



## Royal Southern Match Cup Qualifier 2016

9 / 10 April 2016

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1. THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

#### 2. VENUE

The venue will be Hamble, Hampshire based at the Prince Philip Yacht Haven at the Royal Southern Yacht Club, Rope Walk, Hamble, Southampton SO31 4HB.

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#### 3. EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for a World Sailing Grade 4.

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

#### 4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

##### 4.1 Schedule

- a) The Race Office will be open from 0700 on Saturday 9 April.
- b) Registration will be from 0700 until 0830 on Saturday 9 April unless extended by the OA.
- c) Crew weighing will be from 0700 until 0830 on 9 April unless extended by the OA.
- d) Boats may be available for practice on Friday 8 April. Skippers should contact the OA if they wish to be allocated a practice time.
- e) The first briefing for skippers will be at 0830 on Saturday 9 April, with a further briefing at 0830 on Sunday 10 April.
- f) The first meeting with umpires will be immediately on completion of the first briefing.
- g) Racing days will be Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 April.
- h) The time of the first attention signal on Saturday 9 April will be 1030 and for Sunday 10 April will be 1000. Crews are expected to complete rigging in time for these times to be achieved. The race area is approximately one hour's sail from the dock.
- i) There will be press conferences at 1830 on Saturday 9 April and after the Prize giving.
- j) The Prize giving will be at 1600 on Sunday 10 April.

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

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- a) For skippers, the initial and Sunday morning briefings.
- b) For skippers sailing that day, the daily press conferences.
- c) For all competitors unless excused by the OA, the Prize giving.

## 5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 A maximum of eight skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 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, fax or email is acceptable, to be received by the OA by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.4 All competitors shall meet with the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19.2.
- 5.5 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 The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made in sterling by credit or debit card, bank transfer or by a cheque drawn on a UK bank.

### 6.2 Entry Fee

A non-returnable entry fee of £250 shall be paid with the entry acceptance and prior to registration for the event. Assistance with the entry fee may be available to skippers aged 25 or under on the first day of the event. Skippers should apply to the OA for details.

### 6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or 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 £500 will be taken from all teams during registration. 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 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 RRS including Appendix C (Match Racing).
- b) The Sailing Instructions shall contain 'Rules for the Handling of Boats' which will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules will not apply.
- c) The National Authority prescriptions shall not apply other than those to Rules 5,

67, 86.3 and 88.2.

- d) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the SIs.
- e) For those teams wishing to be considered for the FISU World University Match Racing Championships 2016 the Notice of Selection document will apply. Those teams must complete the application form which must be with Lizzie Fiddaman of the RYA before the start of the event

## 7.2

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

- 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 31 will be changed.
- c) The SIs will include reference to the Port of Southampton Bye-laws which include a Moving Prohibited Zone of 1,000m ahead and 150m to the side of vessels over 150m in a Precautionary Area between Calshot and Cowes. This will be displayed on the notice board and must be adhered to by competitors.
- d) All competitors shall supply and wear Personal Flotation devices at all times whilst afloat. This changes RRS.40.
- e) **NOTE:** that World Sailing has approved a change to Appendix C from January 1 2015 as follows:
  - i. 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 J/80 type boats to be supplied by the OA.
- 8.2 Five boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and asymmetrical spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be rotated according to a schedule to be published by the Race Committee.

## 9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew shall be a maximum of 5 and a minimum of 4. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 The maximum total crew weight determined prior to racing shall be 350 Kg, when wearing at least shirt and shorts.
- 9.3 Crew weight may be checked during the Regatta. At any re-weighing, the total weight limit is increased by 10Kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased weight limit shall not be penalized, 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 IJ may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.5 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the IJ may authorise a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## 10. EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 Skippers will be seeded based on the most recently published World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event, or if unranked by draw.

10.2 The event will run as follows:

Stage 1 – A single Round Robin

Stage 2 – Semi-finals, first to score two wins.

Stage 3 – Finals and Petit final, first to score two wins.

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 optional offset legs in the event of cross course current, resulting in either port or starboard roundings and finishing downwind.

11.2 The intended course area will be in Southampton Water / the Central Solent and will be announced at the first briefing and each daily briefing.

## **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 rule regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

## **13. PRIZES**

13.1 The winner of the Royal Southern Match Cup Qualifier will be presented with the 'Bill Foulkes Aladdin's Cave Trophy'.

13.2 The first three skippers will qualify for entry into the Royal Southern Match Cup Grade 2 event to be held on 15-18 June 2016.

13.3 Other prizes will be awarded. Prizes will be awarded at the Prize giving at the Club house after the Finals.

## **14. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

14.1 a) The OA may require cameras and / or trackers supplied by the OA to be carried on board while racing. Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

b) The OA may require competitors to be available for media interviews.

c) The OA shall 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 supported.

15.2 If coach boats require berths, they must contact OA before the event.

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 IJ to the appropriate skipper or team, and may be less than disqualification.

**16. SPARE****17. RISK STATEMENT**

- 17.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 17.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. All those taking part should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active watersports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries.
- 17.3 They should be especially aware of the particular risks in match racing where boats are maneuvered in close proximity and where the actions of other competitors, the action or inaction of the organisers, the umpires and drivers of other escort craft can also endanger their safety.
- 17.4 By taking part in the event, competitors and each and every competitor agree and acknowledge that:
- (i) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
  - (ii) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - (iii) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
  - (iv) they have checked that their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event;
  - (v) they have checked that they and their fellow crew members are fit to participate;
  - (vi) the provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - (vi) the provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

**18. INVITATIONS**

- 18.1 Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If a skipper wishes to be invited, he or she shall register his or her request for an invitation with the OA by completing and submitting the attached Expression of Interest form as soon as possible and not later than Monday 28 March 2016.

**19. TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP**

As part of attending the Royal Southern Match Cup, each competitor will become a temporary member of the Royal Southern Yacht Club, is welcome to use the facilities of the Club and becomes bound by the Club's Rules and Bye-laws.

**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 the 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 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 tack or gybe at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she tacks or gybes 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.

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## 2016 Royal Southern Match Cup Qualifier

World Sailing Grade 4 Event

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 April 2016

Royal Southern Yacht Club, Rope Walk, Hamble, Southampton SO31 4HB

### Expression of Interest

Skipper:	Yacht Club / Team:
Date of Birth:	World Sailing Sailor ID:
World Sailing Ranking (Open):	Email:
Mobile Phone:	

Please list below three recent Match Race events together with your finishing place.

Event	Place

**Please return this by post, fax or email to be received by Monday 28 March 2016:**

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