



## **RYA Winter Match Racing Series 2015 Notice of Race**

### **1. The Organising Authority**

The Organising Authority will be the Royal Yachting Association in conjunction with the WPNSA.

### **2. Venue and Dates**

All the Events will take place at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

Weekend 1 24th and 25th January 2015

Weekend 2 14th and 15th February 2015

Weekend 3 21st and 22nd March 2015

### **3. Event Grading**

ISAF Grade 4 status has been applied for. 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 for RYA events**

- 4.1
  - a) Registration and weighing is from 1900-1930 on the Friday before each event in Portland House. Dinner is at 1930.
  - b) Practice may be available on the day prior to the first day each event. Contact the Organising Authority for availability.
  - c) First briefing will be immediately after dinner on Friday evening before each event.
  - d) First briefing with umpires will be immediately on completion of the first briefing.
  - e) Racing days will be Saturday and Sunday for each event.
  - f) The time of the first race on the first day will be 1000 and for the subsequent day(s) 0930.
  - g) Prize giving on completion of the racing in the dinghy park.
- 4.2 Unless excused by the O.A. attendance at the following is mandatory.
  - a) First briefing for skippers.
  - b) Prize giving for final skippers and crews.

### **5 Skippers Eligibility**

Entries for RYA Winter Match Racing weekends,

- a) Up to GBR 8 skippers can be invited to each weekend. Only skippers accepted by the O.A. will be eligible to enter the appropriate event.
- 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 OA with all the associated paperwork.
- d) An entry fee of £90 per person shall accompany the entry form and a separate damage deposit of £500 must be paid at registration for the entry to be valid.
- e) All competitors shall meet with the eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation 19.2.
- f) All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online [www.sailing.org/sailor](http://www.sailing.org/sailor). Skippers shall inform the O.A. of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

### **6 Entries for RYA events**

- 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 Damage Deposit

- a) In the event of material damage the O.A. may require payment of part or all of the original damage deposit of £500 at their discretion.
- b) The O.A. may require the deducted amount to be made up to restore a deposit balance of £500 prior to the skipper starting any subsequent race in the regatta.
- c) The balance of any remaining deposit paid in cash will be refunded within 10 days after date of the last race of the regatta.
- d) Un-cashed deposit cheques will be returned on request, otherwise they will be destroyed.

## **7 Rules for RYA events**

- 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 bye-laws of host club for each event shall apply. **(Note: Personal floatation devices must be worn whilst afloat and when on the pontoons.)**

## **8 Boats and Sails for RYA events**

- a) The events will be sailed in the RYA Elliot 6M.
- b) 4 to 6 boats will be provided.
- c) The following sails will be provided for each boat:- Mainsail, Jib and symmetrical spinnaker.
- d) Boats will be allocated by draw either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

## **9. Crew (including skipper) for RYA events**

- a) For the Elliot 6M crews are of 3-4 sailors weighing no more than 250kgs, when wearing at least shorts and shirt.
- b) All crew should be aged 18 years and over on the first day of the event, unless accepted by the Organising Authority in exceptional circumstances.
- c) All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 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 Race 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 Race Committee/O.A. may authorise a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **10. Event Format for RYA events**

- a) Skippers will be seeded randomly.
- b) Each event will consist of the following stages:-  
Series 1 - Single Round Robin  
Series 2 - Semi-Finals  
Series 3 - Finals
- c) The Race Committee may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

## **11. Course for RYA events**

- 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 for RYA events**

- 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) Small prizes may be awarded.
- b) The O.A. may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

### **14. Risk Statement**

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."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) 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;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) 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;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.