



# Notice of Race

Yachtclub Aalsmeer (WV Aalsmeer) and Nederlandse Draken Club (NDC) have the pleasure to invite owners of yachts in the

## DRAGON CLASS

to participate in the 2025 edition of the

## ***Grand Prix d'Aalsmeer series***

to be sailed on the 'Grote Poel' of the Westeinderplassen near Aalsmeer on

**March 29, 30: "Sneeuwruimen"**  
**April 5, 6: "Halfway"**  
**April 19, 20, 21: "Easter Regatta"**

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028*.
- 1.2 The sailing instructions may contain minor changes to the rules.
- 1.3 Rule 13.30 of the International Dragon Class rules (crew weight restriction) shall not apply. In accordance with RRS 87 this is approved by the Dutch Dragon Class Association.
- 1.4 Rule 11.11 of the International Dragon Class rules does apply:  
A VHF Radio may be on board.  
Boats shall only use the VHF in case of an emergency.  
The race committee may, but is not obliged to, communicate relevant information to sailors.  
The channel to be used will be 72.  
The Racing Rules Signals will prevail.
- 1.5 The following text will be added to international dragon class rule 12.20:  
"Any devices transmitting or correlating data relative to rig tension or wind direction or speed or boat speed and location, by means such as, but not limited to, electronic, mechanical, hydraulic or pneumatic are prohibited. The use of GPS devices, which may provide information about time, location, speed and course over ground is allowed."
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 The term 'boat' is defined as "a sailboat with the person in charge on board".  
This changes the term 'boat' in the introduction of the RRS.  
Crew changes are allowed as long as the person in charge is on board.
- 1.8 The GDPR declaration, which can be found on [www.wvaalsmeer.nl](http://www.wvaalsmeer.nl)

### 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall be in accordance with the respective Class Rules and ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Dragon class.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form published on the website:  
[www.wvaalsmeer.nl/grandprix](http://www.wvaalsmeer.nl/grandprix).
- 3.3 Entrants are bound to pay the entry fee.

## 4 FEES

- 4.1 Entry fees:
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| “Sneeuwruimen”   | €140,=                                 |
| “Halfway”        | €215,= (three dinner tickets included) |
| “Easter Regatta” | €285,= (three dinner tickets included) |

Participants are obligated to pay online, at entry, with iDEAL.

Participants from abroad may pay the entry fee by bank:

WV Aalsmeer account: 386 2109 69 Rabobank, Amsterdam,

IBAN nr: **NL98 RABO 0386 2109 69** BIC code: **RABONL2U**.

- 4.2 If an entry is cancelled by the participant, the entry fee may partly be refunded, depending on the financial results of the regatta, to be judged by the OA.
- 4.3 The entry fee includes craning in and out of the water once every weekend, and mooring. The entry fee for Halfway and the Easter Regatta, includes three tickets for the dinner on Saturday, April 5 and 19. Extra dinner tickets may be requested before Thursday, April 3 and 17 at €25,= each at [www.wvaalsmeer.nl/grandprix](http://www.wvaalsmeer.nl/grandprix).

## 5 REGISTRATION AND RACING SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration on Saturday March 29, April 5 and April 19 from 09:00 hrs.
- 5.2 No warning signal will be given after 15:00 hrs. on the last day of sailing.
- 5.3 The Soling class may start before the Dragon class.
- 5.4 The schedule of races:

Day	Date	First warning signal Soling	First warning signal Dragon	Number of target races
Saturday	March 29	---	11:55	3
Sunday	March 30	---	10.55	3
Saturday	April 5	11:45	11:55	3
Sunday	April 6	10:45	10:55	3
Saturday	April 19	---	11:55	3
Sunday	April 20	---	10:55	3
Monday	April 21	---	10:55	3

- 5.5 If circumstances require, the race committee may decide to sail a fourth or a fifth race. If a fourth/fifth race will be sailed, the race committee signal boat at the finish will show signal pennant 4/5 at the finish of race three/four.

## 6 MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate and insurance certificate upon registration. Crew and helmsman shall have a valid (2025) helmsman/crew license (issued by your national sailing federation)
- 6.2 Boats and crews may be inspected during the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC).
- 6.3 A boat shall register and use only the distinguishing letter(s) and sail number indicated on her measurement certificate. Requests to use a different sail number during racing shall be lodged with the Regatta Office in writing no later than two hours before the start of the first race of the day. The RC will only consider such request(s) if it is convinced the original number cannot be applied to the sail(s) concerned.

## 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available at the website <https://www.wvaalsmeer.nl> and [www.dragonclass.nl](http://www.dragonclass.nl)
- 7.2 The sailing instructions will also be available for your perusal at the Regatta Office on all racing days at the Regatta Office, which is located near the clubhouse of the YC Aalsmeer, Uiterweg 155, Aalsmeer.

## **8 COURSES AND RACING AREAS**

- 8.1 Races will be on windward/leeward courses with spreader buoy and downwind gate.
- 8.2 The racing area will be “de Grote Poel” of the Westeinderplassen.

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 9.1 No international jury will be appointed.

## **10 SCORING**

- 10.1 For each race weekend the following applies:
  - 1 race shall be completed to constitute a series.
  - When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 10.2 There will be a prize for the overall winner of the Grand Prix dAalsmeer Series.
  - ◆ If a boat did not compete in one or more completed races of the regatta, her score for that race / those races will be DNC.
  - ◆ A boat's series score:
    - If 9 or less races have been completed, no score will be excluded.
    - If 10 to 14 races have been completed, her worst score will be excluded.
    - If 15 or more races are completed, her two worst scores will be excluded.

## **11 PRIZES**

- 11.1 For each series, prizes will be awarded to each member of the crew placing first, second and third.
- 11.2 The overall winner will receive the “Cor Groot Wisselprijs” and will have this for one year.

## **12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

## **13 INSURANCE**

- 13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of € 1.500.000 per event or the equivalent in the currency of the country of registration of the boat.
- 13.2 Personal insurance such as accident and health are the sole responsibility of each competitor or crew member.

## **14 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 14.1 Yachts shall not be hauled out between the races of a series, except with and according to, the terms of a prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## **15 SHORE AND MOORING REGULATIONS**

- 15.1 Entry fees include parking for trailers and mooring from Thursday before the first weekend to Tuesday after the last weekend.
- 15.2 Boats will be allocated mooring at WV Aalsmeer harbour. Please always comply with the Organizing Authority's and the harbourmaster's instructions.
- 15.3 Cars can only be parked at designated parking lots. Please follow the directions of the car park attendants.
  - Should the designated parking lot(s) be full, cars of competitors may be parked at the WVA parking lot, however parking space is limited and it is possible that some cars are blocked by cars of other competitors, who are still sailing.
  - Leave your cellphone number in the car so we can reach you if necessary.
- 15.4 You are to inform the harbourmaster (+31 6 555 666 24) of your date and time of arrival prior to delivering your boat.
- 15.5 The harbourmaster will launch and haul out the boats. Craning will not be available before Friday, March 28. If you bring your boat on Thursday March 27 it is required to inform WV Aalsmeer by e-mail in advance: [Grandprix@wvaalsmeer.nl](mailto:Grandprix@wvaalsmeer.nl)

- 15.6 Craning will be available on Saturdays from 08:00 and on the last day after racing. For craning at other times please contact the harbourmaster (+31 6 555 666 24).
- 15.7 The traffic rules, in particular those concerning parking, will be strictly enforced. There might be other boats parked at the parking area, but there should be ample space for Dragons.
- 15.8 Do not lock your trailer, as the harbourmaster must be able to move your trailer, if necessary.

## **16 SOCIALS**

“Sneeuwruimen!”: Beer and ‘bitterballen’, award ceremony on Sunday.

“Halfway”: Beer and ‘bitterballen’, diner on Saturday, award ceremonie on sunday

“Easter Regatta”: Beer and ‘bitterballen’, diner on Saturday, award ceremony on Monday.

## **17 ACCOMMODATION**

- 17.1 For accommodation and tourist information see <https://www.wvaalsmeer.nl>.

## **18 HOW TO GET TO THE YC AALSMEER**

- 18.1 For your navigation: Uiterweg 155 Aalsmeer. Postcode 1431 AD

If the gate is closed, please call the harbourmaster (+31 6 555 666 24) or ring the bell, and he will arrange entry.

## **19 CONTACT THE HARBOURMASTER BEFORE ARRIVING WITH YOUR BOAT**

- 19.1 Please inform the harbourmaster (+31 6 555 666 24), before arriving with your boat at WV Aalsmeer.

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