

Dragon Easterns 2022 – 27-29 May – Briefing notes

These notes do not form part of the Sailing Instructions and are advisory only. They are an indication of how the Race Management Team plans to operate and the guidelines it plans to follow. They will not be accepted as evidence in a protest hearing.

1 Aim.

The aim of the Race Management Team is to run challenging, fair racing as safely as possible. Safety will always take priority.

2 Feedback.

I am always available after racing and am very happy to discuss why I made the decisions I did. If you have any queries or suggestions, please speak to me.

3 Postponements Ashore.

If you are held ashore under Flag AP announcements of our intentions will be made on VHF on the hour and half hour and we will endeavour to put notices on the official notice board.

4 Starting

I will start by using Flag P for the first start of most races. If there is serious bunching at an end, I plan to postpone the start by displaying flag AP and re-lay the line. If competitors are evenly spread down the line, I will let the start run and try to identify premature starters. If there are unidentified premature starters who in my opinion have gained a significant advantage, I will signal a General Recall.

Recalled starts that are due to the class rather than an untrue line or a wind shift will be U Flagged. If the U flagged start is recalled subsequent starts will be black flagged. If there is an unexpected major wind shift during the start sequence, I may postpone the start by displaying AP with 2 guns.

If there is a General Recall this will be announced on the Radio and repeated several times. I will also try to get a rib to motor around the front of the fleet displaying a 1st substitute. Please return as quickly as possible. I won't wait for boats who decide to check out the beat after a general recall.

If there are Individual Recalls the number of boats over will be announced as soon as possible after "X-ray" is displayed. Individual sail numbers will be called, where possible/necessary, no earlier than 30 seconds after the start.

5 OCS and DSQed Boats

It is our intention to broadcast the numbers of OCS boats no earlier than 30 seconds after the start. The numbers of boats U Flag and Black Flag DSQ should be broadcast between 1 and 2 minutes after the start.

6 Sailing Area

It will be a busy bay tomorrow and we may have to move around a little. Please keep listening on Channel 71. There also may be overlap between other classes courses at times although all race officers on the bay will endeavour to keep this to a minimum. If there is any overlap, you all know your racing rules!

7 Courses/Starting sequence

We will be trying, as much as possible, to get consistent courses with a first boat finishing time in each class of around 60 minutes and quick turnaround between races.

To this end, we will potentially adjust windward marks in/out a bit during races. These adjustments may not be signalled.

8. Cruise Ship and Tenders

There is a cruise ship due to anchor in the bay tomorrow (Sunday) and there will be tender traffic in and out of the harbour to/from the ship. This may limit our choices on race area so pay attention to communications. Also, you are required to keep clear of tenders and their escorting ribs when manoeuvring.

9. Communications/Protests etc.

All our communications and documents are online for this event so, apart from VHF Channel 71 when on the water, there is an online Notice Board (www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/4144/event) with links to all documents, the Competitor WhatsApp group, notifications and links to file protests/scoring enquiries etc. This can also be downloaded to your phones as an App (link on the page).

If you've any queries, we're easy to contact!

Enjoy your sailing!

Michael Tyrrell

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