



EUROSAF Match Racing, Women's European Championships 2011

Qualification Event

May 13th – 15th 2011

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Helsingfors Segelsällskap (HSS). This event is the qualification event for the EUROSAF Match Racing, Women's European Championships 2011

2 VENUE

The venue will be HSS Skifferholmen and Hernesaari, Helsinki Finland.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for ISAF Grade 3. 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) Race office open from May 12th at 13.00.
- (b) Registration May 12th 13.00 – 21.00 and May 13th 09.00 – 9.30.
- (c) Crew weighing May 12th 13.00 – 21.00 and May 13th 09.00 – 9.30.
- (d) Practice on May 12th 13.00 – 20.00.
- (e) First briefing on May 13th 9.30.
- (f) First meeting with Umpires on May 13th 9.30
- (g) Racing days from May 13th to May 15th.
- (h) Time of the first race will be May 13th 11.00.
- (i) Prize giving on May 15th, latest at 16.00.

4.2 Attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Prize giving for skippers and crews who competed in the final and petit final.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) 12 skippers will be invited for the event. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- (b) Two places will be reserved for the host nation
- (c) Five places will be offered to the next ranking EUROSAF member countries, whose sailors have not automatically qualified for the European Championship, one of which may be a wild-card entry invited by the OA
- (d) A maximum of one invitation will be issued per country and if a country does not accept the invitation, it will be issued to the next ranking EUROSAF member country until such time as the five places are filled.
- (e) The remaining five places will be offered to non-European countries in order of the ISAF Match Racing Ranking list dated 2nd February 2011. One entry may be a wild-card entry invited by the OA
- (f) A maximum of one invitation will be issued per country and if a country does not accept the invitation, it will be issued to the next ranking country until such time as the five non-European places are filled.
- (g) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- (h) To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation by e-mail, to be received by the date specified in the letter of invitation.
- (i) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- (j) All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the Organizing Authority of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration

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 bank transfers or local currency €.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of €600 EUR shall be paid by 1st May 2011.

6.3 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of €1,200 EUR shall be paid at registration (credit cards are accepted), unless extended by the Organizing Authority.
- (b) In the event of a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the Organizing Authority 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 will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

7 RULES

- (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, and 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.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- (a) The event will be sailed in Elliot 6m boats.
- (b) Six (6) boats will be provided.
- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.

- (d) Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily, or for each round, as decided by the Race Committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- (a) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 3. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- (b) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 204kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- (c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the International Jury may authorise a member of the original crew to substitute.
- (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the International Jury may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- (a) If the Organizing Authority considers it necessary the Skippers will be divided into two or more groups based on seeding/draw/results in previous competition/ISAF ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- (b) The event will consist of the following stages:
 - Stage 1 – Round Robin
 - Stage 2 – Quarter final Round Robin
 - Stage 3 - Petit finals and grand final on first to 2 points basis.
- (c) The Organizing Authority may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11 COURSE

- (a) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be east of Hernesaari in front of the venue for the Open Olympic Classes Europeans.

12 ADVERTISING

- (a) 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 Organizing Authority.
- (b) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the 3 first places.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The Organizing Authority may require television equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews. The Organizing Authority and EUROSAF shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

- (a) 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) Coaches, team leaders and representatives from participating nations shall register at the Race Office before entering the course area with a coach boat.
- (c) Coach boats shall fly a flag with their three national letters clearly displayed or shall be permanently marked with a sticker of their three national letters on each side of the boat. Each coach boat shall also fly a numbered support boat pennant provided by the organisers indicating that the boat has been registered.
- (d) The organisers will provide berths for coach boat.
- (e) Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the International Jury to the appropriate skipper or team.

16 DISCLAIMER

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

17 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers.. If you wish to be invited, or if you wish to receive further information about the Qualifying Event please mail to mrc@hss-segel.fi. More information about the event is posted on www.openeuropeans2011.com or at www.eurosaf.org

To confirm their entry, skippers are required to send the non-refundable entry fee to the organizing authority no later than 1st May 2011.

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Please state the name and country of the payer when transferring the entry fee.

Please Note:

We draw the attention of non-European teams to article 13 of the Championship Notice of Race, namely:-

13 PRIZES

The winner will be awarded The Wossala Trophy and the title EUROSAF Match Racing, Women's European Champion 2011. EUROSAF gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the first three teams. **The European Champion and winner of the Wossala Trophy must be a national of a EUROSAF Member National Authority.**