



## WOMEN'S IBERO-AMERICAN MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

Valle de Bravo, México – 12 to 15 March 2009

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority (OA) will be *Federación Mexicana de Vela* in conjunction with *Club Nautico Avandaro*, *Federación Iberoamericana de Vela* and Women's International Match Racing Association.

#### **2 VENUE**

The venue will be *Valle de Bravo, México*.

#### **3 EVENT GRADING**

The event has applied for ISAF Grade 2.

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) Registration and crew weighing from 12 March 9:00 to 13 March 10:00
  - (b) One day Clinic on 12 March from 10:00 to 19:00: It will include a class room portion to review the rules and strategies of match racing as well as on the water sessions to practice match racing skills. The clinic will be taught by Liz Baylis, WIMRA Executive Director and former Women's Match Racing World Champion
  - (c) First briefing with PRO on 13 March at 10:00
  - (d) First meeting with Umpires following the first briefing.
  - (e) Racing days from 13 to 15 March
  - (f) Time of the first race each day will be 11:00
  - (g) Prize giving on 15 March at 15:00
- 4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory: initial briefing for skippers, daily briefing, for skippers and prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

#### **5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY**

- (a) Twelve skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this 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 to be received by 31 January 2009.
- (d) A non-refundable entry bond of \$US 100, - shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for this to be valid.
- (e) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- (f) All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

## **6 ENTRIES**

- 6.1 The teams shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by cash.
- 6.2 Damage deposit
  - (a) An initial damage deposit of \$US 350,- 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 of 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 will be refunded after the last race of the event.

## **7 RULES**

- 7.1
  - (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS 2009-2012 and including Appendix C.
  - (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.
- 7.2 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 class *Santana 20* boats.
- (b) Six boats will be provided.
- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Genoa, and Spi.
- (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 shirts.
- (c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **10 EVENT FORMAT**

- (a) The event will consist of the following stages: Round Robin/Semi Final/Final
- (b) The PRO 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 on *Lago Valle de Bravo*.

## **12 ADVERTISING**

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority ISAF, regulation 20.3.2 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- (c) Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the Organising Authority.
- (d) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

## **13 PRIZES**

- (a) "Ibero-American Match Racing Trophy" for the first Ibero-American skipper.
- (b) The total prize money is \$US 3.000,00 (1<sup>st</sup>. \$US1.500,00, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$US1.000,00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$US500,00).
- (c) ISAF has been notified of these prizes.

## **14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

- 14.1 If required by the OA: Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- 14.2 The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

## **15 CREW ACCOMODATION**

The OA will provide free accommodation and subsistence for all crews.

## **16 DISCLAIMER**

All those taking 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.

## **17 INVITATIONS**

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please send your request for an invitation as soon as possible to Federación Iberoamericana de Vela [fivela.org@netcabo.pt](mailto:fivela.org@netcabo.pt)