



## Royal Southern Academy Open Match Cup 2012

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1. THE ORGANISING AUTHORITY (O.A.)

The Organising Authority will be the Royal Southern Yacht Club.

#### 2. VENUE AND DATES

##### Heat 1: Laser SB3

31 March/1 April 2012, Royal Southern Yacht Club, Entrance fee £280

##### Heat 2: Laser SB3

14/15 April 2012, Royal Southern Yacht Club, Entrance fee £280

##### Royal Southern Academy Match Cup Final: Laser SB3

23/24 June, Royal Southern Yacht Club, Entrance fee £280. This event is a qualifier for the RYA National Match Race Championship.

#### 3. EVENT GRADING

ISAF Grade 4 status has been applied for the Heats and Grade 3 for Final. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Advisory Board. The events may be re-graded at any time when there is clear reason to do so.

#### 4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 4.1 a) The Race Office will be open from 0730.  
 b) Registration from 0730 on the first day of each event.  
 c) Crew weighing to be completed by 0830 on the first day of each event.  
 d) Practice may be available on the day prior to the first day each event. Contact the Organising Authority for availability.  
 e) First briefing will be at 0830 on the first day of each event.  
 f) First briefing with umpires will be immediately on completion of the first briefing.  
 g) Racing days will be Saturday and Sunday.  
 h) The time of the first race on all racing days day will be 1000.  
 i) Daily press conference may take place 60 minutes after the completion of the final race of the day.  
 j) Prize giving on completion of the Sunday.
- 4.2 Unless excused by the O.A. attendance at the following is mandatory.  
 a) First briefing for skippers and Prize giving.

#### 5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

##### 5.1 Heat Entries

- a) A maximum of 8 skippers for each Heat will be accepted. Only skippers accepted by the O.A. will be eligible to enter the appropriate Qualifier.  
 b) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.  
 c) For an entry to be valid the entry form must be completed correctly and

must be submitted to the O.A. with all the associated paperwork at least two weeks before the date of the relevant event.

d) All competitors shall meet with the eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation 19.2.

e) All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/sailor](http://www.sailing.org/sailor) . Skippers shall inform the O.A. of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

f) The highest five placed skippers in each Heat will be expected to attend the Royal Southern Academy Match Cup Final.

## **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 by sterling, bankers card or cheque.

### **6.2 Entry Fee**

A non-returnable entry fee for each event listed in Para.2 shall be paid with the entry acceptance and prior to registration for each event.

### **6.3 Damage Deposit**

a) A damage deposit will be taken from all teams during registration.

b) In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the O.A., 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 the 10 days after the event.

d) Damage deposits may be destroyed or returned, upon request to the O.A.

e) In the event of substantial damage the skipper may be required to pay the full insurance excess.

## **7. RULES**

7.1 a) The events will be governed by the current rules as defined in the RRS, and include Match Racing Appendix C.

b) The 'Rules for the Handling of Boats' will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules shall not apply.

c) The National Authority prescriptions shall apply.

d) The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).

e) All competitors shall wear Personal Flotation Devices whilst afloat. This changes RRS.40.

f) Assistance to recover from the water and return on board a crew member who falls overboard shall not disqualify the yacht concerned provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery. This changes RRS.41.

g) The Sailing Instructions will include reference to the Port of Southampton Bye-laws which must be adhered to by competitors.

## **8. BOATS AND SAILS**

a) All events will be sailed in standard Laser SB3s, which will be supplied by the Organising Authority.

b) The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and asymmetrical spinnaker.

c) Boats will be allocated by draw either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

## **9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

- a) A maximum of 4 crew and a minimum of 3 crew per team.
- b) All registered crew shall sail all races.
- c) The maximum total crew weight for all events determined prior to racing shall be 270kg, when wearing at least shorts.
- d) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- e) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the Protest Committee/O.A. may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- f) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the Protest Committee/O.A. may authorise a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **10. EVENT FORMAT**

- a) Skippers will be seeded based on the most recently published ISAF ranking list 5 days before the appropriate event.
- b) For the two Heats, skippers will be divided into two fleets ranked as equally as possible. After a single Round Robin and repechage for each initial fleet, Skippers will be ranked into Gold and Silver fleets and sail a further Round Robin. The top five skippers will go through to the final.
- c) Finals will run as follows:
  - Series 1 - Single Round Robin
  - Series 2 - Semi-Finals
  - Series 3 - Finals
- c) The O.A. 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 roundings, finishing downwind.
- b) The intended course area will be announced at the first briefing.

## **12. ADVERTISING**

- a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.3 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the O.A.
- b) Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the Organising Authority.
- c) Boats may not protest for breaches of any rule regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

## **13. PRIZES**

- a) Prizes will be awarded at the Finals.

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

The O.A. 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 O.A. 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.
- b) If coach boats require berths, they must contact O.A. before the event.
- 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. DISCLAIMER**

### **Identification and Acknowledgement of Risk.**

Skippers, crew and their parental guardians (if under 18 years old) 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. Skippers and crew should be aware of particular risks of match racing where yachts are manoeuvred in close proximity and that the actions of other competitors, the actions or inactions of the organisers, including drivers of escort craft, can also endanger their safety.

The safety of the yacht and her crew and her entire management are the sole responsibility of the skipper and he/she should satisfy him/herself that the yacht and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the Event.

## **17. 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 Byelaws.

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