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LINE 7 NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

16th-17th April 2016
Grade 3

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NOTICE OF RACE

Version 3

- changes to weight limit

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.

2. VENUE

2.1 The venue will be the Waitemata Harbour, Auckland, New Zealand.

3. EVENT GRADING

3.1 The event is an ISAF Grade 3 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 PROGRAMME

- 4.1
- (a) Registration & Weigh in from 0900hrs Friday 15th April 2016 (during office hours), until 0845hrs Saturday 16th April.
 - (b) First briefing at 0845hrs Saturday 16th April 2016.
 - (c) First meeting with the umpires will follow the first briefing.
 - (d) Racing days will be Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th April 2016 (inclusive).
 - (e) Scheduled time of the first race each day will be 1000hrs.
 - (f) The second briefing will be held at 0845hrs on Sunday 17th April 2016.
 - (g) Prize giving will be held Sunday 17th April 2016 at the conclusion of racing.

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) First and second briefing for skippers.
- (b) Prize giving on Sunday 17th April 2016.

5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Up to ten female skippers will be invited, invitations will be first issued to:
- (i) The winner of the 2014 New Zealand Women's Match Race Championships, (Susannah Pyatt) or runner-up (Claudia Pierce).
 - (ii) An RNZYS Lion Foundation Youth Training Programme nominee.
 - (iii) Further invitations will be issued to the four highest ranking NZ skippers on the ISAF Match Race Ranking list (February 2016).
 - (v) Four additional entries.
- (b) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- (c) To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation in writing (fax or e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- (d) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF Eligibility Code, regulation 19.2.
- (e) All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.
- (f) To be eligible to compete in this event each female entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognised by the entrant and crew member's national authority.

6. ENTRIES

- 6.1 The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card, cash or cheque.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee shall be paid of NZ\$600, shall be payable as follows:

- (a) A deposit of NZ\$200, by 1700hrs on Monday 1st February 2016;
- (b) The Remaining of NZ\$400 by 1700 hrs on Wednesday 6th April 2016. Please note if paying by international bank transfer, you will be liable for the bank fees that apply.

6.3 Damage Deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of NZ\$1,000 shall be recorded at registration, unless extended by the OA.
- (b) The damage deposit is the limit of liability for each boat for each incident. For multiple boat collisions the skipper(s) at fault will be liable for \$1,000 per boat and may be required to pay the damage deposit for each boat.
- (c) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it will require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.

7. RULES

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS), including Appendix C.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

- (a) Under RRS 86.3 this event will test a package of test rules proposed for match racing as approved by Yachting New Zealand. See detailed wording for these rule changes in NoR Addendum A.
- (b) 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.
- (c) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions.

8. BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 (a) The event will be sailed in Elliott 7m boats provided by the OA.
- (b) The following sails will be provided for each boat:
 - Mainsail, Jib and Gennakers.
- (c) Boats will be allocated by daily draw and will be identified by boat name and number.

9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- (a) The number of crew including the skipper shall be 4 or 5. All shall be female, and all registered crew shall sail all races.
- (b) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be **272** kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- (c) Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. At any re-weighing the total weight is increased by 10kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalized, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.
- (d) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- (e) 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 stages:
 - Stage 1 – Single Round Robin
 - Stage 2 - Semi Final/Final
- (b) The OA 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. COURSE

- (a) The course will be windward/leeward with optional offset legs in the event of cross course current, resulting in either port or starboard roundings and finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be within the Waitemata Harbour.

12. ADVERTISING

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA. ISAF, Regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- (b) 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 principal trophy for first place will be the Leith Mossman Memorial Trophy.
- 13.2 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

- 14.1 If required by the OA:
 - (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - (b) Competitors may wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
 - (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them while racing.
- 14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.3 The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15. COACH BOATS

- (a) 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.
- (b) The OA will not provide berths for coach boats.
- (c) 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 Protest Committee.

16. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Each competitor is required to supply their own buoyancy aid that must be worn at all times while afloat.

17. DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in RNZYS races or any other sailing events controlled by the RNZYS, as between the RNZYS and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the RNZYS and any sponsor associated with this event has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The RNZYS and any sponsor associated with this event shall not be responsible for the competence of a skipper or crew. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

18. INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited female skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the attached Expression of Interest form.

19. CONTACT

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ADDENDUM A - PACKAGE OF TEST MATCH RACING RULES 2016

Below are the details of the changes to the RRS.

The rules below in red represent changes to the 2015 test rules.

A. Add new RRS 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

B. Delete RRS 18, C2.6 and C2.7 and replace with:

18 MARK ROOM

18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However, it does not apply between a boat approaching a *mark* and one leaving it.

18.2 Giving Mark-Room

- (a) When the first boat reaches the *zone*,
 - (1) if boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*.
 - (2) if boats are not *overlapped*, the boat that has not reached the *zone* shall thereafter give *mark-room*.
- (b) If the boat entitled to *mark-room* leaves the *zone*, the entitlement to *Markroom* ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required based on the relationship of the boats considered at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.
- (c) If a boat obtained an inside *overlap* and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat is unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.

18.3 Tacking or Gybing

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way boat must *change tack* at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she *changes tack* she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate *mark* or a finishing *mark* and a boat shall not be penalized for breaking this rule unless the course of another boat was affected by the breach of this rule.

C. Change definition of Mark-Room to:

Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* on the required side. If room includes a change of *tack*, such *tack* or *gybe* shall be done no quicker than a *tack* or *gybe* to sail her *proper course*.

D. Add the following new rule:

C2.14 Rule 17 is deleted.