

International Dragon Class 2018 Class Rule Amendments:

Unanimously passed at the IDA AGM in London on Saturday 27th October 2018.

A. CR. 1.83 Measurement Certificate, 2, Sail Numbers....

Existing Rule:

The owner shall apply to his NA for a sail number. (Each country shall issue sail numbers which shall be consecutive beginning from one. The number shall be preceded by the national letters) Each number shall be used once only.

Add following new sentence to this rule:

A National Class Association may issue personal sail numbers.

Reason: There is a strong demand from owners who have more than one Dragon, or who frequently change to a new Dragon, to keep their sails without having to alter each time to a new sail number.

B. CR2.192 Bulkheads....

Add following new sentence to this rule:

Storage tubes for Genoas passing through bulkheads shall be rigid, their inner diameter shall not exceed 300mm and they shall not reduce the integrity of the bulkhead. They may be of optional material.

Reason: To assure that Bulkheads stay watertight, which they might not be if soft material is used for this purpose.

C. CR. 2.193. Bilge pumps...

Existing Rule:

The suction point of any bilge pump shall not be more than 50mm above the deepest point of the bilge.

Alteration: Change from 50mm to 100 mm.

Reason: The bilge at the 50mm point is too narrow to fit suction tubes / baskets and switches for electrical pumps.

D. CR 2.193 Bilge pumps ...

Existing Rule:

The following may be fitted: Not more than one electric bilge pump. If such a pump is fitted, the only means of control shall be an automatic integral or flotation switch.

Alteration: Electrical bilge pumps. Their only means of control shall be an automatic integral or flotation switch.

Reason: One electrical bilge pump has proved to be inadequate to handle incoming waves when the Dragon has been swamped under certain conditions and the aim is to increase the safety by not restricting the number of electrical pumps fitted. Shorter wording.

E. CR 6.12 Spars ... Existing Rule:

The fore and aft position of the mast is optional, except that it is prohibited to make changes while racing. The heel of the mast shall be fixed and not be capable of being moved while racing. However free movement of not more than 5mm shall not be considered as infringing this rule. And device or material which enables movement is prohibited.

Add the following to the existing wording: Any device holding the mast heel in position shall only be removable with tools.

Reason: Recently drop nose pins have been used to fix the heel position. These pins can be removed in seconds, giving any desired movement to the heel of the mast and thus are an invitation to do just this. They are considered as a device, enabling sailors to break the intent of the Rule, that the heel shall be fixed, and the IDA TC wants to make absolutely clear that those pins, or similar devices are not to be used for this purpose.

F. CR 6.104 J measurement

Existing Rule, last sentence:

The forward edge of the forestay or its extension shall lie within the limits of this forward mark when racing.

Alteration: The centre line of the forestay or its extension shall lie within the limits of this forward mark when racing.

Reason: The point of the extension of the forward edge of the forestay is not easy to find when inspecting Dragons, because it is hidden in the forestay furling tube. But it is simple and quick to find the centre of this tube and check its position on deck in relation to the forestay marks. The possible difference is 2.5mm in the J measurement, which will not make any difference, since we measure the foot of the genoa .

G. CR. 6.29 Jumpers ...

Existing Rule:

Running rigging may be led internally along the length of the mast. The exit points of the lower ends of adjustable jumper stays, if fitted shall be maximum 3715mm above upper edge of lower black band.

Alteration, new rule: Running rigging may be led internally along the length of the mast. **Reason:** Strike out the remaining sentence because Jumpers are not running rigging and it is duplicated in CR 7.50 and the Measurement Diagram.

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