



WOMEN'S MATCH RACING NOTICE OF RACE

2009 Skandia Sail for Gold Regatta At the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy 14th – 19th September 2009

1. The Organising Authority

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

2. Venue and Dates

The venue will be the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Portland, Great Britain

3. Event Grading

The event is an ISAF Sailing World Cup event.

This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Ranking Sub Committee. The events 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 Friday 11th September 2009
 - b) Registration from 0800 on each day of the event.
 - c) Crew weighing will be completed between 0900 and 1200 on the Sunday 13th September 2009, unless extended by the OA.
 - d) Practice slots of two and a half hours will be available on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th. Contact the Organising Authority for availability.
 - e) First briefing will be at 1800 on Sunday 13th September 2009.
 - f) First briefing with umpires will be immediately on completion of the first briefing.
 - g) Racing days will be Monday 14th to Saturday 19th September.
 - h) The time of the first race on each day will be 0900.
 - i) Daily press conference 30 minutes after the completion of the final race of the day
 - j) Prize giving on completion of racing on Saturday 19th September

4.2 Unless excused by the O.A. attendance at the following is mandatory.

- a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- b) Daily briefing for skippers
- c) Daily press conference for skippers each day.
- d) Prize giving for final skippers and crews.

5 Skippers Eligibility

- a) A maximum of 21 teams plus 3 teams from the host nation will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter the event.





- 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 in writing by e-mail to be received by the date specified on the letter invitation.
- d) All competitors shall meet with the eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation 19.2.1.
- e) 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.

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 GBP.
- 6.2 Entry Fee
A non-returnable entry fee of GBP 1,500 shall be paid with the entry acceptance and prior to registration for each event.
- 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 skipper 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 'Rules for the Handling of Boats' will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules shall not apply.
- 7.2 Major Rule Changes – None
- 7.3 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed, approved by the national authority, in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8 Boats and Sails

- a) The event will be sailed in Elliot 6m.
- b) Eight 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 three. 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 Jury/OA may authorise an original crewmember to substitute.
- d) When a registered crewmember is unable to continue in the event, the Jury/OA may authorise a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10. Event Format

- a) Skippers will be divided into groups based on the most recently published ISAF ranking list 5 days before the appropriate event.
- b) The event will consist of the following stages:-
 - Stage 1 - A three group Round Robin
 - Stage 2 - Repechage
 - Stage 3 - Gold group round robin
 - Stage 4 - Silver group round robin
 - Stage 5 - Quarter finals
 - Stage 6 - Semi-final
 - Stage 7 - 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 announced at the first briefing.

12. Advertising

- a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.3 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- b) Boats may not protest for breaches of any rule regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded.

14. Media, Images and Sound

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.





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) 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. Disclaimer

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

17. Invitations

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers.

- a) Applications for entry will be initially accepted up to 1st August by completing the online entry at www.skandiasailforgoldregatta.co.uk, payment of the entry fee is not required on initial application.
- b) If there are fewer than 20 applications other than the host, all applications will be accepted by 7th August and the remaining field will be filled on a first come, first served basis until 4th September 2009.
- c) If there are more than 20 applications other than the host, the applications will be accepted in the following order,
 - i) Each MNA will receive one entry. If there are more than 20 MNAs, they will be accepted according to the priority order. MNAs will be requested to prioritise entries from their country.
 - ii) After each MNA has one entry, MNAs will be awarded a second entry according to the priority order.
- d) Entry fees must be paid on the event website by Friday 4th September 2009

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