



NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS

6 - 9 March 2008

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

2.0 VENUE

The venue will be the Waitemata Harbour adjacent to Westhaven, Auckland, New Zealand.

3.0 EVENT GRADING

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.

4.0 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 4.1 (a) Sailing Office open from Thursday 6 March 2008 at 0900hrs.
- (b) Registration from 0900hrs until 1800hrs Thursday 6 March 2008.
- (c) Crew weighing from 0900hrs until 1800hrs Thursday 6 March 2008.
- (d) Practice from 1200hrs until 1600hrs Thursday 6 March 2008.
- (e) First briefing at 1800hrs Thursday 6 March 2008.
- (f) First meeting with the umpires will follow the first briefing.
- (g) Daily briefings will be held at 0815hrs on each race day.
- (h) Racing days from Friday 7 to Sunday 9 March 2008.
- (i) Time of the first warning signal each day will be 0930hrs.
- (j) Prize giving on Sunday 9 March 2008 at the conclusion of racing.

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

- (a) First briefing for skippers,
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Prize giving for all entrants on the Sunday 9 March 2008.

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SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) 10 female skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
Invitations will be first issued to:
 - (i) The winner of the 2007 New Zealand Women's Match Racing Championships (Nicky Souter)
 - (ii) An RNZYS LION FOUNDATION Youth Training Programme nominee (Samantha Osborne)
 - (iii) At least six New Zealand skippers
 - (iv) Two other 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, or by fax or e-mail 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.

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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 of NZ\$600 shall be paid by 1700hrs Tuesday 19 February 2008.
- 6.3 Damage deposit
 - (a) An initial damage deposit of NZ\$1000 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
 - (b) 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 skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
 - (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days of the finish of the event.

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RULES

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008, including Appendix C.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races.

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BOATS AND SAILS

- (a) The event will be sailed in Elliott 6m Yachts provided by the OA.
- (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 daily and will be identified by boat name and number.

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CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- (a) The number of crew including the skipper shall be 4. 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) 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 replacement.

10.0 EVENT FORMAT

- (a) The event will consist of the following stages:
Championship Section: Stage 1 - Double round robin
Stage 2 - Semi Final/Final
- (b) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions or other circumstances do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11.0 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 the Waitemata Harbour adjacent to the Squadron.

12.0 ADVERTISING

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA. ISAF, Regulation 20.3.2 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).

13.0 PRIZES

- (a) The principal trophy for first place will be the Leith Mossman Memorial Trophy.
- (b) The highest placed New Zealand Passport holder will receive an invitation to compete in the ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championships to be held between 1 – 6 April 2008 hosted by the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.

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

14.0 COACH BOATS

- (a) Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- (b) The organisers will not provide berths for coach boats.
- (c) After the Warning Signal all coach boats shall stay off the course area. Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Jury to the appropriate skipper or team.

15.0 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

N/A

16.0 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 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 is not responsible for the sea-worthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

17.0 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited female skippers.

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