



**ISAF
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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
2008**
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ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON

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**Auckland, New Zealand
1 - 6 April 2008**

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS) on behalf of International Sailing Federation (ISAF) and Yachting New Zealand (YNZ).

2 VENUE

The venue will be the Waitemata Harbour adjacent to Westhaven, Auckland, New Zealand.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event is an ISAF WC event.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 4.1
- (a) Sailing Office open from Tuesday 1 April 2008 at 0900.
 - (b) Registration on Tuesday 1 April 2008 from 0900 until 1800.
 - (c) Crew weighing on Tuesday 1 April 2008 from 0900 until 1800.
 - (d) There will be morning and afternoon practice sessions on Tuesday 1 April 2008 between 1000 until 1630. Sessions and time will be allocated by the OA.
 - (e) First briefing on Tuesday 1 April 2008 at 1800.
 - (f) First meeting with the umpires will follow the first briefing.
 - (g) Opening Ceremony on Tuesday 1 April 2008 at 2000.
 - (h) Daily briefings will be held at 0845 on each race day.
 - (i) Racing days from Wednesday 2 April to Sunday 6 April 2008.
 - (j) Time of the first warning signal each day will be 1000.
 - (k) Prize giving on Sunday 6 April 2008 at the conclusion of racing.

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

- (a) First briefing for skippers,
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Opening Ceremony
- (d) Daily Press Conference
- (e) Regatta Dinner, for skippers
- (f) Prize giving on the Sunday 6 April 2008.

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SKIPPER ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 14 female skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Invitations will be issued to:
- (a) The defending champion;
 - (b) Ten skippers will be invited using the ISAF Women's World Match Racing Ranking list on 24 October 2007;
 - (c) The top ranked competitor representing New Zealand at the New Zealand Women's Match Racing Championships 2008;
 - (d) The best ranked competitor, not already invited, from the CYCA Harken Women's Match Racing Cup 2008;
 - (e) One Wild Card as agreed by RNZYS, YNZ and ISAF; additional wild cards if invitations under 5.1 (a), (c) and (d) will not be accepted.
- 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 invitation in writing, or by fax or e-mail to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 5.4 Any competitor (skipper and crew) must be a national of the MNA which she represents except if dispensation granted by ISAF. Please see ISAF Regulation 17.5 (National Criteria Guidelines).
- 5.5 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF Eligibility Code, 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.

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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 credit card, cash or cheque.
- 6.2 Entry Fee
A non-refundable entry fee of NZ\$1000 shall be paid by Tuesday 18 March 2008 0800 UTC.
- 6.3 Damage deposit
- (a) An initial damage deposit of NZ\$1000 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 that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA it may require that the deposit is 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 of the finish of the event.

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RULES

- 7.1
- (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 – 2008, 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) No National Prescriptions will apply.
- 7.2 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
- 7.3 Rule 40.1 is changed that it applies at all times whilst racing.

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BOATS AND SAILS

- (a) The event will be sailed in Elliott 6m Yachts provided by the OA.
- (b) Ten boats will be provided.
- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib and Spinnaker.
- (d) Boats will be allocated by draw daily and will be identified by boat name and number.

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CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- (a) The number of crew including the skipper shall be 4. All shall be female, and all registered crew shall sail all races.
- (b) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 272 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- (d) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the ISAF Technical Delegate may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the ISAF Technical Delegate may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other replacement.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- (a) The event will consist of the following stages:
 - Stage 1 – Round robin
 - Stage 2 – Repechage
 - Stage 3 – Quarter Final/Semi Final/Final
- (b) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions or other circumstances do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11 COURSE

- (a) The course will be windward/leeward with optional offset legs in the event of cross course current, resulting in either port or starboard rounding's and finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be the Waitemata Harbour adjacent to the RNZYS.

12 ADVERTISING

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA. ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 will apply. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- (b) Competitors may be required to wear bibs provided by the OA. Instruction for the use will be provided at registration.
- (c) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (this amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

The first placed skipper will be declared as the ISAF Women's Match Racing World Champion 2008 and will be presented with the ISAF Women's Match Racing World Championship Trophy. ISAF Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the top 3 teams.

14 MEDIA IMAGES & SOUNDS

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 sounds recorded during the event free of charge.

15 COACHES

- 15.1 Individual Coach boats shall not be allowed. An individual 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.
- 15.2 Coaches may register during registration time as per 4.1 (a) for an accreditation fee of NZD 300. This fee includes access to the same social functions as a competitor. Each team may register one coach.
- 15.3 The OA may provide a combined coach boat. Only coaches registered as per 15.2 are allowed on this boat.

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Each team is requested to provide a national flag approximately 0.3m by 0.5m for display from the port shroud of the boat.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in RNZYS races or any other sailing events controlled by the RNZYS, as between the RNZYS and each of those so taking part, do so at their own risk and responsibility and the RNZYS has no liability for any damage, loss or any penalty suffered by any boat crew or any other person taking part in such events. The RNZYS is not responsible for the sea-worthiness of a boat whose entry is accepted and/or the sufficiency and/or adequacy of its equipment or the competence of its skipper or crew. The RNZYS reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

18 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited female skippers.

19 GENERAL INFORMATION

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