

## **Appendix 2 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 and is a helmsman's trophy.

### **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. The host venue shall specify the maximum number of boats it can host (this number to be in the Notice of Race) and this shall be at least 60 boats.

### **Entries**

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

<b>Registered Dragons Per Country</b>	<b>Qualified Entries</b>
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

An entry that qualifies under any other method (see rules 6, 7 and 8 below) shall be in addition to the national entitlement.

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 qualified entries.

- 6 In addition, the top 20 helmsmen of the International Ranking List of the previous year are qualified.
- 7 In addition up to 2 places may be allocated at the discretion of the International Dragon Association. Applications for these places must be received by the IDA Secretary three months before the event.
- 8 In addition the following helmsmen shall automatically qualify:
- The current European Champion.
  - The President and Vice Presidents of the International Dragon Association.
  - The Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Treasurer, Secretary and Chairman of the Technical Committee of the International Dragon Association.
- 9 If, at the closing date for entries the limit for number of entries (entry form plus entry fee) has been exceeded, entries will be reduced in the following order:
- a) The Host country's additional places
  - b) The National allocations (except for the Host country)

- c) If the reductions in b) have to be applied, reductions shall be proportionate as far as possible provided that at least one entry per nation is accepted. Each country will be asked to confirm the number of its allocation attending with any on awaiting list. If a qualified entry withdraws for any reason, that country will be given 7 days to confirm a replacement, failing which the host country may accept any other entry at its discretion
- 10 In the event that the number of qualified entries is less than the maximum number specified by the host, the host may accept additional entries with the approval of the IDA.
- 11 Each Individual National Association shall notify the Organising Authority of the 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.
- 12 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**

- 13 The helmsman and at least one member of the crew shall have the same nationality and either of these shall take the helm.
- 14 Helmsmen qualifying through the national allocation (including host's extra allocation) shall be a national of the country approving the entry.
- 15 Helmsman shall enter as a member of a yacht club recognised by the National Authority of the country for which he sails and, shall be a current member of his National Dragon Association.
- 16 Helmsman may only be substituted from the original starting crew of the member's country and crew may be substituted during a series for good and sufficient reasons approved by the Jury. The total weight of the substituted crew must not exceed 285 kgs after the substitution.
- 17 Letters and Sail Numbers. Irrespective of the owner/helmsman's country, the boat must be entered with the sail number of her country of registration unless the jury have previously agreed otherwise (RRS Appendix G).

### **Guidance notes**

- a) Hong Kong is a special case and qualification rules follow those determined by the Olympic Games.
- b) A sailor lacking his own National Dragon Association and seconded to another NDA (IDA Constitution 3.20) Must meet the eligibility requirements but of his own nationality.

### **Entry requirements and measurement**

- 18 Entries shall be limited to boats holding a valid Certificate of Measurement which shall be exhibited to the Organising country as directed in the Notice of Race.

A valid Measurement Certificate is an original or copy of the Measurement Form which has been stamped by a National Yachting Authority, or is a special Measurement Certificate issued by a National Yachting Authority. (Class Rule 1.82).

- 19 Boats and sails may be subject to re-measurement in accordance with the International Dragon Class Rules and the IDA Technical Committee instructions.
- 20 The Organisers shall appoint a Measurer, Principal Race Officer and Chairman of the Jury approved in writing by the IDA for the event.
- 21 The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions (in English) shall be approved by the IDA before publication.

### **Course and Scoring System**

- 22 The type of course (windward/leeward), the scoring (low points) system and time limit shall be notified in the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

### **Number of Races**

- 23 The Championship shall take place over 5 days and comprise 7 races. Only one race shall be scheduled for the first and last days. A maximum of 5 races shall be scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> days, with no more than 2 races per day. (Note that the schedule may be amended during the regatta to hold more than 2 races on any day if needed to complete the full schedule of races). If 5 or more races are completed there will be one discard. There will be no discard if only 4 races are completed. If less than four races can be sailed the trophy shall not be awarded. A spare day cannot be scheduled for the last day of the series.

### **International Jury.**

- 24 The Organising Authority shall appoint an International Jury from whose decisions there shall be no appeal (RRS 70.4).

### **Prizes**

- 25 The title of European Champion will be awarded to the helmsman who has won the Championship. If a helmsman has been substituted the trophy shall be awarded to whichever helmsman has the better score.
- 26 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.

- 27 The IDA will provide Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for the winning helmsmen and crew of the first three yachts.

**Interpretation**

- 28 These rules will be subject to interpretation and amendment by the IDA.
- 29 An amendment to these conditions shall require a two-thirds majority of those voting in general meeting.