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## OPEN BELGIAN CHAMPIONSHIP DRAGON

August 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### NOTICE OF RACE

*The notation [C-19] means that due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus disease (Covid-19) additional rules apply for this event to protect the health of both the participants and officials. We urge everyone to read the NOR and Sailing instructions carefully and to adhere strictly to the rules. Exceptions shall not be accepted. It is in our general interest to put aside our "pre-corona habits" and adjust them to the current situation of controlling the spread of the virus and the disease. The team of the Royal North Sea Yacht Club and the Race Committee will do everything possible to make it a fantastic event for you, but this will only work with mutual respect, cooperation and commitment. We would like to thank you in advance for respecting the applicable rules during the event for hand hygiene, social distancing and the wearing of face masks. '[DP]' in a rule in this NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. '[NP]' means a breach for that rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat.*

#### 1) RULES

- 1) The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2) No national prescriptions will apply.
- 3) [C-19] Appendix T will apply and may be changed by the Sailing Instructions so that not only protests by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 and RRS 31 could be handled in arbitration but also all other rules involved while afloat. If a protest needs a full hearing, this hearing can be scheduled, or online after the regatta, or on site with the possible requirement to wear a mouth mask and the use of alcohol gel to disinfect your hands.
- 4) Under RRS 87 Rule 13.30 of the Dragon class rules will not apply (Crew weight restriction)
- 5) [C-19] COVID-19 infection prevention:  
National infection prevention and hygienic regulations will apply. The regulations can be consulted on the official website <https://www.infocoronavirus.be/en/> and [https://mobiliteit.belgium.be/nl/scheepvaart/covid\\_19\\_coronavirus](https://mobiliteit.belgium.be/nl/scheepvaart/covid_19_coronavirus).



- 6) In the event of a conflict between the Notice of Race, the Class Rules and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instruction shall prevail
- 7) If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

## 2) ADVERTISING & TRACKING

- 1) Boats may be required to take a tracking device aboard and to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

## 3) [C-19] ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 1) The regatta is open to all boats of the International Dragon Class.
- 2) Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <https://www.rnsyc.be/regattas> (redirecting you to <https://www.manage2sail.com>) and paying online.
- 3) **[NP] [DP]** *The maximum number of boat entries will be limited to 30. Both crew (as skipper and crew) and accompanying persons (as coach) that want to enter the event area shall register through manage2sail. Only registered persons and officials will be allowed to enter the event area. One boat entry shall have a maximum of 6 persons associated. If the maximum number of boats is reached, additional entries are moved to a waiting list. More entries can be allocated in view of actual persons registered and if national COVID-19 regulations allow for this. In case stricter regulations are imposed by Law, the order of payment of the entry fee will be governing.*
- 4) It is the responsibility of the team captain to complete and/or correct any data of crew members including World Sailing sailors ID, national sailing license for Belgian participants and sail numbers into the Manage2sail entry-form before August 12 at noon.
- 5) Late entries, corrections and/or completion of boat and crew data or payments on site will be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority at a minimum supplemental cost of € 100.
- 6) ISAF eligibility requirements (see Rule 75) shall apply.
- 7) All Belgian owners and crew must be member of the National Class Association and must have paid their membership fee by August 8.
- 8) All Belgian helmsmen and Belgian crew must be bearer of a Belgian Sailing License. If a BELGIAN sailor is unable to mail a scanned recto/verso copy of his 2020 sailing license (issued by WWSV or FFYB) to [ro@rnsyc.be](mailto:ro@rnsyc.be) or to send a picture to WhatsApp group "[RNSYC Race Office](#)" before August 10, he/she shall complete an online "Missing Sailing License declaration" available on [www.manage2sail.com](http://www.manage2sail.com) stating he shall send a copy of this license within 8 days to above mail or WhatsApp addresses and he shall deposit a warranty of €50 (payable in local currency) which will be refunded when the copy has been provided, otherwise the warranty will not be refunded and the sailor/boat will be disqualified and removed from the final results.
- 9) Each sailor shall be current members of their National Class Association and must have the official documents required by their National Authority.

## 4) ENTRY FEE:

- 1) **[C-19]** We kindly ask you to securely transfer your registration fee online via manage2sail by choosing "Mollie" as the payment method, after which you will be directed to a menu with multiple payment methods such as credit cards, bank transfer, iDeal, and more. The



Organizing Authority guarantees you, if the event has to be canceled due to new COVID-19 restrictions, immediate refund of the full amount of registration fees.

- 2) € 300 for safe online payments only via manage2sail (Mollie) received before August 1st.
- 3) € 400 for entry-fees transferred by direct bank wire to club accounts without using Mollie which require manual bookings and possible internal money transfers.
- 4) € 400 for payments received after August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 5) All entries shall be made by on-line registration at <https://www.manage2sail.com> . By registering, you are on the waiting list. After payment, your entry will be final. The online registration will allow you to perform direct online payment.
- 6) **[C-19]** The entry fee includes craning in and out but no dinner. Socials may be suggested or proposed online by the Belgian Dragon Class or the RNSYC restaurant manager, but registration and payment for those activities are to be arranged directly through the Belgian Dragon Class or the restaurant and will NOT be organized on site in secretariat or sports secretariat on the ground floor of the clubhouse.
- 7) **[C-19]** The Organizing Authority may refund the Entry Fee due to withdrawal of the entry until August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and credible justification resulting from an unpredictable COVID-19 situation.

#### 5) SCHEDULE

- 1) **[C-19]** Registration at the race office is not scheduled and will only be possible after written demand stating the reason for not registering and paying online mailed to [ro@rnsyc.be](mailto:ro@rnsyc.be) before August 10 at noon and will only be allowed by appointment at the discretion of the organizing authority and with the possible requirement to wear a mouth mask and the use of alcohol gel to disinfect your hands.
- 2) Craning in

Wednesday August 12	From 12:00 till 18:00 h
Thursday August 13	From 08:00 till 10:00 h

- 3) **[C-19]** Briefing Competitors on the covered south-terrace of the RNSYC Clubhouse:

Thursday August 13	11:00 h
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- 4) Dates of racing:

Thursday August 13	12:55 h first warning signal
Friday August 14	10:55 h first warning signal
Saturday August 15	10:55 h first warning signal
Sunday August 16	10:55 h first warning signal

- 5) 8 races are scheduled; no more than 3 races shall be sailed on the same day.
- 6) On the last day of racing, no warning signal shall be made after 14.30 h except in case of a general recall.

#### 6) MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.

#### 7) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**[C-19]** The sailing instructions will be available online on August 4<sup>th</sup> at [www.manage2sail.com](http://www.manage2sail.com) . Hardcopies on paper will not be distributed.

**8) VENUE**

Attachment 1 shows the location of the regatta harbour.

The location of the racing area is between 51°09,860' N - 002°43,100' E and 51°27,335' N - 002°59,342' E

**9) THE COURSES**

The diagrams in Attachment 2 show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

**10) SCORING**

1) 3 valid races are required to constitute a series.

2) Discards:

a) When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

b) When 4 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**11) [NP] [DP] [C-19] SUPPORT BOATS**

All support boats shall register online via [www.manage2sail.com](http://www.manage2sail.com) and transmit the name, hull or tubes color, brand of motor and registration number before August 10. As requested by law, the registration number shall be present on both sides of the hull in printed characters with a height of at least 10 cm.

**12) [NP] [DP] BERTHING**

Trailers shall be kept in their assigned places at the boat park; all boats shall be berthed in their assigned places at the Montgomery dock.

**13) [DP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

**14) [DP] DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

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

**15) [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION**

1) Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.

2) Electronic equipment other than permitted by the Class Rules shall not be carried on board except for cellular phones which shall be switched off while racing.

**16) PRIZES**

1) Prizes will be awarded for the first three boats in the championship, the first full female crew and the first classic dragon

2) [C-19] A prize giving will be organized to the extent permitted by the Covid 19 regulations.

**17) DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

1) 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".



- 2) Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in an event, each competitor (parent for minors) agrees and acknowledges that:
- 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 an event;
  - they are responsible for the safety of themselves, crew and their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
  - they accept responsibility for any loss, damage, personal injury or death to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - the provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
  - Their boat is adequately insured.
- 3) Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the skipper and crew of a boat, nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, howsoever it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in racing.
- 4) Boats in danger or MOB: crews are also reminded of their primary responsibility to offer assistance to any man overboard or boats in danger at any time. If they stand by or assist, redress can be requested.

#### **18) [NP] [C-19] HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS**

Not later than Thursday August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 09:30 AM, every competitor (full crew) shall inform the Organizing Authority of his medical condition. (This will be kept confidential and will only be used for medical tracing purposes). Therefore, from Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> at 09:30 AM an online form will be available and has to be replied within 24 hours. Without this information of a sailor's medical condition, the competitor will be asked to leave the venue without any refund. Participants who suspect Covid 19 or who exhibit symptoms such as fever, severe cough, sneezing, loss of taste and odor etc. are asked to stay home and to inform the organizing committee of this. A fever test can be organized at the venue.

#### **19) INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1.500.000, - per incident or the equivalent

#### **20) RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

The Media Rights belong exclusively to the ROYAL NORTH SEA YACHT CLUB. By participating in this regatta a competitor automatically grants to the organizing authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion or still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.





### 21) WIFI

The Royal North Sea Yacht Club offers free Wireless Internet Access in and around the Club House.

### 22) CAR PARKING

Each boat participating to the championship will be given ONE free parking voucher along the Montgomerykaai or nearby car park.

### 23) FURTHER INFORMATION

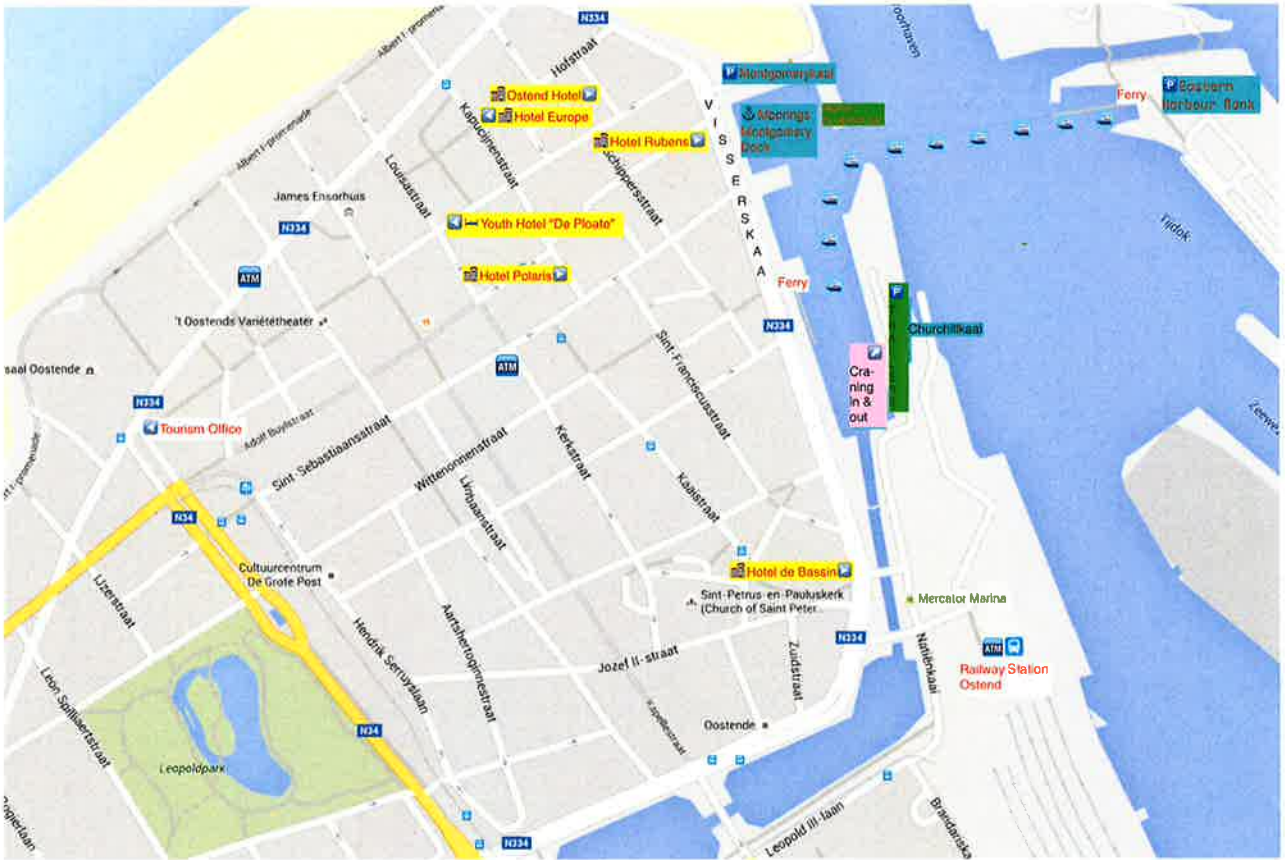
#### 1) Nearby recommended hotels in Ostend:

- a) Europe Hotel (\*\*\*\*, double room €115-170), Kapucijnenstraat 52, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 70 10 12 - Fax +32 (0)59 80 99 79, [www.europehotel.be](http://www.europehotel.be)
- b) Hotel de Bassin (\*\*\*+, double room €89-135), Visserskaai 1, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 703 383, [www.hoteldubassin.be](http://www.hoteldubassin.be)
- c) Hotel Polaris (\*\*\*+, double room €94-109), Groentenmarkt 19, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 279 006, [www.hotelpolaris.be](http://www.hotelpolaris.be)
- d) Ostend hotel (\*\*\*, double room €105-135), Londenstraat 6, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 704 625, [www.hotelostend.be](http://www.hotelostend.be)
- e) Youth Hostel "De Ploate" (\*, €24,50 p/p) Langestraat 72, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 805 297, [www.jeuqgherbergen.be](http://www.jeuqgherbergen.be)

#### 2) Tourism office Ostend: Monacoplein 2, 8400 Oostende, +32 (0)59 701 199, [www.visitoostende.be](http://www.visitoostende.be)



ATTACHMENT 1



ATTACHMENT 2

