

## **Appendix 9      *European Championship Rules***

### **Dragon European Championship Rules**

#### **The Virginie Heriot Cup**

In memory of Madame Virginie Heriot and in accordance with her often expressed wish to encourage yachting, the Committee of the Yacht Club de France decided at a meeting on the 21st May 1946 to initiate an International Cup and name it the "Coupe Virginie Heriot".

The cup is assigned to the International Dragon Class, but remains the property of the Yacht Club de France.

In agreement with the Committee of the International Dragon Class Association the "Virginie Heriot Cup" will be the trophy of the European Dragon Championship.

#### **Rules**

- 1      The European Championships shall be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the International Dragon Class Rules, the rules of the Dragon European Championship, the International Dragon Class "Standard Sailing Instructions" and any amendments thereto approved in writing by the IDA, and in force one month prior to the date the Notice of Race is issued.

#### **Frequency**

- 2      The Championship shall be held every calendar year.

#### **Venue**

- 3      The races shall be organised in accordance with a schedule decided by the International Dragon Association.
- 4      Every European country having a Dragon Fleet shall be entitled to apply to run the European Championship. The selection shall be made by the International Dragon Association. The organising authority shall be required to show that it is able and willing to meet the International Dragon Association's requirements for arranging a major European Championship event.

## Entries

- 5 The maximum number of entries (per country) that can be put forward by their National Association are as follows:

Registered Dragons Per Country	Permitted Entries
1-10	6
11-20	7
21-35	8
36-50	9
51-85	10
86-125	11
126-175	12
176-250	13
251-325	14
326-400	15
Over 400	17

In addition the host country will be permitted, at the discretion of the IDA depending on the number of entries, extra places up to 50% of their permitted entries.

6. There will be up to 15 International Qualification places for sailors with a top 25% placing in three selected International Regattas, which currently are:
- a) during the year prior to the event - Douarnenez Grand Prix, Gold Cup, Europeans/Worlds, Pfingstbusch, Regates Royales
  - b) during the year of the event King Juan Carlos (Cascais) - Princess Sophia (Palma)

The list will be revised regularly to ensure that only the more successful International Regattas are selected.

7. Up to 5 places may be allocated at the discretion of the International Dragon Association. Applications for these places must be received by the IDA 3 months before the event, through a National Dragon Association.

8. The following helmsmen shall automatically qualify:
- The current and last two World Champions if still active Dragon sailors. Names to be confirmed to the IDA 3 months before the event.
  - The current and last two European Champions if still active Dragon sailors. Names to be confirmed to the IDA 3 months before the event.
  - The President and Vice Presidents of the International Dragon Association)
  - The Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Treasurer and Secretary of the International Dragon Association
9. In the event that this system produces too many entries, and a limit is imposed, entries will be reduced in the following order:
- a) the host country's additional places
  - b) the international qualification places
  - c) the national allocations
- The reductions in b) and c) will be proportionately as far as possible. If the reduction in c) has to be applied, each country will be asked to confirm the number of its allocation to be taken up, with a waiting list. If entries are not received from any country up to its national allocation limit, its unused balance will be forfeited and offered around to other countries, proportionately so far as possible.
10. All entries shall be made through their National Dragon Association. Each National Dragon Association shall notify the Organising Authority and the IDA of the number of boats that are expected to attend at least three months prior to the championship. National Associations may require at least two crew members to be current members of their Association
11. The names of helmsman, crew and boat shall be in the hands of the organising authority at least 30 days before the first race.

### **Eligibility**

12. The helmsman and at least one of the crew shall be members of the country making the entry and any such members may take the helm. One non-national crew member is permitted but shall not take the helm.
13. Helmsman and crew may be substituted during a series for good and sufficient reason approved by the Jury.

- 14 For the purposes of entry "member of the country" means a passport holder of that country.

### **Entry requirements and measurement**

- 15 Entries shall be limited to boats holding a valid Certificate of Measurement which shall be exhibited to the Organising Authority as directed in the Notice of Race. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall be approved by the IDA before publication.
- 16 Boats and sails may be subject to re-measurement in accordance with the International Dragon Class Rules and the IDA Technical Committee's instructions.
- 17 The Organisers shall appoint a Measurer, Principal Race Officer and Chairman of the Jury, approved in writing by the IDA for the event.

### **Course and Scoring System**

- 18 The type of course, scoring system and time limit shall be notified in the Notice of Race.

### **Number of Races**

19. The Championship shall take place over 5 days and comprise 7 races, 4 races are required to complete the series. Only one race should be scheduled for the first and last days. A maximum of 5 races will be scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> days with no more than two races per day. If 7 races are completed there shall be 2 discards. If 5 or 6 races are completed there shall be 1 discard. There shall be no discard if only 4 races are completed. A spare day cannot be scheduled for the last day
20. International Jury. The organising authority shall appoint an International Jury from whose decisions there shall be no appeal (RRS 70.4).

### **Trophy and Prizes**

- 21 The title of European Champion will be awarded to the helmsman who has won the Championship. Dragons entered in accordance with these rules may represent one or more Yacht Clubs recognised by the relevant National Authority.
- 22 The Yacht Club represented by the winning helmsman shall have

temporary possession of the cup for the period of one year. The Club shall be responsible for the care of the Cup (including insurance) and its presence at the following Championship.

- 23 Medals shall be presented to the helmsman and crew, in recognition of the fact that they are Champions of Europe by reason of winning the "Virginie Heriot Cup" in the year in question. Medals shall also be presented to the helmsman and crew of the second and third placed yachts.

#### **Interpretation**

- 24 These rules shall be subject to interpretation and amendment by the Yacht Club de France or the Committee of the International Dragon Association by mutual agreement.