Women's Finnish Match Race Championship 2020
19-20 September 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

1.1 The Organising Authority (OA) will be NJK Nyländska Jaktklubben r.f.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Björkholmen (Koivusaari), Helsinki, Finland.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for World Sailing Grade 3.

This grading is subject to review by World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 Schedule

(a) Race office open during practice dates and times indicated below
(b) Registration during practice dates and times indicated below
(c) Crew weighing during practice dates and times indicated below
(d) Practice dates and times:
September 18 from 17:00 until 21:00
Practice session should be agreed in advance with the OA.
(e) First briefing on September 19 at 9:30.
(f) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
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(h) Racing days September 19-20.
(i) Time of the first race will be at approximately 11:00 on the first racing day, otherwise at 10:00
(j) The latest time for an attention signal on the last day of racing will be approximately 17:00.
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(l) Prize giving as soon as possible after the last race.
(m) Social dinner for the teams is planned in the evening of September 19.

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

(a) Initial briefing, for skippers.
(b) -
(c) Daily briefing, for skippers.
(d) -
(e) Regatta dinner, for skippers and crews.
(f) Prize giving, for the top 4 skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

5.1 Up to 12 skippers may be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.

All participating Finnish skippers and crew members have to be members of the Finnish Match race Association. (matchracing.net)

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 by the date specified on the letter of invitation.

5.4 All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing regulation 19.2.

5.5 All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.

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6 ENTRIES

6.1 Entering

The team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made as specified in the Letter of Invitation.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of 375 Euro shall be paid as specified in the Letter of Invitation.

The entry fee includes the planned social dinner(s).

The teams are given a discount of 20 € for each crewmember who is a full season member of NJK Sailing Center.

6.3 Withdrawal

When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. (World Sailing Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage deposit

(a) An initial damage deposit of 1.800 Euro shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.

(b) 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.

(c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

7 RULES

7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), including Appendix C.

(b) The 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.

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.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

8.1 The event will be sailed in modified J/80 type boats.

8.2 Eight (8) boats will be provided.

8.3 The following sails will be provided for each boat: mainsail, genoa, jib, symmetric spinnaker.

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

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

9.1 The total number of crew (including the skipper) shall be, four (4), five (5), or six (6). All registered crew shall sail all races.

9.2 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 340 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.

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 penalised, 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 OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

9.5 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 Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on the latest World Sailing Open Match Race ranking list.

10.2 The event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 – Full Round Robin(s)
Stage 2 – Quarter-Finals
Stage 3 – King of the castle
Stage 4 – Semi-Finals
Stage 5 – Petit-Finals

Stage 6 – Finals

10.3 Stage 1 may be conducted in groups or as a double round robin depending on the final number of entries.

10.4 The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

11 COURSE

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

11.2 The intended course area will be south west of Björkholmen (Koivusaari), Helsinki and is shown on map included in the SI.

12 ADVERTISING

12.1 As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, World Sailing regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

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

13 PRIZES

13.1 National Championship medals will be awarded to the first, second and third placed Finnish teams.

13.2 The PC 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

14.1 If required by the OA:

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

(b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.

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

14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

14.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

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 The organisers will not provide berths for coach boats.

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 or the Jury to the associated skipper or team.

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

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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 DISCLAIMER

All those taking any 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.

19 INVITATIONS

If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation with the OA **as soon as possible, but before Sunday August 30th 2020** by using the electronic form at:

https://forms.gle/EaAHRJ5Jd1uoyoWE7

NJK's Regattas can be found at http://www.njk.fi/sailingcenter/regattas/