



NEW YORK YACHT CLUB
WOMEN'S MATCH RACING CLINIC & REGATTA

Newport, Rhode Island, USA

May 10-14, 2010

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF RACE

An elite women's match racing clinic and Grade 3 regatta focusing on U.S. women's match racers aiming to represent the U.S. in the 2012 and future Olympics.

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the New York Yacht Club (NYYC).

2 VENUE

The venue will be NYYC's Harbour Court clubhouse in Newport, RI, USA.

3 EVENT GRADING

This event is an ISAF Grade 3 event. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Advisory Board. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason for doing so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

4.1 The provisional schedule of events is:

- a. Race office is open from 1400 to 1600 hours Sunday, May 9 and opens at 0800 hours, Monday, May 10.
- b. Registration/weigh-ins will be 1400 to 1600 hours Sunday, May 9 and 0800-0830 hours Monday, May 10, 2010.
- c. Optional Practice from 1400-1700 hours, Sunday, May 9.
- d. First briefing at 0830 hours, Monday, May 10.
- e. Clinic days are Monday, May 10 through Thursday, May 13.
- f. Racing days are Monday, May 10 through Friday, May 14.
- g. First meeting with umpires at 0830, Tuesday, May 11.
- h. Time of the first race each day will be announced at the daily briefing.
- i. Daily debriefs will be held approximately 30 minutes after the boats reach the dock each day.
- j. Prize giving at approximately 1600 hours, Friday, May 14.
- k. No attention signal will be made after 1600 hours on Friday, May 14.

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

- a. Initial briefing, for skippers.
- b. Daily briefing, for skippers.
- c. Regatta social events, for skippers and crews. Schedule to be determined at a later date.
- d. Prize giving, for skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

Up to eight skippers will be invited. The OA, in coordination with USOSC, will choose the skippers to be invited. Up to two skippers may be male, but will not be eligible to sail in the semi-finals or finals. Female skippers must be U.S. citizens. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.

- a. Requests for an invitation must be made through the OA by 1700 on Friday, March 12, 2010 to dellenbaugh@nyyc.org.
- b. Invitations and entry forms will be issued on or before March 17, 2010.
- c. After receiving an invitation, a skipper shall confirm entry by completing the entry form accompanied by a non-refundable entry fee of \$500 (US) by check or credit card on or before 1700 on March 24, 2010.
- d. All skippers shall be members of US SAILING.
- e. The registered skipper shall helm the yacht at all times while racing, except in an emergency. 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.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entry Completion

The team 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 check in US dollars.

6.2 Entry Fee

The entry fee for this regatta is \$500.

6.3 Damage Deposit

- a. A credit card number must be submitted at registration to cover an initial damage deposit of \$500 (US), 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 made 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.

7 RULES

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix C. The rules for the handling of boats will apply to racing, the clinic and any practice.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- a. The event will be sailed in Sonar type boats.
- b. Eight 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, either daily or for each stage as decided by the OA.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- a. Teams with female skippers shall have all female crew.
- b. The maximum number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- c. 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 OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- e. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

10.1 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 – Coaching & Training

Each team will participate in four half day clinics.

Stage 2 –Round Robin

Each skipper will race against each other skipper in one or more round robin series.

Stage 3 - Semi Final Knockout Series

The four women skippers with the highest total scores at the end of the stage 2 will advance to stage 3. The winners of each series of stage 3 will be the first boat to score 3 points. The remaining skippers will have a concurrent Knockout Series for the remaining places.

Stage 4 – Final/Petit-Final Knockout Series

The winners of stage 3 will advance to the Final series. The other competitors from stage 3 will sail in the Petit-Final series. The winner in the Final series will be the first boat to score 3 points. The

winner in the Petit-Final series will be the first boat to score two points.

10.2 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 roundings, finishing downwind.
- b. The intended race area shall be in Narragansett Bay, between Goat Island and Rose Island – NOAA chart #13223

12 ADVERTISING

- a. The OA will supply the following: equipment, boat and sails. Advertising will be permitted for the OA in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.3.
- b. Competitors will not be required to wear clothing or a logo of an event sponsor while racing or at official functions. Teams are encouraged to wear provided bibs during the clinic and team colors during the regatta.
- c. Boats shall not protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (this changes RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew of boats placing first through third.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

Private coach boats are not permitted. Coaches provided by USOSC and the OA shall be on the water in conspicuously marked boats.

16 OTHER INFORMATION

- a. Housing in a limited number of private homes of New York Yacht Club members may be available to competitors upon request.
- b. Lunches and cold drinks will be provided to all competitors Monday through Friday.

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. All competitors shall sign a liability waiver at Registration.

18 CONTACT INFORMATION

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