



EUROSAF Match Racing, Open European Championships

16th -20th August, 2011

NOTICE OF RACE



1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Åland Yacht Club, ÅSS.

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2 VENUE

The venue will be Western Harbour, Mariehamn, Åland Islands.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for ISAF Grade 2.

This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be regarded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1

- (a) Race office open from 09.30 Tuesday Aug 16th 2011
- (b) Registration Tuesday Aug 16th between 10.00 and 19.00
- (c) Crew weighing Tuesday Aug 16th between 10.00 and 19.00
- (d) Practice Tuesday Aug 16th between 10.00 and 16.00
- (e) First briefing Tuesday Aug 16th 16.30
- (f) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing
- (g) Opening Ceremony on Aug 16th Tuesday at 19.00
- (h) Racing days 17th - 20th August 2011
- (i) Intended starting time of the first race each day will be 10.00
- (j) Daily press conference 45 min after the last race of each day
- (k) Prize giving on Saturday Aug 20th 2011 approximately one hour after the last race

4.2

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

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers
- (b) Daily briefing for skippers
- (c) Daily press conferences for skippers sailing that day
- (d) Regatta dinner on the evening of Aug 20th 2011 for skippers and crews
- (e) Prize giving for top 3 placed skippers and crews
- (f) Pro AM for skippers and crews

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1

- (b) 12 skippers will be invited to participate in the event. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Skippers will be invited as follows:
- (c) One place is reserved for the current Champion and one for the host country.
- (d) Other entries will be based on the ISAF Match Racing Ranking 4 months prior to the event. Only one entry will be accepted from each MNA.
- (e) If fewer than 12 entries are registered within the time limit for entry, the OA will invite other teams in accordance with EUROSAF Regulation 1.1.

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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 the invitation in writing, (e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation. Entry fee must be paid by July 1st 2011.

5.4

All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.

5.5

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.

5.6

The event will be open only to skippers from European nations in good standing with EUROSAF. The winners of the event will be the European Match Racing Champions 2011.

6 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 in € EUR.

6.2

A non-refundable entry fee of €500 EUR shall be paid by July 1st 2011.

6.3

- (b) An initial damage deposit of €1.500 EUR shall be paid in cash or by credit card at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (c) In the event a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may be necessary to top up the deposit to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (d) Any remaining deposit will be refunded after the conclusion of the event.

6.4

All competitors are required to have adequate third-party insurance.

7 RULES

7.1

- a) The event shall be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- b) The rules for the handling of boats shall apply, and shall also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules shall not apply.
- c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

The warning signal for each flight shall be given 7 minutes before the start of the first match. This changes RRS C3.1.

7.3 Jury

An International Jury (IJ) shall be appointed, approved by the national authority, in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

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7.4 Observer

An observer, to give information to the umpire, and/or cameraman/other person may be placed in each umpire boat during a match, by the OA.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

The event will be sailed in modified J92 type boats.

6 boats will be provided.

The following sails will be provided for each boat:

- Mainsail
- Genoa
- Jib
- Spinnaker

Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- (b) The 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 350 kg.
- (d) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorize an original crewmember to substitute.
- (e) When a registered crewmember 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 a single round robin, with each skipper sailing each other once, followed by a knockout series consisting of a quarter-final, semi-final and final. There will be a petit-final to determine 3rd place between the beaten semi-finalists.

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

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

The intended course area will be the Western Harbour in Mariehamn.

12 ADVERTISING

As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, ISAF regulation 20.4 applies.

Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

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

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

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13 PRIZES

- (b) The winners of the EUROSAF Match Racing, Open European Championship will be awarded “the Piraterne Trophy” and the title *EUROSAF Match Racing Open European Champion 2011*.
- (c) EUROSAF gold, silver and bronze medals will be given to the crews of the first three boats.
- (d) There may be other prizes, but no prize-money.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

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

15 COACH BOATS

No coach boats will be allowed.

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Each team is requested to provide a national flag for display from the stern.

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.

18 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers and in accordance with the requirements of EUROSAF as indicated in NoR 5.1. If you wish to be invited, please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the attached form and sending it to Åland Yacht Club, with a copy to your MNA.

To confirm their entry, invited skippers are required to send the non refundable entry fee to the organizing authority no later than July 1st 2011.

Bank name: Ålandsbanken
Account holder: Åländska segelsällskapet
Account number: 660100-1126085
IBAN: FI51 6601 0001 1260 85
SWIFT/BIC: AABAFI22

Please state the name and country of the payer when transferring the entry fee.