

HARDY CUP

1 – 5 February 2009

U/25 ISAF GRADE 3 MATCH RACING EVENT

NOTICE OF RACE



**Organising Authority being
ROYAL SYDNEY YACHT SQUADRON
Sydney, Australia**



ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.

1 RULES

All races will be governed by:

- (a) The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012 of the International Sailing Federation, including Appendix C – Match Racing Rules, as amended.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats as detailed in the Sailing Instructions, including any practice sailing.
- (c) The prescriptions of the National Authority will not apply.

2 EVENT GRADING

The event is an ISAF Grade 3 event.

This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Advisory Board. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

3 ADVERTISING

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, ISAF regulation 20.3.2 applies. Each boat maybe required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- (b) The OA reserves the absolute right to require any competitor to remove advertising displayed by competitors on clothing, equipment, on boats to anywhere within the boundary of the regatta venue.
- (c) Boats may not protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. (Amends RRS 60.1)

4 ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Up to twelve skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- (b) Criteria for selection are enclosed within the Application for Invitation.
- (c) Team members shall not have reached their 25th birthday prior to and including Thursday, 5 February 2009.
- (d) The maximum total weight of crew (including the skipper) shall be 262.5 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- (e) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three or four. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- (f) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- (g) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of RRS Part 6 rule 75.2.

5 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 'Application for Invitation Form' and returning these forms no later than **Friday, 24 October 2008, 1700hrs.**

6 ENTRY

Eligible teams may enter by completing the attached 'Confirmation of Entry Form' and sending it, together with the required fee, to the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, 33 Peel Street, Kirribilli, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, by **Friday, 21 November 2008, 1700hrs.**

7 FEES

7.1 A non-refundable entry fee of AUD\$1,000 (including GST) shall be paid by Friday, 21 November 2008, 1700hrs. For International Teams, all payments (including bank fees) shall be made by an electronic funds transfer in Australian dollars. For Australian Teams, all payments shall be made by cash deposit in Australian dollars.

7.2 Damage deposit:

- (a) An initial damage deposit of AUD\$1,000 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. An insurance excess of AUD\$1,000 applies to each and every incident so the total liability for damage during the event may exceed AUD\$1,000.
- (b) In the event that 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.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded as soon as possible after the conclusion of the event.

8 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

8.1 The provisional program will be as follows:

- Race office will be open from approximately 0800 hrs each day.
- Registration and crew weighing from 0900hrs to 1630hrs on Sunday, 1 February 2009.
- A practice session will be available to each team, pending conditions, on Sunday, 1 February 2009, as booked with the Sailing Office.
- First skippers briefing at 1730hrs on Sunday, 1 February 2009.
- First meeting with umpires will be immediately after the first briefing on Sunday, 1 February 2009.
- A Welcome Dinner will be held at 1830hrs on Sunday, 1 February 2009. The dress code is smart casual.
- Racing days are scheduled from 2nd to 5th February 2009.
- The Warning Signal for the first race each day will be no earlier than 0920hrs.
- Press conference 45 minutes after the last race on Thursday, 5 February 2009.
- Prize giving Presentation to be held at 1830hrs on Thursday, 5 February 2009. The dress code is smart casual.

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

- (a) Initial briefing for all skippers.

- (b) Daily briefing for all skippers.
- (c) Press conferences for all skippers sailing on the final day of racing.
- (d) Welcome Dinner for all skippers and crews.
- (e) Prize giving for all skippers and crews.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available after Thursday, 29 January 2009 on the regatta website www.rsys.com.au/sailing/hardycuphomepage.php.

10 VENUE

The venue will be Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, 33 Peel Street, Kirribilli, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

11 COURSES

- (a) The course area will be located on Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour) between Kirribilli Point and South Head.
- (b) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings and finishing downwind.

12 EVENT FORMAT

- (a) The event will consist of the following stages:

- Stage 1 – Round Robin: Each team to race each other once
- Stage 2 – Round Robin Pool A: Places 1 - 6 from Stage 1
- Stage 3 – Round Robin Pool B: Places 7 -12 from Stage 1
- Stage 4 – Semi-Finals and Finals

- (b) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

13 BOATS AND SAILS

- (a) The event will be sailed in the Elliott 6 meter class.
- (b) A minimum of six boats will be provided.
- (a) The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker.
- (b) Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

14 SUPPORT 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 material support for the benefit of particular competitors either on or off water.
- (b) Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the event umpires to the appropriate skipper or team.

15 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the RSYS boat pond. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

16 PRIZES

- (a) The principal prize for first place will be the inscription on the Hardy Cup.
- (b) There will be prizes for first, second and third places.
- (c) The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in these races do so at their own risk and responsibility. Specific attention is drawn to Fundamental RRS 4 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". The RSYS, any Sponsors and the respective class association are not responsible for any damage or injury either afloat or ashore.

18 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Each International team is requested to provide a national flag no smaller than 1200mm x 800mm for display from the regatta flag masts at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.
- (b) The OA may provide for each crew member a coloured bib to wear whilst racing to assist with the identification of teams on the water for media purposes.
- (c) The OR will issue all competitors and officials temporary membership of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron for the duration of the regatta. Temporary membership will be issued on the basis that the competitors and officials respect the rules and regulations of temporary membership and can have this privilege revoked should such request be ignored.

19 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The OA may require competitors to be available for interviews. The OA shall have the right to use at any date or time, free of any charge, any images and sound recorded during the event.

20 ACCOMMODATION

Arrangements are in place to provide billeted accommodation. Full details will be provided with the letter of invitation.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron.

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