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INVESTWISE Dublin Match Racing Open, Howth 2011
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3rd and 4th September 2011

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Howth Yacht Club Limited

2 VENUE

The venue will be Howth Yacht Club, Harbour Road, Howth, C/o Dublin, Republic of Ireland

3 EVENT GRADING

The event is an ISAF Grade 3 event.

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

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 4.1 (a) Race office open from 1800 to 2000 on the 2nd, 0800 on the 3rd, 0900 on the 4th
(b) Registration as above
(c) Crew weighing from 1800 to 2000 on the 2nd, 0800 to 0900 in the 3rd
(d) First briefing at 0900 on the 3rd.
(e) First meeting with umpires immediately following the first briefing.
(g) Racing days from 3rd September to 4th September 2011
(h) Warning Signal for the first race each day will be after 1030 on the 3rd and after 0930 on the 4th

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) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) 8 to 12 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Invitations will be issued on a first come first served basis on receipt of the entry deposit
- (b) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- (c) To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, (e-mail is acceptable where a deposit is paid via credit card or bank transfer) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- (d) A non-refundable entry deposit of €295 shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation. Where the deposit is paid by cheque the OA will hold the processing of payment until after the 25th August.
- (e) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- (f) 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.
- (g) All Irish resident competitors shall be members of Match Racing Ireland

- (h) No invitations will be issued after the 25th August 2011
- (i) In the event that fewer than 8 invitations have been issued on the 26th August then the OA will refund the entry deposit of invited skippers less any credit card transaction fees.

6 ENTRIES

- 6.1 (a) 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 credit card/local currency/bank transfer/cheque.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee shall be paid by prior to the 31st August 2011 as follows:

11 or 12 teams invited: No entry fee

10 teams invited: €35.00

9 teams invited: €55.00

8 teams invited: €95.00

- 6.3 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 the ISAF. (ISAF Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of €1,000 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.

6.4 Insurance

All competitors are required to have adequate third party insurance.

7 RULES

7.17.1

- (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, and 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 and by-laws of Howth Yacht Club that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board.
- (d) Subject to approval by the NA, the right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a)

- 7.2 The OA may place an observer on each boat to provide information to the umpires.

- 7.3 Bouyancy Aids/Personal Flotation Devices to be worn at all times afloat

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

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.

RRS C8.6 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

Any other rules or major changes intended to the RRS.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- (a) The event will be sailed in J80 type boats

- (b) 8 boats will be provided.
- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat:
Mainsail, Jib, Symmetric 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) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4 or 5. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- (b) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 350 kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- (b2) 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.
- (c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the PC may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the PC may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- (a) The event will consist of the following stages:
Stage 1 - round robin (the number of rotations to be decided based on the weather on the day)

Stage 2 – quarters, semi and finals to be sailed based on the ranking after stage 1
- (b) The OA 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 in the vicinity of Irelands Eye

12 ADVERTISING

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- (b) The OA intends to supply the following equipment: Boat hulls & foils, mast & rigging, sails. Only advertising as approved by the OA is to be displayed on this equipment.
- (c) Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- (d) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

- (a) The winner of the event will be awarded the INVESTWISE Cup
Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 places
No prize money will be awarded

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

(a) 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.

(a) The OA will provide boats from which coaches may observe racing and communicate with their teams between matches. Individual coach boats will not be permitted.

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(b) The organisers will/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 to the appropriate skipper or team, at the discretion of the IJ/Protest Committee.

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

(a) Each team is requested to provide a team or national flag approximately 16 inches in height for display from the stern of the boat on the provided halyard.

(b) Teams may attach name boards to the sails using the Velcro attachments sewn to the sails. The layout and dimensions of the Velcro may be provided by the OA on request.

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. 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.

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