



Match Race



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL
MATCH RACING SERIES

2016 Helsinki Women's Match
June 27th - July 1st 2016
Grade 1

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) will be NJK Nyländska Jaktklubben r.f.
- 1.2 This event is an event in the 2016 Women's International Match Racing Series. The Terms of Series can be found on www.wimseries.com.

2 VENUE

- 2.1 The venue will be Hernesaari, Helsinki, Finland.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 1. This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing 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 June 27th at 09:00.
 - (b) Registration at the race office from June 27th at 09:00 until 17:00.
 - (c) Practice from June 27th at 10:00 until 17:00.
 - (d) Practice times will be allocated by the OA.
 - (e) First briefing at June 27th at 18:00.
 - (f) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
 - (g) Opening Ceremony on June 27th at 20:00.
 - (h) Racing days from June 28th to July 1st.
 - (i) A morning meeting will be held each day from June 28th to July 1st at 09:00.
 - (j) Time of the first race each day will be 10:00.
 - (k) Daily press conference 60 minutes after the last attention signal of the day.
 - (l) Time of the last attention signal on July 1st is 16:00.
 - (m) Closing ceremony on July 1st at 18:00.
 - (n) Prize giving on July 1st at the closing ceremony.
- 4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
 - (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
 - (b) Daily press conference, for skippers sailing that day.
 - (c) Official event dinner, for skippers and crews.
 - (d) Prize giving for the top 8 skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Up to 14 skippers may be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Invitations will be issued as follows:

- (a) 10 skippers will be invited using the World Sailing Women's Match Racing Ranking list on March 16, 2016; and
- (b) A maximum number of 4 wild cards as agreed by the OA.

5.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

5.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, or by e-mail to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.

5.5 World Sailing Eligibility as required by World Sailing Regulation 19 is required of all competitors.

5.6 All competitors shall obtain an 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).

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

- (a) The team shall be entered on completion of registration, including to sign the liability form by all crew members, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by in euros or by a major credit card only.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of **1000 €** shall be paid by **May 31st 2016**.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws 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 the ISAF. (ISAF Regulation 27.2). He or she must also pay the entry fee in full.

6.4 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit commitment of 1 800 € shall be signed 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 within 10 days after the event.

7 RULES

7.1

- (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (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

Under RRS 86.3, this event will test a package of test rules proposed for match racing. See detailed wording for these rule changes in NoR Addendum A.

- (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.
- (c) RRS 31 will be changed.

7.3 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

Note that ISAF has approved a change to Appendix C from January 1, 2015 as follows: Delete current rule C2.9 and replace with: **C2.9** Rule 22.3 is deleted.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in modified J/80 type boats.
- 8.2 Six (6) boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, Symmetric 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 three (3), or four (4), or five (5). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 **Crew Weighing**
 - (a) 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 penalised, 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 OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.5 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

- 10.1 Skippers will be seeded based on World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- 10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:
 - Stage 1 - a full round robin or a round robin in groups
 - Stage 2 - Quarter finals
 - Stage 3 - Semi Finals
 - Stage 4 - 9-12 Place Knockouts
 - Stage 5 - Final and Petit Final
- 10.3 The RC 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 south of Hernesaari, Helsinki.

12 ADVERTISING

- 12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF 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 principal prize for first place will be donated by the possible sponsor.
- 13.2 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 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 have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 The organisers will not provide berths for coach boats.
- 15.3 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 or the Jury to the associated skipper or team.

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 email to sailingcenter@njk.fi.

NoR ADDENDUM A – PACKAGE OF TEST MATCH RACING RULES version 2*

Below are the details of the changes to the RRS:

A. Add new RRS 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

B. Delete RRS 18, C2.6 and C2.7 and replace with:

18 MARK ROOM

18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However, it does not apply between a boat approaching a *mark* and one leaving it.

18.2 Giving Mark-Room

- (a) When the first boat reaches the *zone*,
 - (1) if boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*.
 - (2) if boats are not *overlapped*, the boat that has not reached the *zone* shall thereafter give *mark-room*.
- (b) If the boat entitled to *mark-room* leaves the *zone*, the entitlement to *mark-room* ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required based on the relationship of the boats considered at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.
- (c) If a boat obtained an inside *overlap* and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat is unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.

18.3 Tacking or Gybing

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way boat must change *tack* at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she changes *tack* she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate *mark* or a finishing *mark* and a boat shall not be penalized for breaking this rule unless the course of another boat was affected by the breach of this rule.

C. Change definition of Mark-Room to:

Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* on the required side. If room includes a change of *tack*, such tack or gybe shall be done no quicker than a tack or gybe to sail her *proper course*.

D. Add the following new rule:

C2.14 Rule 17 is deleted.