



RYA Women's Match Racing, International Qualifier, 29 July – 01 August 2010

Notice of Race

1. The Organising Authority

The Organising Authority, OA, will be the Royal Yachting Association.

2. Venue

The venue will be Weymouth, United Kingdom.

3. Event Grading

The event has applied for ISAF Grade 2. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Ranking Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4. Provisional Programme

- 4.1
- a) The Race Office will be open from 0800 on Thursday, 29 July.
 - b) Registration from 0800 till 18:00 on Thursday, 29 July.
 - c) Crew weighing from 08:00 till 18:00 on Thursday, 29 July, unless extended by the OA.
 - d) Practice from 08:00 till 18:00 on Thursday, 29 July. Contact the Organising Authority for availability.
 - e) First briefing will be on Friday, 30 July, at 0900.
 - f) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
 - g) Opening Ceremony, as appropriate. Details available on registration.
 - h) Racing days will be Friday, 30 July, to Sunday, 01 August
 - i) The time of the first race on the each day will be 10:00.
 - j) Daily press conference 60 minutes after the completion of the final race of the day.
 - k) Prize giving on completion of the Sunday press conference.
- 4.2 Unless excused by the OA attendance at the following is mandatory.
- a) Initial briefing, for teams.
 - b) Daily briefing, for teams
 - c) Daily press conference, for teams sailing that day.
 - d) Regatta dinner, as appropriate. Details available on registration.
 - e) Prize giving for final teams.

5. Teams Eligibility

- a) A maximum of 12 teams will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. One place will be offered to the RYA Women's National Match Racing Champion.
- 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 by e-mail to be received by the date specified on the letter invitation.
- d) Spare.
- e) All competitors shall meet with the eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation 19.2.
- f) All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at <http://www.sailing.org/sailors/index.php> Competitors shall inform the O.A. of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

6. Entries

6.1 The team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by local currency, GBP.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-returnable entry fee of GBP 350 shall be paid with the invitation acceptance.

6.3 Damage Deposit

- a) An initial damage deposit of GBP 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) In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require the deposit be restored to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.
- c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within the 10 days after the event.

7. Rules

- 7.1
- a) The events will be governed by the current rules as defined in the RRS, and include RRS Match Racing Rules, Appendix C.
 - b) The 'SI Appendix C - Handling Boats' will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules shall not apply.
 - c) The National Authority prescriptions shall apply, available at;

<http://www.rya.org.uk/infoadvice/racing/racingrules/Pages/the-rules.aspx>

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

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.

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

8. Boats and Sails

- a) The event will be sailed in Elliott 6 (modified).
- b) There will be between 4 and 8 boats provided.



- c) The following sails will be provided for each boat; Mainsail, Jib and 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 204 kg when wearing at least shorts and shirt.
- c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crewmember to substitute.
- d) When a registered crewmember is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10. Event Format

- a) Teams will be seeded based on the ISAF ranking list published on 21 July 2010.
- b) The event will consist of the following stages:-
 - Stage 1 - Round Robin
 - Stage 2 - Semi-Finals
 - Stage 3 - Finals
- c) The OA 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 roundings, finishing downwind.
- b) The intended course area will be Portland Harbour and Weymouth Bay.

12. Advertising

- a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.3 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- b) The OA intends to supply the following equipment; sponsor leach flag.
- c) Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- d) Boats may not protest for breaches of any rule regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13. Prizes

- a) Prizes will be awarded.
- b) 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 equipment 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 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 organisers 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 at the discretion of the Jury/Protest Committee to the appropriate skipper or team.

16. Other Requirements

- a) Each team is requested to provide a national flag approximately 40cm on the hoist for display from the stern of the boat or leach of the mainsail.
- b) Each team is requested to provide their national anthem on CD.

17. Disclaimer

Identification & Acknowledgement of Risk.

Skippers and crew should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active watersports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries. Skippers and crew should be aware of particular risks of match racing where yachts are manoeuvred in close proximity and that the actions of other competitors, the actions or inactions of the organisers, including drivers of escort craft, can also endanger their safety.

The safety of the boat and her crew and her entire management are the sole responsibility of the skipper and he/she should satisfy him/herself that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the Event.

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 completing the attached form.

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