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WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH RACING REGATTA 15TH – 19TH MARCH 2008 CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. The Organising Authority

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA).
ABN 28 000 116 423.

2. Venue

The event will be hosted by the CYCA and held on Sydney Harbour, Australia

3. Event Grading

The event is an ISAF Grade 2 event. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Advisory Board. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4. Provisional Programme

Sat 15 March	0930 - 1600	Regatta Office Open
	1000 - 1300	Team Registration (incl. weigh in)
	1300 - 1600	Practice
	1730	*Welcome Function & Skippers Briefing

Sun 16 March	0815	Breakfast @ CYCA Deck
to	0845	*Briefings and Boat Draw

Wed 18 March Umpire meeting immediately following briefing

RACE DAYS 1015 1st Attention Signal

Umpire Debrief 30 minutes after docking

Evening Functions

Sat 15 March	1730	*Welcome Function (dress casual team uniform)
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Sun 16 March	At debrief	*BBQ @ dock
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Mon 17 March	At debrief	*BBQ @ dock
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Tues 18 March	At debrief	*BBQ @ dock
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Wed 19 March	1730	*Prize Giving @ Freya Room (dress - team uniform)
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4.2 Unless excused by the OA attendance at the items marked * is mandatory.



5. Eligibility

- (a) Ten (10) female skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- (b) A team shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing (fax or email) to the CYCA by the date specified in the Confirmation of Entry
- (c) The registered skipper shall helm the yacht at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- (d) Any competitor (skipper or crew) must be national member of the MNA she represents (except if dispensation is granted by ISAF). Please see regulation 17.5 (National Criteria Guidelines)
- (e) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the ISAF eligibility Code, regulation 19.2.
- (e) All skippers shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of the ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

6. Entries

- 6.1 The team shall be entered on completion of registration, signing of codes of conduct and disclaimers, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits.
- 6.2 Entry Fee
A non-refundable entry fee of AUD\$990 amount shall be paid by 7th January 2008.
- 6.3 Damage deposit
 - (a) An initial damage deposit of AUD\$600 shall be paid by 1300 hrs 15th March 2008, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident.
 - (b) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded by 30 days after the event.
 - (c) In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.

7. Rules

- 7.1 The following rules shall govern the event:
 - (a) The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation including Appendix C.
 - (b) The Notice of Race, including amendments.
 - (c) The Sailing Instructions and any amendments.
 - (d) The rules for handling of boats will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing.
- 7.2 Where there is conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 7.3 All competitors shall provide and have available while aboard the Elliott 6 during the event a personal floatation device (PFD type 2) approved by their National Governing Body.
- 7.4 The Sailing Instructions shall be making amendments to the following RRS 33, 35, 62, Race Signals C3

8. Boats and Sails

- (a) The event will be sailed in the CYCA Youth Sailing Academy Elliott 6 class yachts.
- (b) Ten boats will be provided
- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.
- (d) Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or as decided by the Race Committee



9. Crew (including skipper)

- (a) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three or four. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- (b) The maximum total crew weight, weighted wearing short and shirts, will be 272kg.
- (c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10. Event Format

- (a) The event will consist of the following rounds:
 - Stage 1 – A double round robin
 - Stage 2 – A sail off between places 5th and 6th, 7th and 8th, 9th and 10th.
 - Stage 3 – Semi-finals - first to score 2 points
 - Stage 4 – Petite-final - first to score 2 points for places 3rd and 4th
 Finals – first to score 3 points for places 1st and 2ndStages 2 & 3 and 2 & 4 may be sailed concurrently.
- (b) The organising committee may vary the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions or other circumstances do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11. Course

- (a) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding's, finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be Sydney Harbour.

12. Advertising

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, regulation 20.3.2 applies. Each boat may be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- (b) All competitors are requested to wear the sponsors supplied T-shirts around the CYCA and on-water whenever possible. The sponsors T-shirts must be worn by all competitors for official event photographs.
- (c) The OA reserves the absolute right to require any competitor to remove any advertising displayed by competitors on clothing, equipment (while racing or attending official functions), on boats or anywhere within the boundary of the regatta venue which may be in contravention of moral decency or competitive to the event sponsor.
- (d) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for infringements of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1)

13. Prizes

- (a) The principal prize for first place will be the CYCA Women's MR Trophy.
- (b) Harken will provide prizes for first, second and third places or at the discretion of the OA.
- (c) The best ranked skipper from this event, not already invited, will receive an invitation to the 2008 ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championships to be hosted by Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron in April 2008
- (d) The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.



14. **Media, Images and Sound**

The conditions of entry include that competitors acknowledge that the OA owns all media rights to the event and may exercise those rights as it sees fit and that the OA has the unconditional perpetual right to publish and broadcast, for any purpose and in any media, photographs and video and audio recordings taken of boats and competitors during the event.

15. **Coaches and Coach Boats**

(a) The organisers will provide berths for coach boats under 6m on request.

(b) Any interference by a coach or coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the protest committee to the appropriate skipper or team.

(c) Coaches must sign a Coaches Code of Conduct form at registration.

16. **Code of Conduct**

16.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall not behave so as to bring the event into disrepute.

16.2 Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship and in accordance with the SI Appendices.

16.3 The penalty for breaking this rule is at the discretion of the Umpires and OA and may include exclusion from further participation in the event, the withdrawal of any prize money or the withholding of deposits.

17. **Other Requirements.**

Each team is requested to supply a national flag to be displayed onshore at the event.

18. **Disclaimer**

All those participating in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility.

Competitors must acknowledge this prior to competing, and release the OA and its sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability by signing a form provided by the OA.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:

“The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

18. **Expression of Interest**

Further Information is available from:

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Teams must return the “Application for Invitation” by 14th December 2007





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APPLICATION for INVITATION

To : Jenni Bonnitcha
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This form must be
 submitted to the Cruising
 Yacht Club of Australia by
 14th December 2007

Name of Club: _____ Nation: _____

Team Contact Person _____ Email: _____

Helmsperson: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

ISAF Sailor ID: _____ ISAF Ranking: _____

Mobile: _____ Phone: (Wk) _____

Phone: (Hm) _____ Fax: _____

Please list three recent Match Racing regattas (include event, crew position, and finishing place)

DECLARATION: By my signature I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event, and also accept to pay, with confirmation of entry, an Entry Fee of AUD\$990 and separate Damage Deposit of AUD\$600.

SIGNED:..... (Helmsperson)