

ISAF WOMEN'S MATCH RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

6 – 11 August 2007
St. Quay-Portrieux, France

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Sport Nautique de Saint Quay – Portrieux (SNSQP) and the Federation Francaise de Voile (FFV) on behalf of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF).

2 VENUE

The venue will be St. Quay-Portrieux, France

3 EVENT GRADING

The event is an ISAF Grade WC 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 PROGRAMME

- 4.1
- (a) Race office open from 6 August at 0900.
 - (b) Registration on 6 August from 0900 to 1730.
 - (c) Crew weighing on 6 August from 0900 to 1730.
 - (d) Practice on 6 August from 1000 to 1730.
 - (e) First briefing on 6 August at 1830.
 - (f) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
 - (g) Opening Ceremony on 6 August at 1930.
 - (h) Racing days from 7 August to 11 August 2007.
 - (i) Time of the first race each day will be at 1000.
 - (j) Daily morning briefing will be at 0830.
 - (k) Daily press conference 30 minutes after the last race of each day.
 - (l) Prize giving on 11 August at 2000.
- 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.
 - (d) Regatta dinner, for skippers.
 - (e) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) 12 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
Invited skipper are:
 - The defending Champion.
 - 10 skippers invited, using the ISAF World Match Race Women's Rankings on 1 February 2007.
 - One wild card as agreed by ISAF, FFV and SNSQP.If the defending Champion declines to take part there will be two wild cards as agreed by ISAF, FFV and SNSQP.
- (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) Any competitor (skipper and crew) must be a national of the MNA which he represents. Please see ISAF Regulation 17.5 (Nationality Criteria Guidelines) except if dispensation granted by ISAF.
- (e) A non-refundable entry fee of EUR 500 shall accompany the acceptance of invitation for this to be valid.
- (f) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- (g) 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 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 or local currency in cash.
- 6.2 Entry Fee
A non-refundable entry fee is described under 5(e).
- 6.3 Damage deposit
- (a) An initial damage deposit of EUR 500 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) In the event of a deduction from the damage deposit 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 within 10 days after the event.
- 6.4 Insurance
- (a) Each crew member, French or living in France, shall be holder of a valid FFV licence, to be presented during entry confirmation.
 - (b) All foreign crews shall be holder of a third party insurance, covering at least EUR 1,500.000 or its equivalent. Insurance certificate shall be enclosed in the entry file.
 - (c) If the OA does not agree with insurance certificate, all the crew members must subscribe the insurance proposed by the FFV.

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 sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
 - (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 7.2 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed, approved by FFV, in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
- 7.3 The OA may place an observer on each boat to provide information to the umpires.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- (a) The event will be sailed in First Class 8 type boats.
- (b) 9 boats will be provided.
- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat:
Mainsail, Jib, 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) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4. All registered crew shall sail all races. All registered crew (including the skipper) shall be female.
- (b) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 272kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- (c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the ISAF Technical Delegate may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the ISAF Technical Delegate may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment. The ISAF Technical Delegate may decide that 5(d) of this Notice of Race will not apply in these circumstances.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- (a) The event will consist of the following stages:
Stage 1 - Round Robin
Stage 2 - Repechage
Stage 3 - Quarter Final/Semi Final/Final
- (b) 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 optional offset legs in the event of cross course current, resulting in either port or starboard roundings and finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be in front of the Port d'Armor.

12 ADVERTISING

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF regulation 20.3.2 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- (b) Competitors may be required to wear bibs provided by the OA. Instruction for the use will be provided at registration.
- (c) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

The first placed skipper will be declared as the ISAF Women's Match Racing World Champion 2007 and will be presented with the Francoise Pascal Memorial Trophy.
ISAF gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented to the top three teams.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The OA may require television personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews. The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

Coach boats shall not be allowed. 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.

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Each team is requested to provide a national flag approximately 0,3m by 0.5m for display from the stern of the boat.
- (b) Each team is requested to provide their national anthem on cassette tape.

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.

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 OA by completing the attached form.

19 GENERAL INFORMATION AND ACCOMODATION

Breakfasts, lunches and dinners will be provided every day from Monday to Saturday.
Accommodation will be provided for crew members

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