

Nordic Women's Match Tour

Second Event: 30th of May - 1st of June

NOTICE OF RACE

This Event is the second Race in the Nordic Women's Match Tour 2008

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be **Nyländska Jaktklubben rf.**

2 VENUE

The venue will be western waters of Helsinki, FINLAND

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for ISAF Grade 2 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 on the 29th of May from 12:00 until 18:00 and on 30th of May from 8:30 until 9:59
 - (b) Registration from the 29th of May from 12:00 until 18:00 and 30th of May from 8:30 until 9:59
 - (c) Crew weighing from as above.
 - (d) Practice from 29th of May 12:00 until 20:00
 - (e) First briefing at 30th of May at 10:00
 - (f) First meeting with the umpires following the first briefing.
 - (g) Opening ceremony prior to the first briefing.
 - (h) Racing days from 30th of May to 1st of June No attention signal will be given after 17:00 on the final day.
 - (i) Time of the first race 11:10 on the 30th of May and on the following days at 10:00 if not otherwise informed in the SI.
 - (j) Prize giving for the final skippers and crew immediately after the last race on the final day.
- 4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
 - (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
 - (c) Press conferences for skippers
 - (e) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) A maximum of 12 preferably Nordic skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. The Nordic skippers who will sail all events are favoured. If there are not 6 skippers who sail all events the places go to those sailing 3 and so on. There will be 4 places for local skippers according to ISAF ranking order by the ranking list valid at the 30th of March 2008. The OA has the right to issue 2 WC:s, regardless of or nationality in order to achieve the skippers points necessary to

uphold Grade 2 status. The OA must receive their application form at the latest on the 30th of March. If an invited skipper cancels her participation the OA will issue additional wild cards.

The invited skippers will receive their conformation as follows:

- NON MNA skippers by the 12th of April
- Finnish skippers by the 30th of April

Note: If invited and confirmed non MNA skippers cancel their entry without a reasonable reason after 30th of April, ISAF will be informed of this fact. The same applies to Finnish skippers after the 12th of May.

- (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, (fax or e-mail is acceptable) before the 30th of March if not a member of the Host MNA, for Finnish skippers the same applies at 30th of April.
- (d) An invited skipper who has confirmed his/hers entry and withdraws after the 12th of May is obliged to pay 50% of the entry fee.
- (e) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- (f) 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. Only skippers with ISAF ID will be accepted.
- (g) Finnish skippers and their entire crew have to be paying members of the Finnish Match Racing Association.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 The skippers 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 currency (euros only). Other currencies are not accepted.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of **250 €** shall be paid upon registration.

6.3 A damage deposit shall be paid at registration.

- (a) An initial damage deposit of **1 200 €** 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 of 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 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, and including Appendix C.
 - (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races.
 - (c) Class rules will not apply.
 - (d) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 7.2 An international Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- (a) The event will be sailed with J/80 converted for match racing.
- (b) 6 boats will be provided.
- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat:
mainsail, genoa, jib and a symmetrical spinnaker.
- (d) The boats will be allocated by draw for each round robin, or as decided by the Race Committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- (a) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4 for men
- (b) Female crews may consist of maximum 5 women.
- (c) All registered crew shall sail all races.
- (d) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be at most 340 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- (e) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- (f) 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

- (a) Skippers will be divided into two groups based on seeding ISAF ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- (b) The event will consist of the following stages:
 - Preliminary / Semi-finals / Final
 - a.) Round Robin will be sailed with the skippers divided in to two groups according to their ISAF ranking 30 days before the event. Groups are to be equal in ranking order.
 - b.) These RR:s, will be completed with further RR:s, as it is the Committees intention to sail a full RR where all the competitors have a chance to meet, each other.
 - c.) Semi-finals will be sailed with the 4 best from the RR. They sail a knockout series, first to score 2 points. The winner of the RR gets to choose his/hers opponent.
 - d.) The final is sailed with the winners of the semi-finals. First to score two points is the winner of the **Nordic Women's Match Tour – Second Event**.
 - e.) Petite Finals. The losers of the semi-finals are to sail for 3rd place, the first to score 1 point is the winner.
- (c) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11 COURSE

- (a) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area is the waters west of NJK, Björkholmen in Helsinki, and is shown on a supplied chart given to the skippers at the initial briefing or the before the practice, whichever comes first.

12. ADVERTISING

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, Appendix 1, regulation 20.3.2 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

The principal prize for first place will be X €. The rest of the prizes are to be at the discretion of the sponsor.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The OA may require television personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews. The OA shall 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 and register themselves and their boats at the Racing Office. Coach boats shall display a flag, which will be provided by the OA at registration.
- (b) The organisers will provide berths for coach boats.
- (c) 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 to the appropriate skipper or team

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

It is recommended by the OA that each team shall wear a distinctive jacket or waistcoat so spectators can recognize each team. Failure to do so is not a reason for protest.

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 completing the attached form.

Additional Information.

Accommodation:

The OA will help participants to find reasonable lodgings & breakfast; either at a hostel/hotel nearby, or in members yacht in the harbour or at Yacht Club members homes.

Most meals during the event will be taken care of by the OA. Please request information about travel and lodgings from the e-mail address below

e-mail: matchraing@njk.fi, Tel: +358 9 68698610, fax +358 9 6923194-

PRO will be Rolf Zachariassen, Chief Umpire: Lorenz Walch (Germany)

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Application Form
Nordic Women's Match Tour Event 2
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Skippers Name: _____ Yacht Club: _____

ISAF Ranking 2 Month before event: _____ Nation Represented _____

Slipper ISAF ID: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

E:Mail Address: _____

Phone Private: _____ GSM: _____

Crew Names

1: _____ Nation: _____

2. _____ Nation: _____

3. _____ Nation: _____

4. _____ Nation: _____

This Application shall reach NJK

by e:mail at matchracing@njk.fi

by Fax + 358-6923194

by mail:

NJK Björkholmen Södra
00200 Helsinki, Finland

On the internet:

http://www.njk.fi/index.php?option=com_performs&formid=16&Itemid=102

Not later than 30th of March non MNA, Finnish 12th of April

Payment to Bank Nordea Number: 102030- 129047