

Women's Match Racing World Championship

Notice of Race (NoR)

Ekaterinburg (Russia) 13 to 18 August 2018

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Women's Match
Racing World
Championship

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) will Gubernskiy Yacht Club Komatek (GYCK) in conjunction with World Sailing and the support of Sverdlovsk Sailing Federation, the Russian Yachting Federation (RYF), the Ministry of Sport of Sverldlovsk Region, and the Russian Ministry of Sport.
- 1.2 This event is an event in the 2018 Women's International Match Racing Series (WIM Series). The Terms of Series can be found on www.wimseries.com.

2 VENUE

The venue will be the Verkh-Isetskiy Pond, near the Gubernskiy Yacht Club Komatek (GYCK), Ekaterinburg, Russia.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event is a WC event. This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 4.1 Schedule
 - (a) Race office open on Monday 13 August at 0900.
 - (b) Registration from 1000 until 1800 on Monday 13 August.
 - (c) Crew weighing from 1000 until 1800 on Monday 13 August.
 - (d) Practice from 1100 until 1800 on Monday 13 August.
 - (e) First briefing at 1800 on Monday 13 August.
 - (f) First meeting with umpires immediately following the first briefing.
 - (g) Opening Ceremony at 1800 on Tuesday 14 August.
 - (h) Racing days from August 14 to 18.
 - (i) Time of the first race each day will be 1000.
 - (j) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 1500.
 - (k) Daily press conference approximately 60 minutes after the last race of each day.
 - (l) Prize giving on date at 1700 on Saturday 18 August.
- 4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
 - (a) Initial briefing, for skippers.
 - (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
 - (c) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
 - (e) Prize giving for all skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Twelve (12) 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 World Champion; and
 - (b) 9 skippers will be invited using the World Sailing Women's Match Racing Ranking list on 14 March 2018; and
 - (c) A maximum number of two (2) wild cards as agreed by the OA and World Sailing.
- 5.2 After 15 April 2018 the OA may issue invitations for remaining places at its discretion. If you want to be invited please send the Request for Invitation Forms attached to this NoR to matchracing@sailing.org. The form can also be found [here](#).
- 5.3 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.4 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, (e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.
- 5.6 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.7 All competitors shall be current members of the Women's International Match Racing Association (WIMRA).
- 5.8 All competitors shall be current members of their Member National Authority MNA.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

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 cash.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of EUR 500 in cash shall be paid at registration and before any practice sailing.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of 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 for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of EUR 1000 in cash 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 after prize-giving ceremony but not later than 18 August.

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**
- (a) 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.
- (b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
- 7.3 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed, and approved by the NA in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Ricochet-747 type keel boats.
- 8.2 Eight (8) boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Genoa, Jib, Spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the race committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4) or five (5). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 **Crew Weighing**
- The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 272 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.
- 9.3 Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalized, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.
- 9.4 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the WS Technical Delegate (TD) may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the TD may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin or divided into two groups based on the World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- 10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:
 - Stage 1 – Round Robin
 - Stage 2 – Repechage Round Robin
 - Stage 3 – Quarter Finals
 - Stage 4 – Semi Finals
 - Stage 5 – Finals
- 10.3 Stage 1 may be conducted in groups or as a double round robin depending on the final number of entries.
- 10.4 The TD may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

11 COURSE

- 11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 11.2 The intended course area will be Verkh-Isetskiy Pond, near the Guberskiy Yacht Club Komatek (GYCK).

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 12.2 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- 12.3 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 after Stage 1 will be presented with the World Sailing “Nucci Novi Ceppellini Memorial Trophy”.
- 13.2 The first placed skipper in the final results will be declared as the 2018 Women’s Match Racing World Champion and will be presented with the Women’s Match Racing World Championship Trophy.
- 13.3 World Sailing Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the top 3 teams.
- 13.4 Additionally there may be other prizes and/or memory gifts established by Sponsors of the Event, but no prize-money
- 13.5 These prizes have been approved by the national authority.
- 13.6 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

- 14.1 By participating in the 2018 Youth Match Racing World Championship competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, their sponsors and World Sailing the right in perpetuity to make, use of, publish and exhibit, at their sole discretion, any motion pictures, live or taped film or video, television productions and other reproductions, photographs etc. of him/her taken during the period of the competition, in which the competitor participates, without compensation.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

15 COACH BOATS

No coach boats will be permitted or given.

16 DOPING CONTROL

Doping control will be conducted in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code. In-competition testing may be carried out at the event.

18 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any 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.

19 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and the boat supplied to them to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their supplied boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their supplied boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

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