Notice of Race

2027 DragonForce 65 European Championship

at

West Lancs Yacht Club

10th to 14th May 2027

Venue: West Lancs Yacht Club, Southport, United Kingdom.

Organising Authority: The organising authority for the event is the DFRacing UK National Class Association in conjunction with the West Lancs Yacht Club (WLYC) and with the consent of the Model Yachting Association of the United Kingdom (MYA). Responsibility for the management of the event is delegated to the West Lancs Yacht Club.

Hosted By: West Lancs Yacht Club (WLYC).

Event Website: www.dfracinguk.com/2027Euros

Event Contact: Jim La Roche (jlr.gbr57@gmail.com)

1. RULES

The event is governed by the current versions of the following:

1.1. The Racing Rules Of Sailing as amended by Appendix E.

1.2. DragonForce 65 Class Rules

1.3. 2027 DF65 European Championship Sailing Instructions

1.4. The Simple Heat Racing System (SHRS) shall apply.

These documents may be found at:

- Racing Rules of Sailing - World Sailing website
- DF65 Class Rules - www.DFRacing.World
- Simple Heat Racing System - https://anzamsystems.com

Dates and Times: All Dates and Times in this notice are British Standard Time (BST) which is UTC(+1)

2. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

Chartered or loaned boats may carry the national letters denoting the national authority and/or the sail number of the person or organization providing the boat.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 2027 DF65 European Championship Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Event Website no later than 1st April 2027 and will be available at registration and on the Official Notice Board.

4. COMMUNICATION

All notices will be posted:

- Before 08:00 on Friday 7th May 2027: on the Event Website
- After 08:00 on Friday 7th May 2027: on the Official Notice Board situated in the WLYC Clubhouse.

5. SCORING AND RACING SYSTEM

Scoring will use the latest version of the Simple Heat Racing System (SHRS).

The Qualifying Series will utilise the Random Pre-Assignment method for heat assignment detailed in Clause 3 of the Simple Heat Racing System Rules. (See https://anzamsystems.com/Documents/Documents.html)

6. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

6.1. The regatta is open to boats of the DragonForce 65 Class.

6.2. The number of entries will be limited to 80 by the provisions of the SHRS using 4 heats.

6.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

6.4. All competitors shall be members of and in good standing with their NCA or NCS.

6.5. Allocation of places at the event will be as per Section 7 of this Notice.

6.6. All entries shall be made and paid for before 23:59 on Wednesday 31st March 2027.

6.7. Should places for the event remain available after the entry window is closed a late entry may be accepted at the discretion of the Organising Authority and may be subject to a late entry fee.

6.8. Entry to this event will not be confirmed until cleared funds have been received by the Organising Authority.

6.9. Confirmed entries will be posted on the Event Website.

6.10. Sail number clashes will be resolved and communicated prior to the event, amended based upon the time and date of entry, with priority given to those entering earlier.

6.11. For overseas entries, it will be a condition of entry that you are personally covered for Public Liability insurance to the value of £2m at the time of the event. You will need to indicate your acceptance of this requirement in a tick box at entry.

7. ALLOCATION OF PLACES

7.1. On 24th January 2024, World Sailing reaffirmed that sailors with a Russian or Belarusian passport should not be permitted to compete in events or classes other than specified Olympic class events.

https://www.sailing.org/2024/01/24/world-sailing-statement-on-the-participation-of-russian-and-belarusian-athletes-in-international-competition/

Entries shall be open to competitors and support persons of all nationalities, but not to competitors and support persons holding only Russian or Belarussian nationality. The organizing authority may amend this rule following any further World Sailing decisions on the situation with Russia and Belarus.

7.2. Places for the event are allocated as follows:

7.2.1. Stage 1

7.2.1.1. 40% of places at the event are allocated to members of the UK DF National Class Association.

7.2.1.1.1. 10 of the allocated places will initially be reserved and offered to the top 10 placed skippers on the 2026 UK DF65 TT Ranking list.

7.2.1.2. 60% of the places are allocated to members of foreign clubs within Europe that are affiliated to a Delegated National Member of IRSA and who are in good standing with their association. For the avoidance of doubt “Europe” is defined as those countries listed as being part of Europe by World Sailing. (https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/organisation/our-family/national-federations/)

7.2.1.2.1. Places will be allocated on a first come first first served basis.

7.2.2. Stage 2

7.2.2.1. Entry is open to members of all clubs that are affiliated to a Delegated National Member of IRSA and who are in good standing with their association.

7.3. Entry Window: Stage 1

7.3.1. Entries open 7 months prior to the start of the event, at 08:00 on 16 November 2026.

7.3.2. Stage 1 entry window is open for 6 Weeks and closes at 23:59 on 28 December 2026.

7.4. Entry Window: Stage 2

7.4.1. Entries open at 08:00 on 29 December 2026.

7.4.2. Stage 2 entry window closes at 23:59 on 28 February 2027.

8. ENTRY FEES

8.1. All entries made shall send completed forms in Appendix 1 to the Event Contact.

8.2. The Event Contact will confirm the receipt of the entry and give further details on how to pay the entry fee.

8.3. The non refundable entry fee is £250 (Great Britain Pounds).

8.4. Entries will not be confirmed until full payment is received.

8.5. The Entry fee includes all racing and food at the opening and closing ceremonies.

8.6. Tickets for meals for the opening and closing ceremonies and any sponsored social events for any additional persons accompanying sailors racing in the event will be available to purchase for a nominal fee at registration

8.7. If, after an entry is made and paid for, a withdrawal is required then the Event Organisers will attempt to fill the space with another (paying) competitor. If this is achieved a refund will be made less a £30 administration fee.

8.7.1. Places that cannot be filled will not receive a refund.

8.7.2. Withdrawals made after 9 April 2027 will not be refunded.

9. INSURANCE

Competitors shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2M (Two Million Great Britain Pounds) per incident or the equivalent.

Proof of valid insurance may be requested at registration.

10. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

11. EVENT SCHEDULE

Arrival Day 1	**Monday 10 May 2027**	
	Measurement	10h00 - 18h00
	Practice	10h00 - 17h30
	Opening Ceremony	18h00
	Dinner	19h00
Racing Day 1	**Tuesday 11 May 2027**	
	Race Officer's Briefing for all competitors	09h00
	First Start	10h15
	No first warning signal of a heat after	17h00
	Any heat in progress to be abandoned	17h30
Racing Day 2	**Wednesday 12 May 2027**	
	Race Officer Meeting with National Reps	09h15
	First Start	10h00
	No first warning signal of a heat after	17h00
	Any heat in progress to be abandoned	17h30
Racing Day 3	**Thursday 13 May 2027**	
	Race Officer Meeting with National Reps	09h15
	First Start	10h00
	No first warning signal of a heat after	17h00
	Any heat in progress to be abandoned	17h30
Racing Day 4	**Friday 14 May 2027**	
	Race Officer Meeting with National Reps	09h15
	First Start	10h00
	No first warning signal of a heat after	16h00
	Any heat in progress to be abandoned	17h30
	Prize Giving and Closing Dinner	19h00

11.1. The Race Committee may change the Schedule to complete the Qualifying Series or the Final Series.

11.2. Changes to the time of the last warning signal on the day will be posted no later than one hour before the scheduled time.

11.3. Changes to the time of the first warning signal of the next day of racing will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last heat of the day.

12. SHRS QUALIFYING AND FINAL SERIES

12.1. The SHRS Qualifying Series will be sailed on Racing Days 1 to 3 and the Final Series on Racing Day 4

12.2. The Race Committee may change this schedule to complete the Qualifying or Final Series.

12.3. A minimum of 5 races shall be scored to constitute the Championship.

13. MEASUREMENT

All boats in the event shall be measured. Competitors shall present their assembled dry boat with fin, bulb and rudder fitted, together with all rigs and batteries they intend to use during the event at registration and measurement prior to the event.

Additional random spot checks may be conducted throughout the duration of the event.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM, PROTESTS and REQUESTS for REDRESS

14.1. The race committee shall appoint observers who may be competitors.

14.2. Hearing requests need not be in writing. This changes RRS 60.3(a), 61.2(a) and 63.7(b). The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.

14.3. The Event Judge will publish an “Accelerated Procedure for Hearings” (incorporating IRSA SYRPH).

14.4. A protest committee will be appointed, consisting of the Event Judge, and, on request, the assistance of 2 other members, who may be competitors.

14.5. Under RRS 70.3(b), there will be no right of appeal for the Qualifying Series.

14.6. For the purposes of RRS 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the DFICA Rules Committee or its official delegate at the event.

14.7. For measurement breaches or protests the jury may impose discretionary penalties which may be less than disqualification.

15. PRIZES

15.1. A Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Gold Fleet

15.2. Prizes or trophies will be awarded to the top 5 competitors in the Gold Fleet and the top 3 competitors in the other fleets. Additional prizes may be awarded.

16. RISK STATEMENT

16.1. RRS 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

16.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

16.2.1. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

16.2.2. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

16.2.3. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;

16.2.4. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

16.2.5. The provision of a race management team, recovery boat and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

16.2.6. The provision of recovery boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

16.2.7. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any briefing held for the event.

At all times the responsibility for the safety of their boat and themselves plus the decision to participate or continue rests with the competitor.

17. COMPETITORS WITH DISABILITY

Competitors that require any form of help or special requirements should, prior to entry, notify the Event Contact to check that the Organising Authority is able to help with provision of such special requirements. The onus is on the competitor to establish whether the available facilities are adequate before deciding to enter the event.

18. REGISTRATION

The following shall be presented to the Race Committee at Registration.

18.1. For foreign competitors, proof of membership of their Delegated National Member

If such proof is not available at the event, but a competitor claims that it exists, the competitor shall sign a declaration to that effect and send a copy of the missing document to the Race Committee within seven days of the end of the event.

18.2. Emergency Contact details

18.3. Proof of liability insurance as detailed in 6.11.

18.4. Details of any medical conditions that the organisers should be aware of.

19. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

In registering for the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority the right in perpetuity to make, use and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event, for the said Event as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions in which he/she participates without compensation

Appendix 1

ENTRY FORM

DF65 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2027

10th to 14rd May 2027

Page 1 - Details to be Completed by Each Competitor

Surname	
Forename(s)	
Postal Address	
Postal Code	
Country	
Phone Number (to also be used for WhatApp)	
E-Mail Address	

Details of Boat			
Sail Number		**Boat Name (if any)**	
Country Letters		**Boat Registration Number**	

As a Competitor, I am aware of the rules on Entry & Eligibility for this event and agree to abide by those rules and those within the RRS. I am: (Tick boxes to confirm)	
A National or Resident of the Nation and NCA through which I am Entering	
it is a condition of entry that you are personally covered for Public Liability insurance to the value of £2m at the time of the event. By ticking this box I confirm that I have suitable insurance to meet this requirement	

All those entering or taking part in this Championship do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organizing Authority and any other parties involved in the organisation of this event disclaim any and every responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage, injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and equipment before, after or at the event, both ashore and on the water as a consequence of entering or participating in this Championship. At all times the responsibility for the safety of their boat and themselves including the decision to participate or continue racing shall rest with the competitor.

By signing this form I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern the event.

I also hereby agree to honour the *DF Classes Founders' Statement* and the *DF Classes Community Online Code of Conduct*, both of which may be found at https://dfracing.world/ica-documents/

Competitors Signature:	

This form and the Entry Fee to be sent to the Organising Authority using the details contained in the Notice of Race .