

2014 ISAF WOMEN'S MATCH RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
3 – 8 June 2014

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority is the Royal Cork Yacht Club (RCYC) in conjunction with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).

2. VENUE

- 2.1 The venue will be Cork Harbour in the Republic of Ireland.

3. GRADING

- 3.1 The event is an ISAF Grade W event. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Rankings Sub-committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

- 4.1 The provisional program for the event is as follows:

Tuesday	3 June	0800 - 1630	Registration and crew weigh-in
		0900 - 1630	Practice sessions allocated by the OA
		1700	First briefing
		1730	First meeting with umpires (after briefing)
		Evening	Opening Ceremony
Wed-Sun	4 – 8 June	0930	Attention signal
Sunday	8 June	Not later than 1700	Prize giving ceremony at the conclusion of racing

- 4.2 Unless excused by the Organizing Authority, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (c) Official regatta dinner, for skippers and crews.
- (d) Prize giving for the top 8 skippers and crews.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Up to 16 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the Organizing Authority will be eligible to enter this event. Invitations will be issued as follows:

- (a) The defending World Champion;
- (b) 14 skippers will be invited using the ISAF Women's Match Racing Ranking list on 5 February 2014.
- (c) A wild card as agreed by the Irish Sailing Association and ISAF.

5.2 After 3 March 2014, ISAF may issue wild card invitations for remaining places at its discretion.

5.3 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

5.4 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of their invitation in writing, or by fax or e-mail to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation

5.5 ISAF Eligibility as required by ISAF Regulation 19 is required of all competitors.

5.6 All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the Organizing Authority of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

6. ENTRIES

6.1 The skipper will be regarded as validly entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card or local currency.

6.2 The entry fee is €500..

6.3 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws from the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the Organizing Authority, a zero score may be applied to their ranking points.

6.4 An initial damage deposit of €1000 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the Organizing Authority. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.

6.5 If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the Organizing Authority, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.

6.6 Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

6.7 All competitors are required to have adequate third party insurance.

7. RULES

7.1 The regatta will be governed by:

- (a) the rules as defined in the ISAF *Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016* (RRS);
- (b) rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) No national authority prescriptions will apply.

7.2 Competitors shall comply with the ISAF Betting and Anti-Corruption Code (Appendix 5 of the ISAF Regulations). An alleged or actual breach of this rule shall be dealt with under the Code. It shall not be grounds for a protest and rule 63.1 does not apply. This changes rule 60.

7.3 Major Alterations to the RRS

- (a) Add to RRS 41: *(e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.*
- (b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

7.4 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8. BOATS AND SAILS

8.1 The event will be sailed in J/80 type boats.

8.2 Eight boats will be provided.

8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: mainsail, jib and symmetric spinnaker.

8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the ISAF Technical Delegate.

9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four or five. All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 272kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.

9.3 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalised, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.

9.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the ISAF Technical Delegate may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

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10. EVENT FORMAT

10.1 The event will consist of the following stages:

- (a) Stage 1: Round robin
- (b) Stage 2: Quarter Finals
- (c) Stage 3: Semi Finals
- (d) Stage 4: 5 – 8 Place Knockouts
- (e) Stage 5: 9 – 12 Place Knockouts
- (f) Stage 6: Final and Petit Final

10.2 Stage 1 may be conducted in groups depending on the final number of entries.

10.3 The ISAF Technical Delegate may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11. COURSES

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

11.2 The intended course area will be in Cork Harbour.

12. ADVERTISING

12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, ISAF Regulation 20.4.2 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the Organizing Authority.

12.2 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13. PRIZES

13.1 The first placed skipper after Stage 1 will be presented with the ISAF Nucci Novi Ceppellini Memorial Trophy.

13.2 The first placed skipper in the final results will be declared as the 2014 ISAF Women's Match Racing World Champion and will be presented with the ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship Trophy.

13.3 ISAF Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the top 3 teams.

13.4 The ISAF Technical Delegate may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

14. MEDIA RIGHTS

14.1 By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, their sponsors and ISAF the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.

14.2 If required by the Organizing Authority:

- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the Organizing Authority shall be carried on board while racing.
- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the Organizing Authority during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the Organizing Authority or Race Committee.
- (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the Organizing Authority that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.
- (d) Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the Organizing Authority supplied media equipment.

14.3 Competitors may be required for interviews at the event.

15. COACH BOATS

- 15.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached. A coach boat is any boat that is under the direction or control of a person gathering information or giving material support for the benefit of particular competitors either on the water or off.
- 15.2 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied to the appropriate skipper or team, at the discretion of the International Jury.

16. DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be conducted in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code. In-Competition testing may be carried out at the Venue.

17. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and the boat supplied to them to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their supplied boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their supplied boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;