

GOLD CUP RULES

(With the permission of the CYCA Rule 12 b) was amended at the AGM 2018, and the rules for the Nations Cup were amended at the AGM 2022)

The 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 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, herein after referred to as the 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 until the next Gold Cup.
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 Rules as defined in World Sailing's Racing Rules of Sailing, the IDA's Championship Regulations and the Dragon Gold Cup Rules.
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, and equipment 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 89.2(b) and 91(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 the windward/leeward type

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 Cup may be awarded as follows:

(i) if five or four races are completed a result shall be declared

(ii) if three or fewer races are completed no result shall be declared and the Cup shall be returned to the Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association.

11. All protests, requests for redress and re-opening a hearing occurring during the Event shall be heard by an International Jury appointed by the Organising Authority in accordance with RRS 91(b) and Appendix N.

12. a) For scoring, 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, retired after finishing, or was disqualified for UFD and/or BFD shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats confirmed at registration. Disqualification for any other reason 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 time until the next Gold Cup.

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

15. Alterations to the Gold Cup 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 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 Cup shall be returned to the Clyde Yacht Clubs' Association.

Appendix 1 Dragon Gold Cup secondary trophies

Nations Cup, Borge Borresen Memorial Trophy, Dragon Gold Cup Corinthian Trophy and Silver Cup

Nations Cup

Deed of Gift – May 2000 (Updated August 2009 and October 2022)

The “Nations Cup” is a prize given by Thomas Müller to the International Dragon Class. The prize shall be sailed in the races of the International Dragon Gold Cup and under the same scoring system.

Each nation with at least 3 Dragons entered for the Gold Cup, and helmed by a national of that country who is a member of that country’s national Dragon Association, shall participate as a team. Each team shall consist of 3 Dragons. The boats need not carry the same national letters on their sails. The first three boats from each nation in the first completed race of the Gold Cup shall form that nation’s team.

Once a team has been determined no changes are allowed under any circumstances. The helmsman of the highest placed boat of the winning team in the last completed race shall win the Cup and keep it until the next Gold Cup.

The Nations Cup will only be awarded if enough races have been sailed to complete the Gold Cup.

Borge Borresen Memorial Trophy

The Borge Borresen Memorial Trophy was presented in 2008 by the Borresen family in memory of Borge Borresen, who competed in 51 consecutive Gold Cups and won the event 4 times.

The trophy is presented annually to the helmsman of the Dragon that wins the first completed race of the Gold Cup.

The Dragon Gold Cup Corinthian Trophy

Corinthian Trophies are now included at IDA Championships and other Dragon events for boats crewed by World Sailing Category 1 sailors. Corinthian events are governed by World Sailing Regulation 22 – Appendix 4, and if held must be referred to in the NOR of the event, (see Standard NOR template Appendix 6 IDA Championship Regulations Manual).

Deed of Gift – March 2010

This trophy has been presented by KSSS, the Royal Swedish Yacht Club, in honour of GKSS, the Royal Gothenburg Yacht Club, at its 150th anniversary 2010, for annual competition at the International Dragon Class Gold Cup.

The Trophy will remain the property of the KSSS.

The Corinthian Trophy will be competed for annually within the Dragon Gold Cup. The winner of the Trophy each year is entitled to hold it until the next Gold Cup. In the event that the Gold Cup is not awarded in any year, the holder shall return the Trophy to the KSSS. [Note this also covers the eventuality where the Gold Cup is not presented because an inadequate number of races have been sailed].

In order to qualify as a competitor for the Trophy, the boat shall be crewed totally by amateur (Corinthian) sailors as defined by World Sailing. At this date each sailor must be World Sailing Sailor Code Classification 1.

The winner will be the helmsman of the winning boat in the Corinthian series of the Gold Cup. The rules and scoring will in every respect be identical to the Gold Cup except that the scoring will exclude all non-qualifying boats from the results. For clarity, in each race the first Corinthian boat will score a win, the second Corinthian boat will score a second and so on.

The Silver Cup

Deed of Gift - 2014

The Silver Cup was presented to the International Dragon Class in 2014 for annual competition at the Dragon Gold Cup by Jacob J. Roosjen. It is a solid silver cup dating from 1917 and was hand-painted by Dutch/Argentinean artist Diana Roig in Rotterdam.

The winner will be the helm of the Dragon that finishes exactly halfway in the final overall results. To determine this, the number of entries is those accepted at Registration. In the event that this is an even number, then the winner will be the Dragon just below half way.

The *Silver Cup* will be awarded as long as at least one race has been completed. The winner will hold the *Silver Cup* until the next Gold Cup.

The *Silver Cup* shall remain the property of Jacob J. Roosjen and if for any reason it is not presented, it shall be returned to him for safekeeping.