

**ISA Inland Match Race Championship 2009**  
**ISAF EVENT GRADE 4**  
**Lough Derg Yacht Club**  
**April 18/19 2009**

**NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)**

**1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Lough Derg Yacht Club

**2 VENUE**

The venue will be Lough Derg, Dromineer, Nenagh, Co Tipperary

**3 EVENT GRADING**

The event is an ISAF Grade 4

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**

- 4.1
- (a) Race office open from 1900 Friday April 17 2009
  - (b) Registration from 0830 on Saturday April 18 2009
  - (c) Crew weighing from 0830 on Saturday April 18 2009
  - (d) Practice and training is available by arrangement with SailFleet and the OA separate from this NOR and event. Sailors and teams are encouraged to avail of this facility which is based on demand and not allocated.
  - (e) First briefing at 0930 on April 18 2009
  - (f) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
  - (g) Racing days are April 18-19 2009
  - (h) First race warning signal on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April will be 10:30 and Sunday at 10:00.
  - (j) A prize giving will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

**5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY**

- (a) 12 skippers will be invited by the OA.

The criteria for invitation will be based upon the following:

- 1. ISAF World Match Race Rankings at the time of invitation
- 2. Results in previous ISA Match Racing Championships

Two wildcard entries will also be selected by the OA.

- (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, (fax or e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- (d) A non-refundable entry fee of €500 (via credit card or cheque) shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for this to be valid.
- (e) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- (f) All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

## 6 ENTRIES

6.1 (a) 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 credit card/cash/cheque.

### 6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of €500 shall be paid with the invitation acceptance and by the time of registration.

### 6.3 Damage deposit

(a) An initial damage deposit of €1000 shall be paid by credit card at registration, 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 of a deduction from the damage deposit, the OA 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 by credit card within 10 days after the event.

## 7 RULES

### 7.1

(a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, and including Appendix C.

(b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and races. Class rules will not apply.

(c) The prescriptions of the Irish Sailing Association shall apply.

(d) The bye laws of Lough Derg Yacht Club shall apply. **(Buoyancy Aids must be worn whilst afloat)**

## 8 BOATS AND SAILS

(a) The event will be sailed in SailFleet J80 type boats using symmetrical spinnakers.

(b) Up to 8 boats will be provided.

(c) The following sails will be provided for each boat:  
Mainsail, Jib, 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) There is no limit to the number of crew (including the skipper). All registered crew shall sail all races.

(b) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 350 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.

(c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

(d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **10 EVENT FORMAT**

- (a) Skippers may be divided into two groups based on seeding from the ISAF ranking list 30 days prior to the event and a draw for unranked skippers.
- (b) The event will consist of the following stages:  
Stage 1 - a round robin series (in groups)  
  
Stage 2 - a knock out series of Quarter Final/Semi Final/Final rounds.
- (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 briefing.

## **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 intend to supply the equipment. ISAF regulation 20.3.2 will apply and Category C advertising as supplied by the OA is to be displayed on this equipment – sponsor flags and decals.
- (d) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

## **13 PRIZES**

- (a) Prizes will be awarded
- (b) The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request.

## **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 shall 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 endeavour to 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 Protest Committee, to the appropriate skipper or team.

## 16 **DISCLAIMER**

### **Identification and Acknowledgement of Risk.**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. Skippers and crew should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active water sports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries. Skippers and crew should be aware of particular risks of 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.

The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the event.

## 17 **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 OA by completing the attached form.

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