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## NOTICE OF RACE

### SOPOT MATCH RACE – 2018 World Sailing Grade 1 Event 22-25 August 2018

#### 1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Prime Group Ltd.

#### 2 VENUE AND GRADE

The venue will be at the Sheraton Sopot and the waters around the Molo Pier in Sopot, Poland.

The event will be the World Sailing Grade 1 but may be re-graded by WS.

#### 3 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

##### 3.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office open from 0900 on August 21.
- (b) Registration from 0900 to 1900 on August 21.
- (c) Crew weighing from 0900 to 1900 on August 21.
- (d) Practice from 1100 until 1830 on August 21.
- (e) First briefing at 1900 on August 21.
- (f) First meeting with umpires will follow the first briefing.
- (g) Opening Ceremony at 2000 on August 22.
- (h) Racing days from August 22-25.
- (i) Time of the first race each day will be 1000 except Day 1 at 1030
- (j) Daily press conference approx. 30 minutes after the last race of each day.
- (k) Prize giving will be at 2000 on the final day (August 25)

##### 3.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Photo shoot with the whole team in team clothing after weighing in.
- (d) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (e) Regatta dinner, for skippers.
- (f) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.
- (g) Awards dinner at 2000 on August 25 for all skippers and crews.

#### 4 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 8 to 12 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 4.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 4.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, e-mail is acceptable to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 4.4 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
- 4.5 All competitors shall obtain an World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.



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## **5 ENTRIES**

### **5.1 Entering**

- (a) 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 local currency PLN or EUR.
- (b) A valid class certificate shall be produced at the time of registration

### **5.2 Entry Fee**

A non-refundable entry fee shall be paid prior to 30.07.2018 by bank transfer to OA bank account - unless excused by OA. Details will be provided in invitation.

Entry Fee amount depends on skipper's position in World Sailing Ranking in April 2018

- 0 EUR for skippers ranked in positions 1-10
- 200 EUR for skippers ranked in positions 11-20
- 400 EUR for skippers ranked in positions 20-30
- 600 EUR for all other skippers

### **5.3 Withdrawal**

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

### **5.4 Damage Deposit and Insurance**

An initial damage deposit of €1000 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.

- (a) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (b) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.
- (c) Insurance: All competitors are required to have adequate third party liability insurance.

## **6 BOATS AND SAILS**

- 6.1 The event will be sailed in Diamant 3000 boats.
- 6.2 Max 6 boats will be provided.
- 6.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 6.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each stage as decided by the Race Committee.

## **7 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

- 7.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4 or 5.
- 7.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 350 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.

## **8 EVENT FORMAT**

- 8.1 The event will consist of the following stages:



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Stage1 - Single Round Robin

Stage2 - Quarter Finals

Stage3 - Semi Final

Stage4 - Petit Final

Stage5 - Final

8.2 The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

## **9 RACING AREA**

9.1 The intended course area will be on Gdansk Bay close to the Molo Pier in Sopot.

## **10 PRIZES**

10.1 The principal prize for first place will be the Sopot Match Race trophy.

## **11 COACH BOATS**

11.1 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.

11.2 The OA will provide berths for coach boats.

11.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the IJ to the associated skipper or team

## **12 DISCLAIMER**

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

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