

Competitors



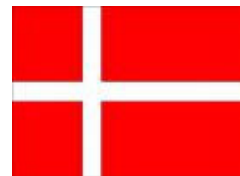
CLAIRE LEROY Mermaid Sailing Team
France **World Ranking #1**
Yacht Club Sport Nautique de Saint Quay Portrieux
Crew Marie Riou, Elodie Bertrand, Claire Pruvot, **Coach** Marc Boulet

At just 28 years of age Claire has held the #1 spot in the ISAF Women's Match Rankings since May 2005 and is also the current ISAF Women's World Match Racing Champion.



LOTTE MELDGAARD PEDERSEN Team HSH Nordbank
Denmark **World Ranking #2**
Yacht Club Royal Danish Yacht Club
Crew Christina Refin, Kristine Visborg Stenstrom, Mia Nini Nielsen

Lotte has been match racing with her team since 1992 at the Royal Danish Yacht Club, and finished 3rd at last year's ISAF Women's World Championships.



KATIE SPITHILL Team Acuity
Australia **World Ranking #3**
Yacht Club Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club
Crew Nina Curtis, Jessica Eastwell, Kristen Short, **Coach** Traks Gordon

The 25 year old Australian has had a great year holding her ISAF Ranking inside the top 5 in the world throughout, and finishing 2nd at last year's ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championships.



CHRISTELLE PHILIPPE
France **World Ranking #4**
Yacht Club APCC
Crew Julie Bossard, Celine Devaux, Vanessa Godet, **Coach**

Christelle was 6th at last year's ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championships and



SILKE HAHLBROCK Team Germany
Germany **World Ranking #6**
Yacht Club Hamburger Segel-Club
Crew Nele Marie Bock, Marion Rommel, Kerstin Schult, **Coach** Robs Hielkema

At just 24 years of age Silke is one of the youngest skippers inside the top 10 and came 7th at last year's ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championships.



ELIZABETH BAYLIS San Francisco Women's Match Racing Team
United States of America **World Ranking #10**
Yacht Club San Francisco Yacht Club
Crew Lee Lcyda, Karina Shelton, Suzy Leech

Elizabeth (Liz) won the ISAF Women's World Match Racing Championships in 2002 and is also the former Rolex Women's Sailor of the Year.



JOSEPHINE GIBSON e1 Business / Andark Diving
Great Britain **World Ranking #11**
Yacht Club Island Sailing Club
Crew Barbara Watson, Rachel Larman, Bex Marriott, **Coach** Paul Gliddon

Formerly a 470 sailor, Josie won the St.Quay—Grade 1 Women's Match Racing, and made the semi finals in the 2007 ISAF Women's Worlds Match Racing Championships.





GEMMA FARRELL Team Sail 4 Cancer
Great Britain World Ranking #12
 Yacht Club Royal Thames Yacht Club
 Crew Lucy Burn, Imogen Wellington, Bethan Carden



Gemma came from Yngling's into Match Racing, 6th Ladies Match Cup, 2nd German Women's Cup, 2nd European University Match Racing Cup, 11th at the 2007 ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championships.



SILJA LEHTINEN Team Audi
Finland World Ranking #13
 Yacht Club NJK
 Crew Maria Klemetz, Livia Varesmaa, Vivi Fleming-Lehtinen, Coach Ville Varesmaa



Silja is currently campaigning in her yngline and came 14th in the Princess Sofia Cup and competed in the Yngling World Championships. Silja also races 49ers, 29er's and skiffs.



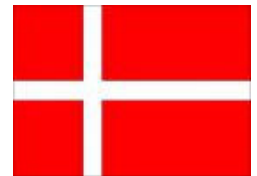
SABRINA GURIOLI World Ranking #14
Italy
 Yacht Club Club Velico Ravennate (Ravenna-Italy)
 Crew Elena Orioli, Alessandra Angelini, Lisa Lardani



1st National Women Match Racing—Palermo, 2nd Quinta do Vale Women's Match—Portogallo, 3rd Venice Trophy Match Race Open.



CAMILLA ULRIKKEHOLM Team Accura
Denmark World Ranking #15
 Yacht Club Royal Match Race Center
 Crew Rie Holm, Signe Fabricius Eggeriksen, Coach Gustav Hansen



4th Trentino Women's Match Racing Cup—Grade 1, 4th Antibes—Grade 2, 5th Women's Match Racing European Championships, 5th Portugal Women's Match Cup.



NICKY SOUTER Team Musto
Australia World Ranking #19
 Yacht Club Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club
 Crew Kylie McKillop, Lilly Taylor, Rayshele Martin



Nicky won back to back titles in the HARKEN Women's Match Racing Championships in 2006 & 2007 at CYCA in Sydney. 4th at the ISAF Nations Cup grand final in Ireland. Nicky has also completed a Sydney to Hobart onboard Wild Oats.



JESSICA SMYTH Team Georgia Racing
New Zealand World Ranking #20
 Yacht Club Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
 Crew Aimee Famularo, Sandy Kiff, Anna de Fluiter, Coach Roger Wood



Jess as the highest ranked New Zealander in the Match Race Rankings gains the Wild Card entry for this event, and is also the youngest competitor at just 23 year's of age. 2nd HARKEN Women's Match Racing Championships 2007.



JAN DAWSON Team KPMG
New Zealand World Ranking #77
 Yacht Club Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron
 Crew Carla Holgate, Laura Hemmingway, Rebekka Hielkema, Coach Harold Bennett



Jan has had a great sailing year winning the New Zealand Women's Match Racing & Fleet Racing Championships. Jan is co-owner of a Farr 40 and Farr MRX both raced regularly in Squadron races.