



BUDDY MELGES CHALLENGE

September 23 to 28, 2014

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Sail Sheboygan.

2 VENUE

- 2.1 The venue will be Sheboygan, Wisconsin USA.
2.2 This regatta is one of the five (5) events comprising the Women's International Match Racing Series (WIM). The complete list of regattas in the WIM Series is as follows:

- ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship – Cork, Ireland - June 3-8, 2014.
- 2014 Women's Match Race Golfe du Morbihan – Vannes, France – July 24-27, 2014.
- Lysekil Women's Match - Lysekil, Sweden - August 5-9, 2014.
- Buddy Melges Challenge – Sheboygan, Wisconsin USA – September 23-28, 2014.
- Busan Cup International Women's Match Race - Busan, Korea – October 11-16, 2014.

The WIM Terms of Series are attached to this Notice of Race as Addendum 1.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for an ISAF Grade 1.

This grading is subject to review by the ISAF. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 Schedule

- (a) Race office will be open Tuesday, September 23 from 1100 to 1700.
- (b) Registration will take place Tuesday, September 23 from 1100 to 1700.
- (c) Crew weighing will take place Tuesday, September 23 from 1100 to 1700. Weighing ONLY may be completed Wednesday, September 24 from 0800 to 0900.
- (d) Practice times are Tuesday, September 23 from 1100 to 1700.
- (e) First briefing will be Wednesday, September 24 at 0900.
- (f) First meeting with umpires will be immediately following the first briefing.
- (g) Racing days are from Wednesday, September 24 through Sunday, September 28, 2014.
- (h) Time of the first race each day will be 1000.
- (i) It is the intention of the OA to have a dinner for competitors and race officials Wednesday and Saturday evenings at the Sheboygan Yacht Club.
- (j) Daily press conferences may occur 30 minutes after the last race of each day.
- (k) Prize giving will take place Sunday, September 28 approximately 30 minutes after docking.
- (l) It is the intention of the race committee to have no Attention Signal after 1500 on September 28.

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

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers which will take place at 0900.
- (c) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (d) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 12 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. An invitation will be extended to the winning skipper of the 2014 US SAILING Women's Match Racing Championship. Drop down invitations may be permitted.
- 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, (e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.4 A non-refundable entry bond of \$US 250 shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation for the acceptance to be valid, and will be credited towards the entry fee upon completion of registration.
- 5.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- 5.6 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 Entering

- (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/local currency/or US check.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of \$US 750 shall be paid at registration.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months 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)

6.4 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$US 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) 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 paying for damage and other costs for which the OA deems the skipper responsible will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

6.4 Insurance

All competitors are required to have adequate third party insurance.

7 RULES

7.1

- (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats, Addendum C of the Sailing Instructions will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races.
- (c) US SAILING prescriptions to rules 67 and 76.1 will apply and will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

- (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, C7.4 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

7.3 An International July (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in Elliott 6m type boats.
- 8.2 12 boats will be provided. Boats will be identified by bow number.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.

8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the OA.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 3. All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 204 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.

9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the IJ may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the IJ may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

10.1 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 – A Single Round Robin

Stage 2 - Quarter Final Knockouts

Stage 3 – Semi Final Knockouts

Stage 4 – Petit Final/Final Knockouts

10.2 Skippers that did not qualify for Stage 3 will compete in a sail-off for places 5th through 12th.

10.3 The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11 COURSE

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

11.2 The intended course area will be southeast of the Sheboygan harbor and is shown on the chart course limits, Addendum F of the Sailing Instructions.

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 include having the skipper and crew names engraved on the perpetual Buddy Melges Trophy.

13.2 There will be a cash prize purse distributed amongst the top 10 skippers. Total prize money awarded will be at least \$US 10,000.

13.3 These prizes have been approved by the national authority.

13.4 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 No coach boats will be permitted.

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

16.1 Each team is requested to provide a national flag approximately 3 x 5 foot for display from the Sail Sheboygan dock flagpoles.

16.2 Each skipper is requested to provide a photograph and sailing CV or Resume at the time of invitation acceptance.

16.3 Upon request and availability, housing will be provided to competitors in private homes of Sheboygan area residents.

17 DISCLAIMER

17.1 All those taking any 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

18.1 Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation with the OA by July 1, 2014 by completing the Request for Invitation on the Sail Sheboygan website at www.sailsheboygan.org/bmc-2014. Alternatively, email the requested information on the Request for Invitation to kathy@sailsheboygan.org.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 Entry inquiries, match racing photographs and sailing CV's or Resume's should be sent to:
Kathy Lindgren – Sail Sheboygan Regatta Chair

PO Box 649

Sheboygan, WI 53082-0649

Email: kathy@sailsheboygan.org

19.2 Requests for housing should be sent to:

Marybeth Snyder

Email: mary@sailsheboygan.org



WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH RACING SERIES - 2014 TERMS OF SERIES

1 GOVERNING ORGANISATION

The Governing Organisation (GO) of the Women's International Match Racing Series (WIM Series) will be Women's International Match Racing Association (WIMRA).

2 SERIES DATES AND VENUES

- 3 - 8 June – 2014 ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship – Cork, Ireland
- 24 - 27 July – 2014 Women's Match Race Golfe du Morbihan – Vannes, France
- 5 - 9 August – Lysekil Women's Match – Lysekil, Sweden
- 23 - 28 September – Sheboygan Women's Match Racing Invitational – Sheboygan, USA
- 11 - 16 October – Busan Cup International Women's Match Race – Busan, South Korea

3 SERIES SCORING

(a) In order to be eligible for participation in the WIM Series Prize Pool that will be awarded to the top 3 teams after the last event in 2014, a team must have competed in at least three (3) WIM Series events. (For the Series, there shall be one skipper per team. However, the designated skipper can be substituted for in one event by a team member who participates in at least two of the WIM Series events with the designated skipper and at least two of the crew members for that one event have raced with the designated skipper in at least two of the 2014 WIM Series events. This one event in the Series can count for the original skipper).

(b) A team's Series total will be the sum of their best four (4) scores. If a team does not compete in 4 events, they will receive a zero (0) score for the fourth (4th) event.

(c) Series Points Table

Place	Events with 12 or more teams	Events with 11 teams	Events with 10 teams	Events with 9 teams	Events with 8 teams
1st	25	25	25	25	25
2nd	22	22	22	22	22
3rd	20	20	20	19	19
4th	16	16	16	15	14
5th	15	15	14	13	12
6th	14	13	12	11	10
7th	13	12	10	9	8
8th	12	10	8	7	6
9th	10	8	6	4	
10th	8	6	4		
11th	6	4			
12th	4				
> 12th	0				

Addendum 1

- (d) The team with the highest score at the end of the season will be the winner of the 2014 WIM Series and will be awarded the Terry J Kohler Perpetual Trophy, plus at least USD 25,000 of the WIM Series Prize Pool of at least USD 50,000.
- (e) In the event of a tie at an event, the points for the place for which the teams have tied and for the place(s) immediately below shall be added together, and divided equally amongst the tied teams.
- (f) In the event of a tie at the end of the Series, the tie shall be broken by the following methods, in order until all ties are broken. When one or more ties are only partially broken, the methods shall be reapplied to them. Ties shall be decided in favor of the team(s) which:
 - a. Has sailed at least 4 events;
 - b. Has sailed all of their events with one skipper;
 - c. Has the greater number of first place scores. If the tie remains then the number of second place scores, and so on until the tie is broken;
 - d. Has the highest score in the last event. If the tie remains it will be broken by using the scores in the next-to-last event and so on until the tie is broken (if a team did not sail an event, they shall be awarded a zero score for the purposes of this tie break).

4 ENTRIES

- (a) Each event on the WIM Series will have places for at least 12 teams.
- (b) Those teams committing to compete in at least 3 of the WIM Series events should notify the Organising Authority (OA) of each of those events in the WIM Series of their commitment to enter that event before March 15, 2014 so that they may have the best opportunity to be invited to each of those events and therefore to be eligible for the WIM Series Prize Pool at the end of the WIM Series.
- (c) In addition, the WIM Series requests those teams to notify the WIM Series (liz@wimrs.com) of their commitment to enter those selected events at the same time that they notify the individual events. WIM Series will then notify each of the selected events of the team's commitment so that the risk of miscommunication will be minimized and the opportunity to be accommodated at the events will be maximized.
- (d) Neither the individual events of the WIM Series nor the WIM Series organization can guarantee that all teams which commit to participate in 3 or more events will actually be invited to those selected events because of the number of teams that may need to be accommodated and because each event has its own invitation policy. However, the events and the WIM Series will use their best efforts to accommodate those teams which do make that commitment. The earlier that a team makes a commitment to enter 3 or more events, the greater the chance that team will have of being accommodated.

5 PRIZES

- (a) The total amount of the WIM Series Prize Pool for the Series will be at least USD 50 000. (Fees and Taxes may be deducted from the overall prize amount.)

Rank	Prize sum USD
First	25 000
Second	15 000
Third	10 000

- (b) If less than 3 teams are eligible for the prize pool at the end of the 2014 WIM Series, any money that is not awarded will be added to the WIM Series Prize Pool for the 2015 WIM Series.
- (c) The Series winner will be presented the Terry J Kohler Perpetual Trophy for the Women's International Match Racing Series Champion.

6 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The GO have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the Series free of any charge.

Addendum 1

7 **DISCLAIMER**

All those taking part in the Series do so at their own risk. The GO of the Series and the OA of the individual events, their associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

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