



Finland 2017
Womens
Match Racing
World
Championship



Sailing Center

2017 Women's Match Race World Championship
June 16th - 21st 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) will be Nyländska Jaktklubben r.f. (NJK) in conjunction with the World Sailing.
- 1.2 This event is an event in the 2017 Women's International Match Racing Series. The Terms of Series can be found on www.wimseries.com.

2 VENUE

- 2.1 The venue will be Hernesaari, Helsinki, Finland.

3 EVENT GRADING

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

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from June 16th at 09:00.
- (b) Registration from June 16th at 09:00 until 18:00.
- (c) Crew weighing from June 16th at 09:00 until 18:00.
- (d) Practice from June 16th at 10:00 until 17:00.
- (e) First briefing at June 16th at 18:00.
- (f) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
- (g) Opening Ceremony on June 16th at 20:00.
- (h) Racing days from June 17th to June 21st.
- (i) Time of the first race each day will be 10:00.
- (j) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 16:00.
- (k) Daily press conference 60 minutes after the last race of each day.
- (l) Prize giving on June 21st at 19:00.

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

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

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 14 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Invitations will be issued as follows:
- (a) The defending World Champion;
 - (b) 11 skippers will be invited using the World Sailing Women's Match Racing Ranking list on February 15th, 2017; and
 - (c) A maximum number of two (2) wild cards as agreed by the OA and World Sailing.
- 5.2 After March 15th, 2017 World Sailing 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 the invitation in writing, (e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
- 5.6 All competitors shall obtain an World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.7 All competitors shall be current members of the Women's International Match Racing Association (WIMRA).

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

- (a) The team shall be entered on completion of registration, including to sign the liability form by all crew members, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by in euros or by a major credit card only.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of **1500 €** shall be paid by **April 30th 2017**.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2).

6.4 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit commitment of 1 800 € shall be signed at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If 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 after the event.

7 RULES

7.1

- (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (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.
- (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2 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.

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

8 BOATS AND SAILS

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

8.2 Seven (7) boats will be provided.

8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Genoa, Jib, Symmetrical spinnaker.

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

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4), or five (5), or six (6). All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 Crew Weighing

- (a) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing, shall be 340 kg, 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 World Sailing Technical Delegate may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the World Sailing Technical Delegate may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

10.1 Skippers will be seeded based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.

10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 - Round robin

Stage 2 - Quarter finals

Stage 3 - Semi Finals

Stage 4 - 5-8 Place Knockouts

Stage 5 - Finals

10.3 Stage 1 may be conducted in groups or as a double round robin depending on the final number of entries.

10.4 The World Sailing Technical Delegate may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

11 COURSE

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 11.2 The intended course area will be south of Hernesaari, Helsinki and is shown on the chart course limits, Addendum of the Sailing Instructions.

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- 12.3 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 World Sailing “Nucci Novi Ceppellini Memorial Trophy”.
- 13.2 The first placed skipper in the final results will be declared as the 2017 Women’s Match Racing World Champion and will be presented with the Women’s Match Racing World Championship Trophy.
- 13.3 World Sailing Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the top 3 teams.
- 13.4 The IJ may reduce or remove a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

14 MEDIA RIGHTS, IMAGES AND SOUND

- 14.1 By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, their sponsors and World Sailing 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 OA:
 - (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - (b) Competitors shall 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 whilst racing.
- 14.3 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.4 Competitors may be required for interviews at the event.
- 14.5 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

- 15.1 The OA will provide boats from which coaches may observe racing and communicate with their teams between matches. No additional coach boats will be permitted.

16 DOPING CONTROL

Doping control may 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 organizer 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;

18 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

19 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by email to sailingcenter@njc.fi.