

NYYC Women's Match Racing Clinic & Regatta

New York Yacht Club
Newport, Rhode Island, USA

May 19 – 23, 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

An elite women's match racing clinic and Grade 3 regatta focusing on U.S. women's match racers aiming to represent the U.S. in the 2012 Olympics.

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the New York Yacht Club (NYYC).

2 VENUE

The venue will be NYYC's Harbour Court clubhouse in Newport, RI, USA.

3 EVENT GRADING

This 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 for doing so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

4.1 The provisional schedule of events is:

- a. Race office is open from 1400 to 1600 hours Monday, May 18 and opens at 0800 hours, Tuesday, May 19.
- b. Registration/weigh-ins will be 1400 to 1600 hours Monday, May 18 and 0800-0830 hours Tuesday, May 19, 2009.
- c. Optional Practice from 1400-1700 hours, Monday, May 18.
- d. First briefing at 0830 hours, Tuesday, May 19.
- e. Clinic days are Tuesday, May 19 and Wednesday, May 20.
- f. Racing days are Thursday, May 21 through Saturday, May 23.
- g. First meeting with umpires at 0830, Thursday, May 21.
- h. Time of the first race each day is scheduled for 1000 hours.
- i. Daily debriefs will be held approximately 30 minutes after the boats reach the dock each day.
- j. Prize giving at approximately 1600 hours, Saturday, May 23.
- k. No attention signal will be made after 1600 hours on Saturday, May 23.

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

- a. Initial briefing, for skippers.
- b. Daily briefing, for skippers.
- c. Regatta social events, for skippers and crews. Schedule to be determined at a later date.
- d. Prize giving, for skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

Eight skippers will be invited. USOSC will choose six skippers to be invited. The OA retains the final two invitations, one of which may be made to a foreign team and the other may be made to a team representing NYYC. Only skippers invited by the USOSC or the OA will be eligible to enter this event.

- a. Requests for an invitation must be made through USOSC by 1700 on Friday, March 13, 2009 to KennethAndreasen@USSAILING.ORG.
- b. Invitations will be issued on or before March 17, 2009.
- c. After receiving an invitation, a skipper shall confirm entry by completing the attached entry form accompanied by a non-refundable entry fee of \$500 (US) by check or credit card on or before 1700 on March 24, 2009.
- d. All skippers shall be members of their National Authority.
- e. The registered skipper shall helm the yacht at all times while racing, except in an emergency. 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 Entry Completion

The team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card or check in US dollars.

6.2 Entry Fee

The entry fee for this regatta is \$500.

6.3 Damage Deposit

- a. A credit card number must be submitted at registration to cover an initial damage deposit of \$500 (US), 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 that a deduction from the damage deposit is made 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 outstanding deposit will be returned by June 23, 2009.

7 RULES

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix C. The rules for the handling of boats will apply to racing, the clinic and any practice.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- a. The event will be sailed in Sonar type boats.
- b. Eight 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 stage as decided by the OA.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- a. The skipper and all crew shall be female.
- b. The maximum number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- c. The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 272 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- d. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- e. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

10.1 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 – Coaching & Training

Each team will participate in four half day clinics.

Stage 2 – Double Round Robin

Each skipper will race against each other skipper twice.

Stage 3 - Semi Final Knockout Series

The four skippers with the highest total scores at the end of the stage 2 will advance to stage 3. The winners of each series of stage 3 will be the first boat to score 3 points. The remaining four skippers will have a concurrent Knockout Series for 5th through 8th places.

Stage 4 – Final/Petit-Final Knockout Series

The winners of stage 3 will advance to the Final series. The other competitors from stage 3 will sail in the Petit-Final series. The winner in the Final series will be the first boat to score 3 points. The winner in the Petit-Final series will be the first boat to score two points.

10.2 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 race area shall be in Narragansett Bay, between Goat Island and Rose Island – NOAA chart #13223

12 ADVERTISING

- a. The OA will supply the following: equipment, boat and sails. Advertising will be permitted for the OA in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3.2.
- b. Competitors will not be required to wear clothing or a logo of an event sponsor while racing or at official functions. Teams are encouraged to wear provided bibs during the clinic and team colors during the regatta.
- c. Boats shall not protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (this changes RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew of boats placing first through third.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

Private coach boats are not permitted. Coaches provided by USOSC and the OA shall be on the water in conspicuously marked boats.

16 OTHER INFORMATION

- a. Housing in a limited number of private homes of New York Yacht Club members may be available to competitors upon request.
- b. Lunches and cold drinks will be provided to all competitors Tuesday through Saturday.

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. All competitors shall sign a liability waiver at Registration.

18 CONTACT INFORMATION

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ENTRY FORM

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Skipper: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____
MNA: _____ Member #: _____

	<u>Name</u>	<u>ISAF ID</u>	<u>Shirt size</u>
Skipper	_____	_____	_____
Crew	_____	_____	_____
Crew	_____	_____	_____
Crew	_____	_____	_____

Entry Fee – \$500 (USD)

___ Check payable to "New York Yacht Club"
___ Credit Card Type: _____
 CC #: _____
 Expiration date: _____
 Name on Card: _____
 Billing address (if different from above):

Please email, fax or mail this ENTRY FORM to the NYYC Sailing Office by 1700 on March 24, 2009.

Email: sailingoffice@nyyc.org
Fax: +1(401) 846-3303
Mail: Sailing Office, New York Yacht Club; 5 Halidon Ave.; Newport, RI 02840