



OPEN EUROPEANS HELSINKI 2011

THE OLYMPIC CLASSES SAILING COMPETITION



The EUROSAF Match Racing, Women's European Championships 2011
June 29th – July 3rd 2011

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Helsinki Sail Racing Management. The Championship is part of the Open Europeans in Olympic Classes.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Hernesaari, Helsinki Finland.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for ISAF Grade 1. 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 June 28th at 13.00.
- (b) Registration June 28th 13.00 – 21.00 and June 29th 09.00 – 18.30
- (c) Crew weighing June 28th 13.00 – 21.00 and June 29th 09.00 – 18.30
- (d) Practice on June 29th 10.00 – 18.00
- (e) Opening Ceremony June 29th 19.00
- (f) First briefing on June 29th 19.30
- (g) First meeting with Umpires on June 29th at 19.30
- (h) Racing days from June 30th to July 3rd
- (i) Time of the first race each day will be 10.00.
- (j) Prize giving on July 3rd 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

5.1

- (a) 12 skippers will be invited for the event. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Skippers will be invited as follows:
- (b) One place is reserved for the current Champion.
- (c) One place is reserved for the host country.
- (d) The EUROSAF member nations with the 7 highest ranked skipper on the ISAF Match Racing Ranking that will be published 2nd February 2011, will receive an invitation, maximum one invitation per nation. EUROSAF MNAs will be invited until there are 9 European nations including the current champion and host nation.
- (e) In addition, there will be 3 further wildcards from the Qualifier Event 13th - 15th May 2011 organized by Helsingfors Segelsällskap. These qualifying teams may be from any nation. The NoR will be published on www.openeuropeans2011.com and www.eurosaf.org.
- (f) Only one entry will be accepted from any one MNA.
- (g) If fewer than 12 entries are registered within the time limit for entry, the OA will fill up with entries in accordance with EUROSAF Regulation 1.1.

5.2

- (a) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- (b) To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation by e-mail, to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- (c) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- (d) 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 June 2010.

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, 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 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(s)
 - Stage 2 – Quarter final Round Robin
 - Stage 3 - Semi-finals, followed by petit finals on first to 2 points basis and grand final on first to 3 points.
- (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 immediately 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

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.

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) Support 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 support 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 in accordance with the requirements of EUROSAF and as indicated in NoR 5. If you wish to be invited or if you wish to receive further information about the Qualifying Event please mail to info@helsinkisailracing.fi. More information about the event is posted on www.openeuropeans2011.com or at www.eurosaf.org . Please inform your MNA that you wish to participate in the event.

To confirm their entry, skippers are required to send the non-refundable entry fee to the organizing authority no later than 1st June 2010.

Bank name: Sampo Pankki
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Please state the name and country of the payer when transferring the entry fee.