



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### July 20-28 2018

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

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

#### **ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The Dragon Gold Cup 2018 is organized by the Heslingfors Segelklubb (HSK) in conjunction with the Finnish Dragon Association (FDA) and the International Dragon Association (IDA).

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail (this changes RRS 63.7).
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T Arbitration will apply. See Attachment 5.

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official board located in front of the Race Office.

#### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board at least two hours before the start on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted before the end of the Protest Time Limit on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast located in front of the Race Office.
- 4.2 [NP] Flag D displayed ashore mean: 'The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later. Boats shall not leave their berth until this signal is made'.
- 4.3 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'.

#### **5. SCHEDULE**

- 5.1 Races are scheduled according to the program as follows:



Date	Time	Event
Sunday July 22	9:30	Skippers' briefing – weather forecast
	12:00	Race (Warning signal)
Monday July 23	9:30	Skippers' briefing – weather forecast
	12:00	Race (Warning signal)
Tuesday July 24	8:30	<b>*Owners' Meeting</b>
	9:30	Skippers' briefing – weather forecast
Wednesday July 25	12:00	Race (Warning signal)
	9 :30	Skippers' briefing – weather forecast
Thursday July 26	12 :00	Race (Warning signal)
	9 :30	Skippers' briefing – weather forecast
Friday July 27	12 :00	Race (Warning signal)
	9 :30	Skippers' briefing – weather forecast
	12 :00	Race (Warning signal)

**\* NOT PART OF THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.2 On Friday, no starting sequence will be started after 15:00
- 5.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to change the times in Schedule 5.1.
- 5.4 The Skippers' briefing will be held in the HSK clubhouse.

**6. CLASS FLAG**  
Dragon Class Flag.

**7. RACING AREA**  
Races will be held in the area described in Attachment 2.

**8. THE COURSE**

- 8.1 The course will be windward/leeward. The diagram in Attachment 1 shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the principal race committee vessel will display the compass bearing and the approximate distance to mark 1.
- 8.3 The race will not be shortened before the end of the leg to Mark 1 for the second time. This changes Rule 32.
- 8.4 If there is a change of course, the new marks shall maintain the original course configuration.



## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2, 3P & 3S will be red cylindrical buoys.
- 9.2 The change of course marks will be yellow cube buoys.
- 9.3 The starting marks will be race committee vessels displaying an orange flag.
- 9.4 The finishing marks will be race committee vessel displaying an orange flag at the starboard end and a green cylindrical buoy at the port end.

## **10. REPORTING AT COMMITTEE BOAT [NP]**

Before the starting procedure in the first race of the day, boats shall, while sailing on starboard tack, pass behind the principal race committee boat and make sure they have been acknowledged. Boats failing to report may be scored "DNS" without a hearing.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 RSS 26 will apply
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Principal Race Committee vessel at the starboard end and a mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel at the port end.
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after its starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 11.4 All the race committee vessels may keep their position by using their engine. This will not be grounds for redress.
- 11.5 Boats recorded OCS or UFD or BFD may be notified at the windward mark by a committee boat displaying the penalized boats' sail # and the penalized boat shall immediately leave the course. Failure to be notified shall not be grounds for redress.

## **12. CHANGING THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay new marks (or move the finishing line) and remove the original marks as soon as practicable.
- 12.2 When a change of course is indicated at gate 3P/3S, marks 1 and 2 shall be repositioned.
- 12.3 When a change of course is indicated at mark 1 or 2, both gate marks 3P/3S may be repositioned if possible.
- 12.4 Original marks will be used for further changes of course.

## **13. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be defined by the staff flying orange and blue flags on a race committee vessel and the course side of the green finish mark.



#### **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one-turn penalty.
- 14.2 A breach of rules other than 28 and 31 and those in Part 2 shall, after a hearing be given a penalty ranging from 10% of the number of boats registered, to disqualification.
- 14.3 If the jury afloat witnesses an incident for which a boat is protesting another one, he will display a Blue Flag with a whistle which means "The jury is a witness". It is then up to the competitors to take the appropriate action.
- 14.4 Appendix P will apply. Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

#### **15. TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1 The time limit for any race is 3 hours from the valid start.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes or, when there are two races scheduled on any day within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35 and A4.2.
- 15.3 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 75 minutes of starting, the race will be abandoned.

#### **16. PROTESTS**

- 16.1 Protests and requests for redress will, if possible, be written on the forms available at the race office and shall be delivered there before the end of the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. This time will be posted on the official notice board. The same protest time applies to all protests by the race committee, technical committee and jury, and to requests for redress.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted in front of the Race Office within 20 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Jury Room, located in the HSK Clubhouse.
- 16.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing or for redress shall be delivered:
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening or redress was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 62.2 and 66.
- 16.5 Hearings and/or arbitrations may be conducted before the end of Protest Time Limit if all the parties agree.
- 16.6 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

#### **17. SCORING**

- 17.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series



- 17.2 No races shall be discarded.
- 17.3 For the application of RRS Appendix A, the number of boats entered in the Series shall be the number of entries confirmed at registration.
- 17.4 RRS A4.2 is amended. A boat that did not start, did not finish or retired after finishing shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats confirmed at registration. A boat disqualified shall be scored additional points equal to 10% of the number of boats confirmed at registration, fractions being raised to the next highest whole number.
- 17.5 RRS A8 is amended. In the event of a tie on total points between two or more yachts, the tie shall be broken in favor of the yacht or yachts with the most first places and, when the tie remains, the most second places and so on until all ties are broken. If the tie still remains it shall stand as part of the final result and each of the joint winners shall hold the Gold Cup for an equal time until the next Gold Cup.
- 17.6 If fewer than four races have been sailed the Dragon Gold Cup and the Nations Cup shall not be awarded.
- 17.7 Prizes will be given as stated in the Notice of Race.
- 18. SAFETY REGULATION [DP] [NP]**  
A boat that retires or intends not to start from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 19. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT OR CREW [DP] [NP]**  
19.1 Substitution of equipment will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Technical Committee. These requests shall be made in writing and can be subject to a measurement inspection control.  
19.2 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the jury.
- 20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]**  
20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.  
20.2 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a technical committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.
- 21. ADVERTISING [DP] [NP]**  
Boats shall display event sponsor advertising on request. The Organizing Authority will supply the advertising and instructions for their use.



- 22. RACE COMMITTEE BOATS AT MARKS**  
RC boats may be in position near each mark. Failure of a RC boat to be in position or to display its signal will not be ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 23. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]**  
See the Support Boat Regulations in Attachment 3.
- 24. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS [DP] [NP]**  
All boats shall be afloat before Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup> 18:00 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with, and according to, the terms of prior written permission of the Jury
- 25. DIVING EQUIPMENT**  
Underwater breathing apparatus, including snorkels, shall not be used below the waterline after Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 09:00.
- 26. BERTHING [DP] [NP]**  
In accordance with NOR 14, boats shall be kept in their assigned berths.
- 27. VHF RADIO**  
27.1 A boat may use a VHF radio in accordance with Class rules 11.11.1.  
27.2 The Race Committee will broadcast information available to all competitors by using VHF radio on channel 72.
- 28. OFFICIAL BOATS**  
The Race Committee boats shall display an SRD flag.  
Jury boats will display a "JURY" flag.  
The Technical Committee will display a "Technical" flag.
- 29. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER**  
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 30. INSURANCE**  
30.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1 500 000 or equivalent.  
30.2 Competitors are advised to have their own personal accident insurance.



**31. PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as described in NOR 18

**32 RACE OFFICIALS:**

Principal Race Officer:

Nino Shmueli (ISR)

International Jury Chairman:

Vic De Smedt (BEL)

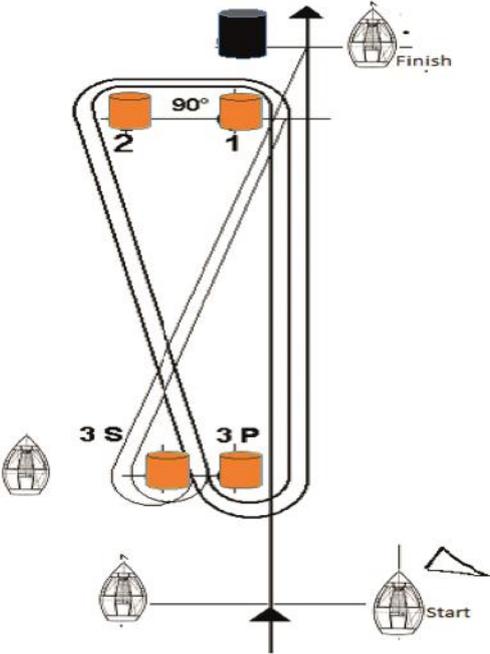
Technical Committee

Gunter Ahlers (GER)



# ATTACHMENT 1 COURSE

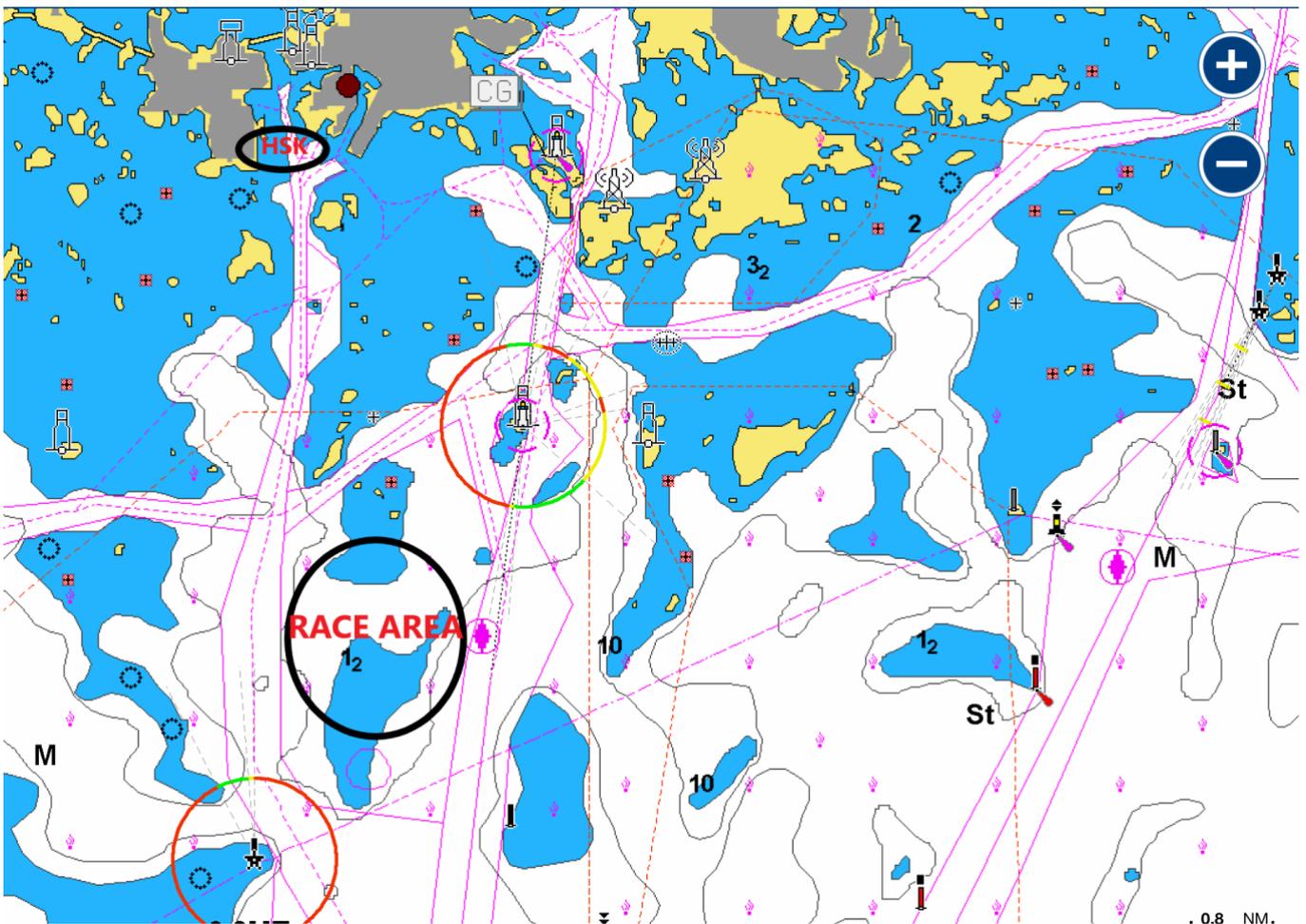
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## ATTACHMENT 2

### Racing area





## ATTACHMENT 3

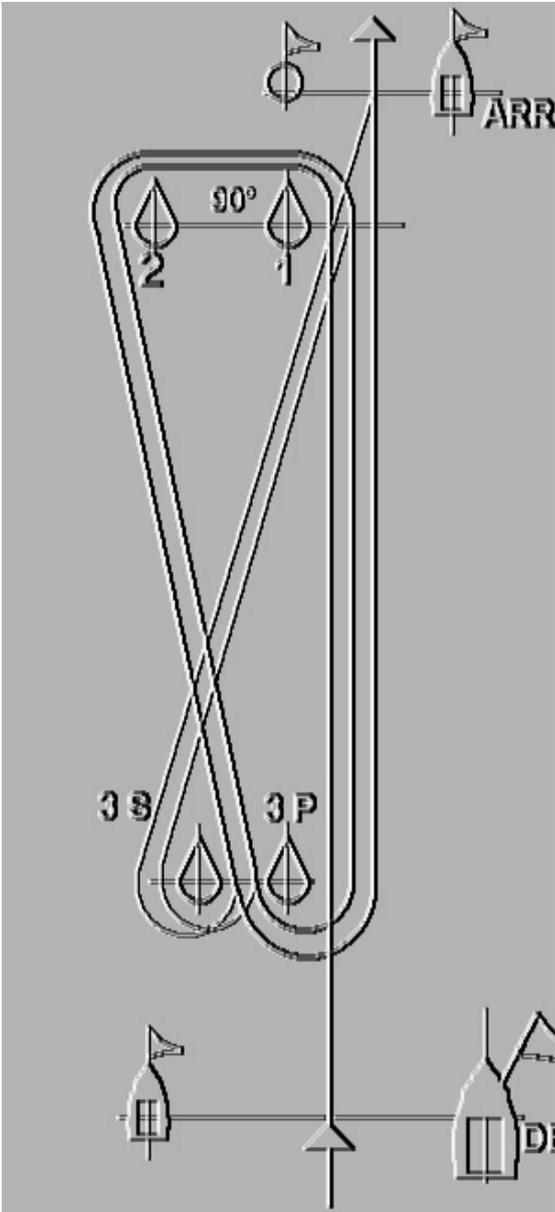
### SUPPORT BOATS REGULATIONS

- 1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel may use “support craft” to assist their competitors on the water. They shall register at the regatta office prior to the first scheduled race, providing details of their boats and distinctive identification, which shall include flying a **WHITE** flag showing the national 3 letter code in **BLACK** (minimum height 120mm), of the country of origin.
- 2 Coach/support boats shall not tow competitors out to the race course (unless requested to by the Race Committee) and may only tow boats in after the last competitor has finished.
- 3 Subject to Reg. 4, team leaders, coaches and other support boats shall stay more than 150 metres:
  - to leeward of the starting line during the starting sequence and
  - from any course mark and
  - from any racing Dragonfrom the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished the race.
- 4 At all times, support boats shall comply with the directions given by the Race Committee. In particular this includes assisting with rescues when requested to do so.
- 5 Coach/support boats shall not make physical contact with their connected boats between races.
- 6 Support boats must be on call on VHF Channel 72 at all times when afloat.
- 7 Reminder: RRS 60.3(d) applies.



# ATTACHMENT 4

Support boats restricted area after the preparatory signal





## ATTACHMENT 5

### Appendix T Arbitration

*Extract from the RRS*

*Arbitration adds an extra step to the protest resolution process but can eliminate the need for some protest hearings, thus speeding up the process for events in which many protests are expected.*

#### **T1 POST-RACE PENALTIES**

(a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.

(b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.

(c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the arbitrator or a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

#### **T2 ARBITRATION MEETING**

An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a *protest* by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31, but only if each *party* is represented by a person who was on board at the time of the incident. No witnesses will be permitted. However, if the arbitrator decides that rule 44.1(b) may apply or that arbitration is not appropriate, the meeting will not be held, and if a meeting is in progress, it will be closed.

#### **T3 ARBITRATOR'S OPINION**

Based on the evidence given by the representatives, the arbitrator will offer an opinion as to what the protest committee is likely to decide:

(a) the *protest* is invalid,

(b) no boat will be penalized for breaking a rule, or

(c) one or more boats will be penalized for breaking a rule, identifying the boats and the penalties.

#### **T4 ARBITRATION MEETING OUTCOMES**

After the arbitrator offers an opinion,

(a) a boat may take a Post-Race Penalty, and

(b) a boat may ask to withdraw her *protest*. The arbitrator may then act on behalf of the protest committee in accordance with rule 63.1 to allow the withdrawal.

Unless all *protests* involving the incident are withdrawn, a protest hearing will be held.