

NEW ZEALAND MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

11th -15th November 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

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1. VENUE

- 1.1 The venue will be the Waitemata Harbour.

2. EVENT GRADING

- 2.1 The event is an ISAF Grade 3 event.
2.2 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.

3. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 3.1 Sailing Office open from Wednesday 11th November 2015 at 0900hrs.
- a. Registration from 0900hrs until 1700hrs Wednesday 11th November 2015.
 - b. Crew weighing is from 0900hrs until 1700hrs Wednesday 11th November 2015.
 - c. Practice from 1000hrs until 1300hrs (session one) and 1330hrs until 1630 hrs (session two) Wednesday 11th November 2015. Session times will be allocated by the OA if there are more than 10 entries.
 - d. First briefing at 1730hrs Wednesday 11th November 2015.
 - e. First meeting with the umpires will follow the first briefing.
 - f. Opening ceremony at 1800hrs Wednesday 11th November 2015.
 - g. Racing days will be Thursday 12th November to Sunday 15th November 2015.
 - Scheduled time of the first race each day will be 1000hrs.
 - h. Daily briefings will be held at 0845hrs on each race day.
 - i. Prize giving on Sunday 15th November 2015 at the conclusion of racing.
- 3.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
- a. Initial briefing for skippers.
 - b. Daily briefing for skippers.
 - c. Opening ceremony at 1800hrs Wednesday 11th November 2015.
 - d. Prize giving on Sunday 15th November 2015.

4. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 Up to fourteen skippers will be invited. Invitations will be first issued to:
- a. The winner of the 2014 New Zealand Match Race Championship (Josh Junior) or runner-up (Chris Steele).
 - b. A RNZYS Lion Foundation Youth Training Programme nominee.
 - c. The winner of the 2015 Royal Port Nicholson Winter Match racing series

- d. Further invitations will be issued to the four highest ranking NZ skippers on the ISAF Match Race Ranking list (September 2015).
 - e. Seven additional entries.
- 4.2 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency
- 4.3 To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation in writing (fax or e-mail) is acceptable to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- 4.4 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF Eligibility Code, regulation 19.2.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 To be eligible to compete in this event each entrant and crew member shall be a financial member of a club recognized by the OA and crew member's national authority.

5. ENTRIES

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 Entry Fee
- 5.3 A non-refundable entry fee of NZ\$1,100 shall be paid by 1700hrs Monday 5th October 2015. Please note if paying by international bank transfer, you will be liable for the bank fees that apply.
- 5.4 Damage Deposit
- a. An initial damage deposit of NZ\$1,000 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA
 - b. The damage deposit is the limit of liability for each boat for each incident. For multiple boat collisions the skipper(s) at fault will be liable for \$1,000 per boat and may be required to pay the damage deposit for each boat.
 - c. If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it will require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
 - d. Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days of the finish of the event.

6. RULES

- 6.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016 (RRS), including Appendix C.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 **Major Alterations to the RRS**
- Under RRS 86.3 this event will test a package of test rules proposed for match racing as approved by Yachting New Zealand. See detailed wording for these rule changes in NoR Addendum A.
- (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 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

7. BOATS AND SAILS

- 7.1 The event will be sailed in Elliott 7m Class Boats provided by the OA.
- 7.2 The following sails will be provided for each boat:
- Mainsail, Headsail and Gennaker.
- 7.3 Boats will be allocated by daily draw and will be identified by boat name and number. If less than ten boats are being used the sponsored boats identified by the OA will be the first to be used.

8. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 8.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) for an all-male crew shall be Four (4). For a crew consisting of all women (including the skipper), or for mixed male/female crews (including the skipper) the number may be Five (5). All registered crew shall sail all races. The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 350 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- 8.2 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 8.3 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

9. EVENT FORMAT

- 9.1 The event will consist of the following stages: Stage 1 - Single Round Robin, Stage 2 – Quarter Finals, Stage 3 - Semi Final/Final
- 9.2 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.

10. COURSE

- 10.1 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. The intended course area will be within the Waitemata Harbour.

11. ADVERTISING

- 11.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA. ISAF, Regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 The principal trophy for first place will be the New Zealand Match Racing Championship Cup.
- 12.2 The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

13. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

- 13.1 If required by the OA
 - a. Television equipment supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
 - b. Competitors may 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 while racing.
- 13.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.
- 13.3 The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

14. COACH BOATS

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 The organisers will not provide berths for coach boats.
- 14.3 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 Protest Committee.

15. DISCLAIMER

- 15.1 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 reserves the right in its sole and uncontrolled discretion to refuse any entry.

16. INVITATION

- 16.1 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 Expression of Interest form.

Date of Issue: 13th August 2015

ADDENDUM A - PACKAGE OF TEST MATCH RACING RULES

Below are the details of the changes to the RRS:

A. Add new RRS 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

When there is doubt as to the relationship or change of relationship between *boats*, the last point of certainty will apply.

B. Delete RRS 18, C2.6 and C2.7 and replace with:

18 MARK ROOM

18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However, it does not apply between a boat approaching a *mark* and one leaving it.

18.2 Giving Mark-Room

(a) When the first boat reaches the *zone*,

(1) if boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*.

(2) if boats are not *overlapped*, the boat that has not reached the *zone* shall thereafter give *mark-room*.

(b) If the boat entitled to *mark-room* leaves the *zone*, the entitlement to *mark room* ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required.

(c) If a boat obtained an inside *overlap* and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat is unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.

18.3 Tacking or Gybing

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way boat must tack or gybe at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she tacks or gybes she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate *mark*.

C. Change definition of Mark-Room to:

Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark*.

D. Add the following new rule:

C2.14 Rule 17 is changed to 'After the starting signal, if a boat *clear astern* becomes *overlapped* within two of her hull lengths to *leeward* of a boat on the same *tack*, she shall not sail above her *proper course* while they remain on the same *tack* and *overlapped* within that distance, unless in doing so she promptly sails astern of the other boat.'

This rule does not apply if the right-of-way boat is on a leg to a leeward *mark* or the finishing line, or if the overlap begins while

- (a) the right-of-way boat is on a leg to a leeward *mark*,
- (b) the *windward* boat is required by rule 13 to *keep clear*, or
- (c) both boats are OCS.'