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EDINBURGH CUP PRE-EVENT MEASUREMENT SUPPORT AND EVENT MEASUREMENT Information from Edinburgh Cup Official Measurer – Paul Manning

As I'm sure you are all aware, measurement forms an important part of an equipment controlled class such as the International Dragon and I have been invited by the British Dragon Association to be the Official Measurer for the Edinburgh Cup.

As such, I thought it would be helpful to write down a few notes to competitors in order to ensure measurement can be carried out efficiently and with a minimum of anxiety.

A little bit of background about myself. I am a UK based class measurer for the International Dragon and the Olympic Finn. Most of my work is fundamental measurement of new Petticrows boats but I have also been involved in a number of Weymouth Olympic class World Cup events as well as being the Finn Class' National Technical Officer for the 2012 Olympic Sailing event.

I've occasionally raced Dragons at the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, my home club, as well as competing in a few international championships. I'm also the international secretary for the Musto Skiff class.

PRE-EVENT NOTES

Firstly, if you have any questions, please ask! I have found that a few simple notes in advance helps competitors event preparation, so following are a few key points

1. Measurement Form & Measurement Certificate

Please remember to bring your Measurement FORM (as well as your Measurement Certificate). The checks I will be carrying out may require sight of these documents and you will need both for registration.

2. Mast Measurement Rules

In the last couple of years the class technical committee have introduced a small number of rules specifically designed to manage the movement of the mast when racing. Please ensure you comply with class rules 6.102, 6.103 & 6.104.



3. Sponsorship/Advertising Decals

As a successful class, the International Dragon is fortunate to attract a number of class and event sponsors.

Please note that any and ALL previous event sponsor stickers must be removed. The ONLY stickers that are permitted, at any time, are those relevant to the current regatta, and then only if supplied by the Organising Authority at that regatta.

Often these stickers can be more difficult to remove than you expect and it's advisable to remove them in advance of your arrival.

4. Personal Floatation Device

Please note it is every competitor's responsibility to ensure their PFD complies with the relevant rules.

Random inspection of PFD's during the event may take place but this does not alleviate a competitor of their responsibility.

Equipment for checking class rule compliance will be available for competitors to check their PFD throughout the duration of the event.

5. Event Measurement

Firstly, please can I ask you to ensure you contact me (07843 269353) in order to carry out measurement.

Friday 7th - I am aiming to undertake measurement of all 'local' boats and any others based at the Cowes Yacht Haven. Could all such boats be prepared and make themselves available.

Saturday 8th – I will be based at Shepards. Please find me, or phone me.

Sunday 9th & Monday 10th – measurement will be undertaken around the sailing schedule.

Please note ALL measurement must be completed by 1800 Monday 10th.

6. Event Measurement Procedure

The following may form part of the Event Measurement Procedure prior to racing and daily post race random checking. Other checks may also be carried out.

1. Mast mark conforms with 2017 rule
2. Forestay mark conforms with 2017 rule
3. Mast has measurement plaque
4. Deck chocks fitted
5. Measurement bands in place
6. Spinnaker pole length
7. Sails certified
8. Echo Sounders are permitted for the South Coast Championships but are not permitted for the Edinburg Cup. Please can I therefore remind all competitors to ensure echo sounders are disabled for the Edinburgh Cup.
9. Safety equipment forms an important part of class rules and may form part of the inspection process. Please ensure you check that you are carry the required equipment under class rule 11.

For Measurement Queries and further information please contact:

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