

Howth Yacht Club

Irish Match Racing Qualifier for ISAF Nations Cup European Finals 2015



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2015 National Match Racing Open Championship

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club, in association with the Irish Sailing Association.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Howth Yacht Club, Howth, Co. Dublin, Ireland

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for ISAF Grade 3 ranking and may be re-graded if there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 Registration and crew weigh-in

Friday 3 April 2015 1800 – 2000

Saturday 4 April 2015 0800 - 0900

4.2 Briefing and meeting with umpires at 0830 Saturday April 4 2015

4.3 Time of the first warning signal each day: 1000.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1 The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

5.2 ISAF Eligibility, as required by ISAF Regulation 19, is required of all competitors and part of that requirement is that any competitor (skipper and crew) must be an Irish national.

5.3 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.

5.4 To develop Youth (U23) Match Racing, Youth teams are invited to participate in this event and as a result could be invited by ISAF to the Nations Cup European Regional Final in Howth May 7-10 2015 in the Open or Women's Division depending on the number of places available

6 ENTRIES

- 6.1 The entry fee is €350.00. The entry form should be returned to Howth Yacht Club before 1200 13 March 2015
- 6.2 A non-refundable entry fee of €100.00 shall be paid to Howth Yacht Club before 1200 13 March 2015.
- 6.3 An initial damage deposit of €1000.00 by means of a credit or debit card swipe shall be made at registration. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided 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.
Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

7 RULES

- 7.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- 7.2 The SailFleet rules for the handling of boats will apply and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. J80 Class rules will not apply.
- 7.3 The Prescriptions of the ISA will apply.
- 7.4 Major Alterations to the RRS
 - 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.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1 The event will be sailed in the SailFleet J80s.
- 8.2 8 boats will be provided.
- 8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Symmetric Spinnaker.
- 8.4 Boats will be allocated by draw daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1 The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four or five for an Open and Women's entry. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2 The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing, shall be 350 kg for an Open and Women's entry, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- 9.3 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.4 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1 The event will consist of

Stage 1 - One or more round robins

Stage 2 - Quarter-final,

Stage 3 - Semi-final,

Stage 4 - Petit final

Stage 5 - Final.

10.2 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.

11 **COURSE**

11.1 The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.

11.2 The racing area will be to the North of Howth Harbour.

12 **ADVERTISING**

12.1 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.

12.2 Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.

12.3 Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 **PRIZES**

13.1 The winning Irish Open team will be awarded the 2015 National Match Race Championship title and the nomination to represent IRL 1 in the Open Division of the Nations Cup European Regional Final in Howth May 7-10 2015. The offer shall be accepted no later than 13th April 2015 at 1200. Communication of this acceptance shall be to the OA.

13.2 The winning Irish Women's team will be nominated to represent IRL 1 in the Women's Division of the Nations Cup European Regional Final in Howth May 7-10 2015. The offer shall be accepted no later than 13th April 2015 at 1200. Communication of this acceptance shall be to the OA.

13.3 The 2nd placed Irish Open and Women's teams may be awarded an IRL 2 entry in either the Open or Women's Division of the Nations Cup European Regional Final, depending on the number of places available after confirmation of entries by other nations and in consultation with the ISAF Nations Cup Working Party.

13.4 Physical Prizes will be awarded to the top three placed Open and Women's teams

13.5 No prize money will be awarded

14 **MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND**

14.1 By participating in the event competitors automatically grant the OA, their sponsors and the ISA the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the

period of the competition without compensation.

15 COACH BOATS

- 15.1 Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- 15.2 The OA will provide berths for coach boats at the current HYC Marina berthing rates. See <http://hyc.ie/rates>
- 15.3 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 associated skipper or team.

16 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and they are reminded of the provisions of RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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:

- 16.1 They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and the boat supplied to them to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
- 16.2 They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their supplied boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
- 16.3 They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions.
- 16.4 By participating in any race, they are satisfied that their supplied boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- 16.5 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.
- 16.6 The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.