



BUSA / RYA Match Racing Championships 2007/08

Preliminary Notice of Race

1. The Organising Authority

The Organising Authority will be the Royal Yachting Association in conjunction with the relevant Sailing Clubs.

2. Venue and Dates

BUSA Qualifier 1

27th/28th October 2007, Royal Northern and Clyde YC

BUSA Qualifier 2

16th/17th February 2008, Queen Mary Sailing Club, Staines, London

BUSA Qualifier 3 (subject NOR 2.1 below)

29th/30th March 2008, Queen Mary Sailing Club, Staines, London

BUSA Match Racing Championship Finals

12th/13th April 2008, Queen Mary Sailing Club, Staines, London

- 2.1 The O.A. may run a third qualifying event (Qualifier 3) if by the end of December 2007 the number of entries, in the sole opinion of the O.A., justifies such an extra event. The O.A. reserves the right to alter the allocation of places at the Finals accordingly.

3. Event Grading

ISAF Grade 4 status has been applied for the Qualifiers and Finals
This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Advisory Board.
The events may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4. Provisional Programme

- 4.1
- a) The Race Office will be open from 0800 on each day of the events.
 - b) Registration from 0800 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 each event. Contact the Organising Authority for availability (conditions apply, subject to 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) Daily press conference 60 minutes after the completion of the final race of the day.

- j) Prize giving on completion of the Sunday press conference.

4.2 Unless excused by the O.A. attendance at the following is mandatory.

- a) First briefing for skippers.
- b) Daily press conference for skippers.
- c) Prize giving for final skippers and crews.

5 Skippers Eligibility

- a) A maximum of 10 skippers for all events will be invited. Only skippers invited by the O.A. will be eligible to enter the appropriate event. The O.A. intends to invite one team per university to enter, however it may invite a second team to enter in its sole discretion. Universities wishing to have two teams invited should contact the O.A. to provide the necessary details.
- b) To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation in writing, fax or e-mail.
- c) A non-returnable entry fee of £200 shall accompany the acceptance of invitation, for this to be valid.
- d) All crews shall be from the same institution in accordance with the British Universities Sports Association rules and regulations. (University registration cards will be required when the crew weigh in, NUS cards will not be adequate.)
- 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. Skippers shall inform the O.A. of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

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 by sterling, bankers card or cheque.
- 6.2 Entry Fee
A non-returnable entry fee of £200 shall be paid with the entry acceptance and prior to registration for each event.
- 6.3 Damage Deposit
 - a) An initial damage deposit of £250.00 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the O.A. 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 decided by the O.A., it may require the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
 - c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within the 10 days after the event

7 Rules

- 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 Royal Northern and Clyde Yacht Club and Queen Mary Sailing Club shall apply at their respective events. **(Note: Buoyancy aids must be worn whilst afloat.)**
- 7.2 Major Rule Changes - None

8 Boats and Sails

- a) The event will be sailed in Sonar's (at RN&CYC) and J80s (at QMSC) using symmetrical spinnakers.
- b) 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)

- a) There is no limit on the number of crew (including skipper) for each event.
- b) All registered crew shall sail all races.
- c) The maximum total crew weight for all events determined prior to racing shall be 350kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirt.
- d) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- e) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the Jury/O.A. may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- f) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the Jury/O.A. may authorise a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10. Event Format

- a) Skippers will be seeded based on the most recently published ISAF ranking list 5 days before the appropriate event.
- b) The event will consist of the following stages:-
 - Series 1 - Single Round Robin
 - Series 2 - Semi-Finals
 - Series 3 - Finals
- c) The O.A. 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 course area will be announced at the first briefing.

12. Advertising

- a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the O.A.
- b) The Organising Authority intends to supply the following equipment: - sponsor backstay flag.
- c) ISAF Regulation 20.3.2 will apply and Category C advertising as supplied by the O.A. is to be displayed on this equipment.
- d) Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the Organising Authority.
- e) Boats may not protest for breaches of any rule regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13. Prizes

- a) Prizes will be awarded at the Championships Final.
- b) The Winners and Runners up will be invited to the RYA National Match Racing Championship Finals in October 2008.
- c) 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. Media, Images and Sound

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

15. Coach Boats

- a) Coach boats shall conspicuously display identification of the team being coached.
- b) The organisers will not provide berths for coach boats.
- c) Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Jury /Protest Committee to the appropriate skipper or team.

16. Disclaimer

Identification and Acknowledgement of Risk.

Skippers and crew 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.

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