

## **Appendix 11     Gold Cup Rules**

### **Rules for the Dragon Gold Cup (Revised 2005)**

#### **DRAGON GOLD CUP**

The International Dragon Cup was presented in 1937 by Members of the Clyde Yacht Clubs' Conference, with the intention of bringing together as many competitors of different nationalities as possible for yacht racing in Europe in a friendly spirit, in order to perpetuate the good feeling which existed at the first International Clyde Fortnight. The Clyde Yacht Clubs' Conference has been reconstituted as the Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association and the International Dragon Cup has become the 'Dragon Gold Cup'. The Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association owns and insures the Dragon Gold Cup.

#### **RULES**

- 1     The Cup shall be called the Dragon Gold Cup and shall be raced for by yachts of the International Dragon Class belonging to any country.
- 2     The Cup shall be sailed for annually, and shall be retained by the winner for one year only.
- 3     The host country and Organising Authority shall be selected by the International Dragon Association in conjunction with the Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association.
- 4     a     The Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association shall be entitled to representation at the Event  
      b     If qualified, the representative shall be a Member of the International Jury  
      c     The Organising Authority shall inform the Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association of the date and location of the Event as soon as they are established, and arrange their representation per rule 4(a)  
      d     The representative shall act on behalf of the Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association at the Event  
      e     The representative shall be available for consultation on any matter relating to the Event
- 5     The Event shall be governed by the International Sailing Federation's Racing Rules of Sailing, the International Dragon Class Rules and the Rules for the Dragon Gold Cup.
- 6     It was the original intention of the donors that as many entries as possible should be accepted; but some restriction on the number of entrants may be necessary. The Organising Authority shall state in the Notice of Race of the Event the maximum number of entrants to be accepted, which shall not exceed 120, and shall state the procedure to ensure that this number is not exceeded by restricting the entrants from its own or any other country.
- 7     All boats, sails etc shall conform to the International Dragon Class Rules and the owner of each boat shall be required to produce a valid measurement certificate. The Organising Authority may have any boat inspected, measured, weighed or swing tested and any sails measured during the event.
- 8     The Organising Authority shall
  - a     advertise the date and location of the Event not later than the end of July in the year before

- the Event
- b consult with The Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association on the composition of the International Jury prior to acting in accordance with RRS 88.2(a) and 90(b).
  - c obtain the approval of the Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association of the Notice of Race not later than four months prior to the Event and the Sailing Instructions not later than one month prior to the Event.
- 9 The Organising Authority shall provide for courses:
- a having a total length of approximately twelve nautical miles which may be shortened or reduced if conditions require
  - b with windward starts
  - c having no mark laid closer to the land than approximately one nautical mile, if at all practicable
  - d comprising either i) the windward/leeward type  
or  
ii) The triangular type - triangle, windward, leeward, windward
- 10 a The Event shall consist of a series of six races, none of which shall be discarded.
- b In the event of adverse weather conditions or other circumstances beyond the control of the Organising Authority the Gold Cup may be awarded as follows:
    - (i) if five or four races are completed a result shall be declared
    - (ii) if three or less races are completed no result shall be declared and the Cup shall be returned to the Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association.
- 11 All protests occurring during the Event shall be heard by an International Jury appointed by the Organising Authority in accordance with RRS 90(b).
- 12 a Scoring. RRS Appendix A4 using the Bonus Point System shall apply. The number of boats entered in the Series shall be the number of entries confirmed at registration.
- b 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.
  - c RRS A8 is amended. In the event of a tie on total points between two or more yachts, the tie shall be broken in favour 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 part of the following year, the exact dates to be decided by the Organising Authority.
- 13 The Organising Authority shall be expected to present a memento to the winner, and such other prizes as they consider appropriate.
- 14 The Organising Authority shall pay the Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association a fee of £100.00 (as a contribution to the cost of insurance of the Gold Cup)

- 15 Alterations to these Rules shall be made only by the Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association after consultation with the International Dragon Association.
- 16 Should the Dragon Class cease to exist, or should the competition for the Dragon Gold Cup in the opinion of the Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association after consultation with the International Dragon Association, cease to be of first class importance, the Dragon Gold Cup shall be returned to the Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association.