



## **RYA Winter Match Racing Series 2012 - 13 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 8th and 9th December 2012  
Weekend 2 12th and 13th January 2013  
Weekend 3 23rd and 24th February 2013  
Weekend 4 23rd and 24th March 2013  
Final Weekend 20th and 21st April 2013

### **3. Event Grading**

ISAF Grade 4 status has been applied for the RYA Qualifiers and ISAF Grade 3 status has been applied for the RYA/BUSA Finals, RYA Youths, RYA Womens and RYA Championships Grand Finals. 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. Grading for the other events is the responsibility of the hosting club and should be clarified in their individual NORs.

### **4. Provisional Programme for RYA events**

- 4.1
- a) The Race Office will be open from 0830 on each day of the events.
  - b) Registration from 0830 on the first day of each event.
  - c) Crew weighing to be completed by 0900 on the first day of each event.
  - d) Practice may be available on the day prior to the first day each event. Contact the Organising Authority for availability.
  - e) First briefing will be at 0900 on the first day of each event.
  - f) First briefing with umpires will be immediately on completion of the first briefing.
  - g) Racing days will be Saturday and Sunday for each event.
  - h) The time of the first race on the first day will be 1000 and for the subsequent day(s) 0930.
  - i) Prize giving on completion of the racing.
- 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 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 £100 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.
- g) The highest placed skipper of each qualifier event will be invited to attend the Winter Match Racing Final weekend on 20th and 21st April 2013.

## **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**

- 7.1
- 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 devises 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 registered crew shall sail all races.
- c) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- d) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the Race Committee/O.A. may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- e) 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 at the Final weekend.
- 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. Disclaimer**

**Identification and Acknowledgement of Risk.**

Skippers, crew and their parental guardians (if under 18 years old) should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active watersports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries. Skippers and crew should be aware of particular risks of match racing where yachts are manoeuvred in close proximity and that the actions of other competitors, the actions or inactions of the organisers, including drivers of escort craft, can also endanger their safety.

The safety of the yacht and her crew and her entire management are the sole responsibility of the skipper and he/she should satisfy him/herself that the yacht and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the Event.