



**WOMENS MATCH
RACING WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP**
SHEBOYGAN USA 2016



**2016
Women's Match Racing World Championship
Sheboygan, WI, USA
19– 25 September 2016**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 1.1. The Organizing Authority is Sail Sheboygan in conjunction with the World Sailing.
- 1.2. This event is an event in the 2016 Women's International Match Racing Series. The Terms of Series can be found on www.wimseries.com.

2. VENUE

- 2.1. The venue will be Sheboygan, Wisconsin USA.

3. GRADING

- 3.1. The event is a World Sailing Grade W event. This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing Match Race Rankings Sub-committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

- 4.1. Schedule
 - (a) Race office open from September 19 at 1000.
 - (b) Registration from September 19 at 1000 until 1700.
 - (c) Practice from September 19 at 1200 until 1700 and September 20 at 1000 until 1500
 - (d) Practice times will be allocated by the OA
 - (e) First briefing at September 20 at 1600.
 - (f) First meeting with umpires at following the first briefing.
 - (g) Opening Ceremony on September 20 at 1800
 - (h) Racing days from September 21 until September 25.

- (i) Time of the first race each day will be 1000.
- (j) Time of the last attention signal on Sept 25 is 1600
- (k) Closing ceremony on September 25 at 1800

4.2. Prize giving on September 25 at the closing ceremony. Unless excused by the Organizing Authority, attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (c) Official event dinner, for skippers and crews.
- (d) Prize giving for the top 8 skippers and crews.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1. Up to 16 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the Organizing Authority will be eligible to enter this event. Invitations will be issued as follows:
 - (a) the defending World Champion;
 - (b) 14 skippers will be invited using the World Sailing Women's Match Racing Ranking list on May 18, 2016; and
 - (c) A wild card as agreed by US Sailing and World Sailing.
- 5.2. After June 1, 2016, World Sailing may issue wild card invitations for remaining places at its discretion.
- 5.3. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- 5.4. To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of their invitation in writing, or by fax or e-mail to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation
- 5.5. World Sailing Eligibility as required by World Sailing Regulation 19 is required of all competitors.
- 5.6. All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the Organizing Authority of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

6. ENTRIES

- 6.1. The skipper will be regarded as validly entered on completion of registration, including to sign the liability form by all crew members, crew weighing and the payment of deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card or local currency.
- 6.2. The non-refundable entry fee is USD \$1250 and shall be paid no later than August 15, 2016.
- 6.3. When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws from the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the Organizing Authority, a zero score may be applied to their ranking points.
- 6.4. An initial damage deposit of USD \$500 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the Organizing Authority. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- 6.5. If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the Organizing Authority, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- 6.6. Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

7. RULES

- 7.1. The regatta will be governed by:
 - (a) the rules as defined in the World Sailing *Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016* (RRS);

- (b) Rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.
- (d) Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) approved by the US Coast Guard (or for international competitors, the equivalent authority of their home country). Competitors shall bring their own personal floatation devices.

7.2. 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.*
- (b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
- (c) RRS 31 will be changed.
- (d) Under RRS 86.2, this event will use the package of test rules approved by World Sailing for match racing. See detailed wording for these rule changes in NOR Appendix A.

7.3. An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8. BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1. The event will be sailed in Elliott 6m type boats.
- 8.2. Eight boats will be provided.
- 8.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat: mainsail, large and small jib and symmetric spinnaker.
- 8.4. Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the World Sailing Technical Delegate.

9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three (3) or four (4). All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 9.2. The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 204kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- 9.3. Crew weight may be checked during the regatta. At any re-weighing the total weight limit is increased by 10 kg. Any crew weighing in excess of this increased limit shall not be penalized, but they shall reduce their weight to the increased weight limit before racing again.
- 9.4. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the World Sailing Technical Delegate may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.5. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the World Sailing Technical Delegate may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10. EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1. Skippers will be seeded based on the World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- 10.2. The event will consist of the following stages:
 - (a) Stage 1: Round robin
 - (b) Stage 2: Quarter Finals
 - (c) Stage 3: Semi Finals
 - (d) Stage 4: 5 – 8 Place Knockouts

(e) Stage 5: 9 – 12 Place Knockouts

(f) Stage 6: Final and Petit Final

10.3. Stage 1 may be conducted in groups depending on the final number of entries.

10.4. The World Sailing Technical Delegate 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. COURSES

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

11.2. The intended course area will be east of the Sheboygan harbor and is shown on the chart course limits, Addendum F of the Sailing Instructions.

12. ADVERTISING

12.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, ISAF Regulation 20.4.2 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the Organizing Authority.

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 first placed skipper after Stage 1 will be presented with the World Sailing "Nucci Novi Ceppellini Memorial Trophy".

13.2. The first placed skipper in the final results will be declared as the 2016 Women's Match Racing World Champion and will be presented with the Women's Match Racing World Championship Trophy.

13.3. World Sailing Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be presented to the top 3 teams.

13.4. The International Jury may reduce or remove a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

14. MEDIA RIGHTS

14.1. By participating in the event competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority, their sponsors and World Sailing 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.

14.2. If required by the Organizing Authority:

(a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the Organizing Authority shall be carried on board while racing.

(b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the Organizing Authority during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the Organizing Authority or Race Committee.

(c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the Organizing Authority that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

(d) Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the Organizing Authority supplied media equipment.

14.3. Competitors may be required for interviews at the event.

15. COACH BOATS

15.1. 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.

15.2. Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied to the appropriate skipper or team, at the discretion of the International Jury.

16. DOPING CONTROL

Doping control may be conducted in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code. In-Competition testing may be carried out at the Venue.

17. 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:

- (a) 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;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their supplied boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) 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;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

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APPENDIX A - PACKAGE OF TEST MATCH RACING RULES

Below are the detail of the changes to the RRS.

A. Add new RRS 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The Umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

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 based on the relationship of the boats considered at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.
- (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 change *tack* at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she changes *tack* she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate *mark* or a *finishing mark* and a boat shall not be penalized for breaking this rule unless the course of another boat was affected by the breach of this rule.

C. Change definition of Mark-Room to:

Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* on the required side. If *room* includes a change of *tack* such *tack* or gybe shall be done no quicker than a *tack* or gybe to sail her *proper course*.

D. Add the following new rule:

C2.14 Rule 17 is deleted.