



National Qualification Series, Olympic Women Match

March - October 2009

Notice of Race

1. The Organising Authority

The Organising Authority, OA, will be the Royal Yachting Association in conjunction with the host club.

2. Venue and Dates

RYA National Qualification Series Dates

Qualifier 1	07 – 08/03 2009	ISAF Grade 4 QMSC	J80 x 4
Qualifier 2	28 – 29.03 2009	ISAF Grade 4 QMSC	J80 x 4
Qualifier 3	09 – 10/05 2009	ISAF Grade 3 QMSC	J80 x 6
Qualifier 4	17 – 19/07 2009	ISAF Grade 3 WPNSA	Elliot 6M x 4
Qualifier 5	05 – 08/09 2009	ISAF Grade 2 WPNSA	Elliot 6M x 8
Qualifier 6	03 – 04/10 2009	ISAF Grade 4 WPNSA	Elliot 6M x 4
Qualifier 7	17 – 18/10 2009	ISAF Grade 4 WPNSA	Elliot 6M x 4

QMSC Queen Mary Sailing Club, London, GBR

WPNSA Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy, Portland, GBR

3. Event Grading

ISAF Grade 4 status has been applied for Qualifiers 1, 2, 6 and 7.

ISAF Grade 3 status has been applied for Qualifier 3, which may also be the nationals.

ISAF Grade 3 status has been applied for Qualifier 4.

ISAF Grade 2 status has been applied for Qualifier 5.

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
- The Race Office will be open from 0800 on each day of the events.
 - Registration from 0800 on the first day of each event.
 - Crew weighing to be completed by 0900 on the first day of each event, unless extended by the OA.
 - Practice may be available on the day prior to each event. Contact the Organising Authority for availability.
 - First briefing will be at 0900 on the first day of each event.
 - First briefing with umpires will be immediately on completion of the first briefing.
 - Opening Ceremony, as appropriate. Details available on registration.
 - Racing days will be Thursday and Friday (where applicable), and Saturday and Sunday for each event.

Olympic Women Match

- i) The time of the first race on the first day will be 1000 and for the subsequent day(s) 0930.
- j) Daily press conference 60 minutes after the completion of the final race of the day.
- k) Prize giving on completion of the Sunday press conference.

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 sailing that day.
- d) Regatta dinner, as appropriate. Details available on registration.
- e) Prize giving for final skippers and crews.

5 Skippers Eligibility

- a) Qualifiers 1, 2, 4, 6 & 7; there will be a maximum of 6 skippers invited. Qualifier 3; there will be a maximum of 10 skippers invited. Qualifier 5; there will be a maximum of 12 skippers invited. Only skippers invited by the O.A. will be eligible to enter the appropriate 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) A non-returnable entry fee of GBP 150 shall accompany the acceptance of invitation, for this to be valid.
- e) All competitors shall meet with the eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation 19.2.1.
- f) All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at http://www.sailing.org/14_2056.php Skippers shall inform the O.A. 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 all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by GBP or EURO.
- 6.2 Entry Fee
A non-returnable entry fee of GBP 150 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 250 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the O.A. 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 O.A., 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.
- c) The National Authority prescriptions shall apply, available at; <http://www.rya.org.uk/assets/racing/RYA%20Prescriptions%202009%20-%202012.pdf>

Olympic Women Match

- d) The byelaws of Queen Mary Sailing Club and Portland Harbour shall apply, as appropriate. **At QMSC Personal Floatation Devices must be worn whilst afloat.**

7.2 Major Rule Changes – None

7.3 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed for Qualifier 5, in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8 Boats and Sails

- a) Qualifiers 1, 2 & 3 will be sailed in J80s using symmetrical spinnakers. Qualifiers 4 – 7 will be sailed in Elliot 6M.
- b) Qualifiers 1 – 2, 4, 6 – 7 there will be 4 boats provided. Qualifier 3 there will be 6 boats provided. Qualifier 5 there will be 8 boats provided.
- c) The following sails will be provided for each boat; Mainsail, Jib and symmetrical 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) Qualifiers 1 – 3 the limit on the number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 5. Qualifiers 4 – 7 the limit on 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 340kg for Qualifiers 1 – 3, and 204kg for Qualifiers 4 – 7, 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 seeded 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 - Round Robin
 - Stage 2 - Semi-Finals
 - Stage 3 - 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 OA ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.3 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- b) The OA intends to supply the following equipment; sponsor backstay/leach flag. ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.3 will apply advertising as supplied by the OA is to be displayed on this equipment.
- c) Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- d) Boats may not protest for breaches of any rule regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13. Prizes

- a) Prizes will be awarded.

Olympic Women Match

- b) The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

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) The organisers will not provide berths for coach boats.
- c) 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. Other Requirements, Qualifier 5

- a) Each team is requested to provide a national flag approximately 40cm on the hoist for display from the stern of the boat.
- b) Each team is requested to provide their national anthem on CD.

17. 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.

18. 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 O.A. by completing the attached form.

Date of Issue: 9th February 2009
Notice of Race Version 1