

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC).

2 VENUE

The venue will be Annapolis, Maryland, USA

3 EVENT GRADING

The event is an ISAF Grade 1 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 0900 September 26.
(b) Registration from 0900 to 1700 on September 26 and from 0900 to 1200 on September 27.
(c) Crew weighing may be done any time during registration.
(d) Practice from 0900 to 1530 Tuesday, September 27.
(e) Pro-Am Invitational Fleet Race 1600 on Tuesday, September 27
(f) Opening Ceremony on Tuesday, September 27, following the Pro-Am Race.
(g) First briefing at 0800 Wednesday, September 28.
(h) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
(i) Racing days from Wednesday, September 28 to Saturday, October 1.
(j) Time of the first race each day will be 0900.
(k) Daily press conference 30 minutes after the last race of each day.
(l) Prize giving on Saturday, October 1 at 1900.
- 4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
- (a) The Pro-Am Invitational Fleet Race on Tuesday, September 27.
(b) Opening Ceremonies followed by a Welcome Reception on Tuesday, September 27
(c) Initial briefing for skippers.
(d) Daily briefing, for skippers.
(e) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
(f) Autograph and Photo Hour for High School and College Sailors, Wednesday, September 28
(g) Regatta dinner, Thursday, September 29 for skippers and crews

(h) Paca House Public Reception, Friday, September 30, skippers and crews

(i) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) 10 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Requests for invitation must be made electronically at <http://www.santamariacup.org> by May 30, 2011.
(b) The winner of the 2011 Sundance Cup will be given one of the invitations.
(c) All skippers shall be members of the Women's International Match Racing Association and of their National Authority.
(d) To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, (fax or e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
(e) A non-refundable entry bond of US\$ 600 shall accompany the acceptance of the 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.
(h) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

6 ENTRIES

- 6.1 The team 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 cheque payable in US Dollars.
- 6.2 Entry Fee
A non-refundable entry fee of US \$ 500 shall be paid at registration. Each team shall pay the non-refundable portion of the cost of borrowed boat insurance, not to exceed US\$ 100. This amount will be taken out of the entry bond at the time of registration.
- 6.3 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\$ 350 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 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.
- (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) The prescriptions of US SAILING will not apply, except the US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 68 and 76.1, and new rule 76.3. These 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 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
- 7.3 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- (a) The event will be sailed in J/22 type boats.
- (b) 10 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 four. All registered crew shall sail all races. The skipper and all crew shall be female.
- (b) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 272 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- (c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event IJ may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- (d) 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

- (a) The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 – A Double Round Robin – Each skipper will sail each other skipper twice

Stage 2 – Semi Final Knock Out series – The four skippers with the highest total scores at the end of Stage 1 will advance to Stage 2. The winner of each series of Stage 2 will be the first to score 3 points.

Stage 3 – Petit-Final Knock Out series – The loser of each series of Stage 2 will sail in the Petit Final series. The winner shall be the first to score 2 points.

Stage 4 – Final Knock Out Series – The winners of each series in Stage 2 shall sail in the Final series. The winner shall be the first to score 3 points.

- (b) 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

- (a) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be on the Severn River or the Chesapeake Bay between Thomas Point and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. See US NOAA chart #12283.

12 ADVERTISING

- (a) 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.
- (b) Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- (c) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

- (a) Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew of boats placing first through third.
- (b) The names of the winning team will be engraved on the perpetual Santa Maria Cup trophy.
- (c) The Gay Lynn Memorial Trophy and the Eleanor Ruth Wilcox Memorial Trophy will also be awarded.

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

(a) 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.

(b) The organisers will not provide berths for coach boats.

(c) Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied to the appropriate skipper or team, at the discretion of the IJ.

16 OTHER INFORMATION

Housing in private homes of Eastport Yacht Club members will be provided to all competitors upon request.

Breakfast, lunch and cold drinks will be provided to all competitors Wednesday through Saturday. Dinner will be provided to all competitors on Thursday and Saturday.

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. Requests for invitation must be made electronically at <http://www.santamariacup.org> by May 30, 2011.

19 OA CONTACT INFORMATION

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