1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organising Authority (OA) is the South Caernarfonshire Yacht Club, Abersoch.
- 1.2. The Organising Authority is organising at the request of the British Dragon Association (BDA).

2. RULES

- 2.1. The Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 2.2. The Rules and Regulations of the International Dragon Association (IDA), the British Dragon Association (BDA) will apply.
- 2.3. The prescriptions of the Royal Yachting Association (National Authority) that will apply will be notified on the Official Notice Board.
- 2.4. In the event of conflict between this Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the SI shall prevail (this changes rule 63.7).
- 2.5. The official language is English.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1. except that hull stickers shall not be used for any purpose.
- 3.2. Failure to comply with this regulation shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Only International Dragon Class yachts holding valid measurement certificates shall compete.
- 4.2. The boat's owner and any other person in charge shall be up to date members of their respective National Dragon Association.
- 4.3. Boats entered by BDA members shall either have paid a fee to the BDA for 2024 or replaced their boat with one that has already paid a fee for 2024. Any personal details provided as part of the entry / crew registration may be forwarded to the BDA for membership validation.
- 4.4. Entries shall be received prior to midnight on 1st July 2024.
- 4.5. A formal entry from each boat shall be submitted via the entry web site accompanied by the appropriate entry fee (See NOR 5).
- 4.6. Late entries received after midnight on 1st July 2024 may only be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.7. Entry will be finalised on completion of registration.
- 4.8. Entries are currently not open to boats where any crew member holds a Russian or Belarus Passport or to a boat that is registered with or a member of the National Association in those countries.
- 4.9. The OA reserves the right to refuse any entry and/or ask any boat to complete further undertakings or declarations before accepting any entry.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fees are as follows

Event	Early fees	Standard Fees
	From open of entries until Midnight 15 May	From 0001 on 16 May until midnight 1st July
Northerns	£150	£200

Edinburgh Cup	£500	£600
Both Events	£500	£600

All times are UK Local (British Summer time). All fees are GB pounds Sterling (GBP) and payable to South Caernarfonshire Yacht Club.

5.2. Payments can be made as advised during the online entry process.

5.3. The fee will include:

5.3.1. Participation in the Championship.

5.3.2. Launching and lifting at Firmhelm, Pwllheli (See NOR 7 for details)

5.3.3. Moorings in front of SCYC Abersoch: (See NOR 7 for details).

5.3.4. One ticket per crew member (3 or 4 crew) for the Northerns welcome drinks (Saturday 8th July).

6. REGISTRATION AND MEASUREMENT

6.1. All boats shall register in person at the South Caernarfonshire Yacht Club.

6.2. Entrants shall bring the boat's measurement certificate to registration, or a copy can be emailed to stacey@scyc.co.uk in advance. A copy of the measurement form may also be required.

6.3. Weighing of the crew will take place prior to the commencement of racing - see NOR 8 for timings.

6.4. Boats shall not present any unmeasured sails for registration and measurement. Sail declarations shall be completed at registration.

6.5. No more than eight sails per boat may be submitted.

6.6. Boats shall not use any sails other than the eight sails listed on the Sails Declaration Form except with the prior written permission of the race committee, and then only in exceptional circumstances.

6.7. All boats shall be afloat and all crew weighed by the end of registration.

6.8. The latest time for launching is shown in NOR 8.

6.9. The OA reserves the right to conduct measurement and safety equipment checks at any time.

6.10. Substitution of crew will not be permitted without the prior written permission of the race committee. The replacement crew member shall be weighed before racing.

6.11. Each boat shall sail with the same number of crew for the whole event.

7. BERTHING & CRANAGE

7.1. Boats shall be launched at Pwllheli marina and either (i) sailed over to Abersoch bay and moored on the moorings provided in front of SCYC at Abersoch or (ii) if prior private arrangements have been made by the relevant owner, berthed in Pwllheli marina. See "Ed Cup and Northerns Launch and Recovery" document downloadable from the website.

7.2. In the event of a strong south east or easterly winds the fleet will be instructed in good time by the race officer to berth at an assigned berthing area at Pwllheli marina, rafting as required.

7.3. One lift in, one lift out, Abersoch based moorings, and Pwllheli marina berths as per 7.2 for the event is included in the entry fee for the combined two championships.

7.4. Boats shall be required to use test certificated lifting slings.

7.5. The crane will be available from 11:00 to 17:00 on Saturday 6th July 2024. Boats wishing to use the crane outside these times should do so by arrangement with Firmhelm.

7.6. Boats shall not be hauled out during the Championship, except with prior written permission of the race committee.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1.** Six races are scheduled. It is the race committee's intention to run a maximum of three races each day. However, additional races may be held on any day as necessary with a view to achieving a series.
- 8.2.** The scheduled **first warning signal is 1055.**
- 8.3.** Overall Event Schedule

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat 6th July	0900 - 1700	Northerns Registration and Weigh In <i>(Will need to reweigh for Ed Cup unless less than 265kg)</i>	SCYC
	1000 - 1700	Edinburgh Cup and Northerns Measurement	Pwllheli Marina
	1100 - 1700	Crane available for launching	Pwllheli Marina
	1730	Northerns skipper's briefing and Welcome Drinks	SCYC
Sun 7 th July	10.55	First Warning Signal	SCYC
	Post Racing	Light Bites and Daily Prizegiving	SCYC
Mon 8th July	1800	Northerns prize giving & Edinburgh Cup Welcome Drinks.	SCYC
	2000	Northerns Dinner	TBC

- 8.4.** No warning signal will be displayed after 1400 on the final day of the Championship.
- 8.5.** A fully detailed schedule covering both the Northern Championship and the Edinburgh Cup (including registration, craning and social events) **will be available online.**

9. COURSES

- 9.1.** The courses to be sailed will be shown in detail in the SI but will be of windward/leeward type.
- 9.3.** The Racing areas will be the waters to the east of SCYC in Tremadog Bay

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI will be available at registration and may be available at an earlier date on the event website.

11. TROPHY & PRIZES

- 11.1.** Daily prizes (in addition to the event trophies detailed below) will be awarded to the first boat and the first Corinthian boat in each race, except that a boat can only win a first-place daily prize once during the Championship. Thereafter the daily prizes will be presented to the highest placed boat that hasn't already won a daily prize.
- 11.2.** Each winner of a trophy shall have temporary possession of the trophy for a period of one year, and will arrange appropriate insurance for such trophy. The name of the winning boat and its owner should be engraved on the trophy by the winner.
- 11.3.** The Overall Championship Trophies and prizes will be awarded on Monday 8th July at 1800.
- 11.4.** The overall Northern Trophies will be awarded as follows:

Race / Group	Trophy Name	Any further eligibility criteria
1 st Overall	Paisley Quaich Trophy	
1 st Overall Corinthian	The Komitza Shield	
Best Performing Old Boat	The Old Boat Trophy	Must be over 20 years old ie pre July 2004

12. CORINTHIAN CLASSIFICATION

- 12.1.** To qualify for the Corinthian Division and Trophy the World Sailing Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22, shall apply and all crew (including the helm) shall hold a valid Group 1 Classification. Unclassified sailors will be deemed to be Group 3, thus ineligible for the Corinthian Division.
- 12.2.** A boat entered in the Corinthian Division shall also be entered automatically in the Open Division and shall be eligible for prizes and trophies in both divisions.
- 12.3.** Details of the World Sailing Sailor Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on the World Sailing website: www.sailing.org/classification
- 12.4.** The closing date for validation of Corinthian entries shall be 17.00 pm on 6th July. Crew Declaration will be validated at Registration.
- 12.5.** Each entry shall include a complete crew list and show the World Sailing ID number and classification and classification expiry date for each crew. Late entries for the Corinthian Division may only be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 12.6.** All crew shall hold valid classifications prior to this date that do not expire until after the final day of the regatta.
- 12.7.** Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member between the closing date of the entry and the start of, or with appropriate permission, during the regatta, the name of the new crew member with their valid World Sailing ID number and classification and classification expiry date must be submitted to the OA for their approval.
- 12.8.** All crew lists will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 12.9.** The Classification protest time limit is the end of protest time on the first day of racing or, in the case of a crew change, at the end of protest time on the first day of racing of the new crew member.

13. SCORING

- 13.1.** Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.1.1.** When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.1.2.** Pursuant to RRS Appendix A 2.1., when four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. VHF RADIOS

- 14.1.** 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 telephone communications.
- 14.2.** Race information will be given on marine VHF. The channel to be used will be stated in the SI. Race committee communication on the water shall not be available to competitors.

15. SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1.** All support boats including coach, press, private and spectator boats shall register during the registration period. For craning and berthing (not included in the entry fee) contact Hafan Pwllheli Marina
- 15.2.** Support boats shall be marked with the appropriate country flag. Additionally, the OA may request for these boats to use additional markers or flags.
- 15.3.** In the event of an emergency the race committee may request support boats for their assistance.

16. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- 16.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- 16.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- 16.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- 16.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- 16.5. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- 16.6. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 16.7. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per event or the equivalent.
- 17.2. Proof of such insurance may be required at registration.

18. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute rights to the OA and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

19. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

British Dragon Association

Chairman: Andrew Moss
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BDA Press

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Launching and Trailers - Based at Hafan Pwllheli Marina

Address: Glan Don, Gwynedd, LL53 5YT
Tel 01758 70121

Crane Firmhelm Ltd
Tel: 01758 612251
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Regatta Location – The Northern Championships will be based at
South Caernarvonshire Yacht Club (SCYC), The Headland, Abersoch LL53 7DP

Telephone: 01758 712338
E-mail: stacey@scyc.co.uk
VHF Radio: Channel 37 / M1 (Call sign SCYC)

Bar: 01758 712338
The Cove Restaurant 01758 719382

Moorings will be supplied by SCYC for visiting yachts.

Accommodation

A wide range of accommodation is easily researched and booked via www.abersochretreats.uk

Marine Services

Comprehensive boat yard facilities available from Pwllheli including Firmhelm, Partingtons, Boat Shed Sailmakers & Abersoch Boat Yard to cover all hull, rig, sail requirements.