

THE BUDDY MELGES CHALLENGE
SEPTEMBER 16 – 20, 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) will be Sail Sheboygan.
- 1.2 This event is an event in the 2015 Women's International Match Racing Series (WIM Series). The Terms of Series can be found on www.wimseries.com.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Sheboygan, Wisconsin USA.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for an ISAF Grade 1. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office will be open ~~Wednesday~~ **Tuesday**, September ~~16~~ **15** from 0900 to 1700.
- (b) Registration will take place ~~Wednesday~~ **Tuesday**, September ~~16~~ **15** from 0900 to 1700.
- (c) Crew weighing will take place ~~Wednesday~~ **Tuesday**, September ~~16~~ **15** from 0900 to 1700 and ~~Thursday~~ **Wednesday**, September ~~17~~ **16** from 0800 to 0900.
- (d) Practice sessions will be allocated by the OA ~~Wednesday~~ **Tuesday**, September ~~16~~ **15** from 1000 to 1700.
- (e) First briefing will be held ~~Wednesday~~ **Tuesday**, September ~~16~~ **15** at 1730.
- (f) First meeting with umpires will be immediately following the first briefing.
- (g) Opening Ceremony will be held ~~Wednesday~~ **Tuesday**, September ~~16~~ **15** at 1830.
- (h) Racing days from ~~Thursday~~ **Wednesday**, September ~~17~~ **16** to Sunday, September 20.
- (i) Time of the first race each day will be 1000.
- (j) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately* 1500.
- (k) Daily press conferences may occur 30 minutes after the last race of each day.
- (l) Prize giving will take place Sunday, September 20 approximately 30 minutes after docking.

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

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers which will take place each racing day at 0830.
- (c) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (d) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 12 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Invitations will be extended to the winning skippers of the 2015 Mayor's Cup and 2015 US SAILING Women's Match Racing Championship.
- 5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 A non-refundable entry bond of \$US 250 shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation for this to be valid, and will be credited towards the entry fee upon completion of registration.
- 5.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- 5.6 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.
- 5.7 All competitors shall be current members of the Women's International Match Racing Association (WIMRA).

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

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/local currency/ or US check.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of \$US 750 shall be paid at registration.

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 the ISAF. (ISAF Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$US 500 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) 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 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.
- (c) RRS 31 will be changed.

- (d) RRS C2.9 is changed to delete RRS 22.3
- (e) Under RRS 86.2, this event will test a package of test rules proposed for match racing. See detailed wording for these rule changes in NOR Appendix A.

7.3 An IJ will be appointed, and approved by the NA in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Elliott 6m type boats.
- 8.2 Eight boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 3 or 4. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 204 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 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 IJ may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the IJ may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin or divided into two groups based on the ISAF ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- 10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:
 - Stage 1 - a full round robin* or a round robin in groups.
 - Stage 2 - a repechage round robin
 - Stage 3 - Quarter finals
 - Stage 4 - Semi Finals
 - Stage 5 – 5- 8 Place Knockouts
 - Stage 6 – 9-12 Place Knockouts
 - Stage 7 - Finals
- 10.3 The RC 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 east of the Sheboygan harbor and is shown on the chart course limits, Addendum F of the Sailing Instructions.

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF 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 principal prize for first place will include having the skipper and crew names engraved on the perpetual Buddy Melges Trophy.
- 13.2 Cash prizes will be awarded to the top eight places. Total prize money awarded will be \$US 10,000
- 13.3 The IJ 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 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.
- 14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

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 organization may result in a penalty applied to the appropriate skipper of team, at the discretion of the IJ.

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 16.1 Each team is requested to provide a national flag approximately 3 x 5 foot for display from the Sail Sheboygan dock flagpoles.
- 16.2 Each skipper is requested to provide a photograph and sailing CV or Resume at the time of invitation acceptance.



16.3 Upon request and availability, housing will be provided to competitors in private homes of Sheboygan area residents.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any 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.

18 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 emailing Rich Reichelsdorfer at rich@windway.org.

NoR ADDENDUM A – PACKAGE OF TEST MATCH RACING RULES version 1**

Below are the details of the changes to the RRS:

A. Add new RRS 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

When there is doubt as to the relationship or change of relationship between *boats*, the last point of certainty will apply.

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 *mark-room* ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required.
- (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 tack or gybe at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she tacks or gybes she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate *mark*.

C. Change definition of Mark-Room to:

Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark*.

D. Add the following new rule:

C2.14 Rule 17 is changed to 'After the starting signal, if a boat *clear astern* becomes *overlapped* within two of her hull lengths to *leeward* of a boat on the same *tack*, she shall not sail above her *proper course* while they remain on the same *tack* and *overlapped* within that distance, unless in doing so she promptly sails astern of the other boat.'

This rule does not apply if the right-of-way boat is on a leg to a leeward *mark* or the finishing line, or if the overlap begins while

- (a) the right-of-way boat is on a leg to a leeward *mark*,
- (b) the *windward* boat is required by rule 13 to *keep clear*, or
- (c) both boats are OCS.'