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LIVESPORT TELECOM
New Zealand Women's Match Racing Championships

2nd – 6th March 2011

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.

2. VENUE

The venue will be the Waitemata Harbour adjacent to Westhaven, Auckland, New Zealand.

3. EVENT GRADING

3.1 The event is an ISAF Grade 3 event.

3.2 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) Sailing Office open from Wednesday 2nd March 2011 at 0900hrs.
 - (b) Registration from 0900hrs until 1800hrs Wednesday 2nd March 2011.
 - (c) Crew weighing from 0900hrs until 1800hrs Wednesday 2nd March 2011.
 - (d) Practice from 1030hrs until 1300hrs (Session One) and from 1330 hrs until 1600hrs (Session Two) Wednesday 2nd March 2011. Session times will be allocated by the OA.
 - (e) First briefing at 1800hrs Wednesday 2nd March 2011.
 - (f) First meeting with the umpires will follow the first briefing.
 - (g) Daily briefings will be held at 0815hrs on each race day.
 - (h) Racing days from Thursday 3rd March till Sunday 6th March 2011.
 - (i) Time of the first race each day will be 0930hrs.
 - (j) Prize giving on Sunday 6th March 2011 at the conclusion of racing.
- 4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
- (a) Initial briefing for skippers,
 - (b) Daily briefing for skippers.
 - (c) Prize giving for all entrants on Sunday 6th March 2011.

5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Up to 12 female skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Invitations will be first issued to:
 - (i) The first New Zealander from the 2010 New Zealand Women's Match Racing Championships (Sam Osborne).
 - (ii) A RNZYS Lion Foundation Youth Training Programme nominee.
 - (iii) Up to eight other New Zealand skippers.
 - (iv) Two other entries from another MNA.
- (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, or by fax or e-mail to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- (d) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF Eligibility Code, regulation 19.2.
- (e) 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, cash or cheques.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of NZ\$1,000 shall be paid by 1700hrs Tuesday 15 February 2011. **Please note** if paying by international bank transfer, additional bank fees will apply.

6.3 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of NZ\$1000 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 that 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 within 10 days of the finish of the event.

6.4 New Zealand skippers and crew shall all be current financial members of a yacht club affiliated to Yachting New Zealand. Any skipper and/or crew from another country shall all be current financial members of a yacht club within that country affiliated to its MNA. Proof of club membership for each skipper and crew shall be presented with the Entry Form.

7. RULES

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 – 2012, including Appendix C.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races.

8. BOATS AND SAILS

- (a) The event will be sailed in Elliott 7m Yachts provided by the OA.
- (b) Ten 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 daily and will be identified by boat name and number.

9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- (a) The number of crew including the skipper shall be 4 or 5. All shall be female, and 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.

17. DISCLAIMER

17.1 All those taking part in RNZYS races or any other sailing events controlled by the RNZYS, as between the RNZYS and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the RNZYS has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The RNZYS is not responsible for the sea-worthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

18. INVITATIONS

18.1 Entries will only be accepted from invited female skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA.

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