

# **HARKEN®**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **HARKEN WOMEN'S International Match Racing Championship 2009**

4 – 8 April, 2009

Organising Authority:  
Cruising Yacht Club of Australia



**CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA**

*Home of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race*

**1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA).

**2. VENUE**

The venue will be the CYCA, New Beach Rd, Darling Point, New South Wales  
Racing will be conducted on the waters of Sydney Harbour, NSW.

**3. EVENT GRADING**

The event is an ISAF Grade 3 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 PROGRAM**

4.1 The event will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of April, 2009.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4 Apr</b>	0900 – 1700 hrs	Race office open
		0900 – 1600 hrs	Registration and Crew Weigh-in
		1300 – 1600 hrs	Practice
		1600	Boat Draw
		1730	Welcome Function & Skippers Briefing / – Freya Room
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5 Apr</b>	0800 hrs	Breakfast – CYCA Deck
		0830 hrs	Briefing
		Following briefing	Umpires Briefing
		1015 hrs	First Warning Signal
		30 mins after docking	Umpires Debrief & Boat Draw
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6 Apr</b>	0800 hrs	Breakfast – CYCA Deck
		0830 hrs	Briefing
		Following briefing	Umpires Briefing
		1015 hrs	First Warning Signal
		30 mins after docking	Umpires Debrief & Boat Draw
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7 Apr</b>	0800 hrs	Breakfast – CYCA Deck
		0830 hrs	Briefing
		Following briefing	Umpires Briefing
		1015 hrs	First Warning Signal
		30 mins after docking	Umpires Debrief & Boat Draw
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8 Apr</b>	0800 hrs	Breakfast – CYCA Deck
		0830 hrs	Briefing
		Following briefing	Umpires Briefing
		1015 hrs	First Warning Signal
		30 mins after docking	Umpires Debrief
		1730	Presentation Ceremony – Freya Room

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

- a) Welcome Ceremony
- b) Daily briefing for skippers
- c) Umpires Debrief
- d) Presentation Ceremony

## 5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- a) The Organising Authority will invite a maximum of ten (10) female skippers to enter this event.
- b) Competitors wishing to be invited should register their intention with the OA by completing the attached Application for Invitation. Applications must be received by the CYCA by **1700hrs Friday 30 January, 2009**.
- c) To remain eligible for entry, a team shall confirm acceptance of invitation in writing (facsimile or email is acceptable) to be received by the date on the letter of invitation.
- d) Any competitor (skipper or crew) must be national member of the MNA she represents (except if dispensation is granted by ISAF). Please see regulation 17.5 (National Criteria Guidelines)
- e) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of the ISAF eligibility Code, regulation 19.2.
- f) The designated skipper shall helm the boat at all times whilst racing, except in an emergency.
- g) All skippers shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor).

## 6. ENTRIES

- 6.1 Invited teams may enter by completing the Entry Form, which will be forwarded with confirmation of acceptance.
- 6.2 Entry fee: A non-refundable entry fee of \$990 shall be paid to the CYCA by **1700hrs Friday 20 February 2009**. Entries will not be accepted until payment has been received. 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, electronic funds transfer or cheque.
- 6.3 Damage Deposit
  - a) An initial damage deposit of AUD \$600 per team shall be paid at the time of Registration, unless extended by the Organising Authority. This deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of any one incident.
  - b) In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the Organising Authority, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the team will be permitted to continue in the event.
  - c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded by 30 days after the event.

## 7. RULES

- 7.1 The following rules shall govern the event:
  - a) The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation, including Appendix C.
  - b) The Prescriptions and Special Regulations of Yachting Australia
  - c) The Notice of Race, including amendments
  - d) The Sailing Instructions (available at registration) and any amendments
  - e) The Rules for the Handling of Boats as detailed in the Sailing Instructions
  - f) Class rules will not apply.

## 8. BOATS AND SAILS

- a) The event will be sailed in Elliott 6 class boats.
- b) Ten boats will be provided.
- c) One Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker will be provided with each boat.
- d) Boats will be allocated to teams 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 or 4.
- b) All registered crew shall sail all races.
- c) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 272kg.
- d) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- e) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the Organising Authority may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## 10. EVENT FORMAT

- a) The event will consist of the following rounds:
  - Stage 1 – A double round robin
  - Stage 2 – A sail off between places 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - Stage 3 – Semi-finals - first to score 2 points
  - Stage 4 – Petite-final - first to score 2 points for places 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Finals – first to score 3 points for places 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>Stages 2 & 3 and 2 & 4 may be sailed concurrently.
- b) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round when, in their opinion, conditions do not permit completion of the intended format.

**11. COURSE**

- a) The course to be sailed will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- b) The intended course area is in the vicinity of Rushcutters Bay, Sydney Harbour.

**12. ADVERTISING**

- a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, ISAF regulation 20.3.2 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- b) The OA reserves the absolute right to require any competitor to remove advertising displayed by competitors on clothing, equipment (while racing or attending official functions), on boats to anywhere within the boundary of the regatta venue which may be in contravention of moral decency or government regulation.
- c) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for infringements of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).
- d) Competitors may be required to wear clothing displaying the event sponsors name(s)/logo(s). If required these items will be supplied by the OA and worn whilst racing.

**13. PRIZES**

- a) The principal prize for First Place will be the CYCA Women's MR Trophy.
- b) Harken will provide prizes for first, second and third places or at the discretion of the OA.

**14. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

The conditions of entry include that competitors acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the event and may exercise those rights as it sees fit and that the Organising Authority has the unconditional perpetual right to publish and broadcast, for any purpose and in any media, photographs and video and audio recordings taken of boats and competitors during the event.

**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 OA will provide berths for visiting coach boats where possible upon formal written request.
- c) Only coaches, who hold, as a minimum, current NCAS Level 1 Sailing Coach Accreditation or an equivalent International qualification and have signed the required Coaches Code of Conduct, are authorised to go afloat in a coach boat within the defined course area.
- d) Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the event umpires to the appropriate skipper or team.

**16. CLUB FACILITIES**

The OA will issue all competitors and officials of the Harken Women's International Match Racing Championship 2009 temporary membership of the CYCA for the duration of the regatta. Temporary membership will be issued on the basis that competitors and officials respect the rules and regulations of temporary membership and can have this privilege revoked should such request be ignored. Competitors and officials are to present themselves to the regatta office on arrival to be issued with their temporary membership pass.

**17. DISCLAIMER**

All those participating in the event do so at their own risk and responsibility. Competitors must acknowledge this prior to competing, and release the Organising Authority and its sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability by signing a form provided by the Organising Authority. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states:  
"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

**18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Please contact: Justine Kirkjian  
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Cruising Yacht Club of Australia  
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Darling Point NSW 2027

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## **APPLICATION for INVITATION**

**To :** CYCA Youth Sailing Academy  
Cruising Yacht Club of Australia  
New Beach Rd, Darling Point, NSW 2027  
Fax: (02) 93633065 Email: justine.kirkjian@cyca.com.au

**This form must be returned  
to Cruising Yacht Club of  
Australia Youth Sailing  
Academy by Friday 30  
January, 2009**

**Name of Club:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team Contact Person:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Post Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SKIPPER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Skipper Mobile No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Skipper Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MYA No:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ISAF number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ISAF ranking:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Skipper must complete the following information.

The most recent principle match racing regattas in which I have participate:-

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Position in boat</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b># of Entries</b>	<b>Finishing position</b>

**DECLARATION:** By my signature I agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event, and also accept to pay, with confirmation of entry, an Entry Fee of \$990 and separate Damage Deposit of \$600

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Helmsman )