

NOTICE OF RACE

ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship 2012

Royal Gothenburg Yacht Club

25th to 30th June 2012

(Approved by ISAF on 1 February 2012)

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Royal Gothenburg Yacht Club (GKSS) on behalf of the Swedish Sailing Federation and the International Sailing Federation.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Långedrag, Göteborg, Sweden

3 EVENT GRADING

The event is an ISAF Grade WC event.

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

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| 4.1 | Monday | 25 June | 0800-1300 | Registration and crew weigh-in |
| | | | 1000-1400 | Practice sessions allocated by the OA |
| | | | 1430 | First briefing |
| | | | 1500 | First meeting with umpires (after briefing) |
| | | | 1800 | Opening Ceremony at Hotel Post |
| | Tue-Sat | 26-30 June | 0900 | Attention signal |
| | Saturday | 30 June | | Prize giving ceremony at the conclusion of racing |
| | | | 1800 | Closing ceremony with regatta dinner |

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

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (c) Any Pro/Am, Sponsor- or celebrity race when requested by the OA to do so
- (d) Official regatta dinner, for skippers and crews.
- (e) Prize giving for the top 8 skippers and crews.
- (f) Closing Ceremony with regatta dinner for the top 13 skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1 16 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Invitations will be issued as follows:

(a) The defending champion;

(b) Fourteen (14) skippers will be invited using the ISAF Women's Match Racing Ranking list on 8 February 2012.

(c) One Wild Card as agreed by GKSS, Swedish Sailing Federation and ISAF; an additional Wild Card if the invitation under 5.1(a) is not accepted.

5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

5.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of their invitation in writing, or by fax or e-mail to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation

5.4 Any competitor **must** be a national of the MNA which she represents unless dispensation is granted by ISAF. Please see ISAF Regulation 24.5 (Nationality Criteria)

5.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.

5.6 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 skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card or local currency.

6.2 Entry Fee

There is no entry fee.

6.3 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws from 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.

6.4 Damage Deposit

(a) An initial damage deposit of 15.000 SEK 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) 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.

(c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

6.5 Insurance

All competitors are required to have adequate third party insurance.

7 RULES

7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, 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.

(c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

RRS C8.6 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

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 Elliott 6M boats.
- (b) 8 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 204 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- (c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the ISAF Technical Delegate may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the ISAF Technical Delegate may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

10.1 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 Round Robin with two groups. Seeding will be based on the ISAF Women's World Match Racing Ranking list 30 days before the event. Groupings will be made by using the formula in the ISAF Umpires Manual, Section M.

Stage 2 Gold and Silver groups Round Robin, seeded by results in stage 1.

Stage 3 Semi Finals, as specified in the sailing instructions.

Stage 4 Finals and Petit Finals, as specified in the sailing instructions.

10.2 The OA, after consulting with the ISAF Technical Delegate, 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.

11 COURSE

- (a) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be just outside Långedrag pier.

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 OA.
- (b) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

- 13.1 The first placed skipper in the Gold Group after Stage 2 will be presented with the ISAF Nucci Novi Ceppellini Memorial Trophy.
- 13.2 The first placed skipper in the final results will be declared as the ISAF Women's Match Racing World Champion 2012 and will be presented with the ISAF Francoise Pascal Memorial - Women's Match Racing World Championship Trophy.
- 13.3 ISAF Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the top 3 teams.
- 13.4 The total amount of prize money will be 400.000 SEK distributed as follows:

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| First Price | 94.000 | Eighth Price | 21.000 |
| Second Price | 56.000 | Ninth Price | 16.000 |
| Third Price | 46.000 | Tenth Price | 12.000 |
| Fourth Price | 40.000 | Eleventh Price | 7.500 |
| Fifth Price | 37.000 | Twelfth Price | 6.500 |
| Sixth Price | 32.000 | Thirteenth Price | 5.000 |
| Seventh Price | 27.000 | | |

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

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) The organisers will provide berths for coach boats.

- (c) Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied to the appropriate skipper or team, at the discretion of the International Jury.

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

None

17 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.

18 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. For further information, please contact Mr Anders Andrén at anders.andren@bjornbarsgatan.se or look at the GKSS homepage, www.gkss.se

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