



Szczecin Match Race 2016
ISAF Grade 2 Event
Qualifier to Energa Sopot Match Race
20-22 May 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the MT Partners, TŻR in cooperation with Yacht Club Polski Szczecin and Polish Yachting Association. Contact person: Maciek Cylupa, Email: maciek@polishmatch.pl , Phone +48 783 00 83 83 Applications: competitors@polishmatch.pl, website: www.polishmatch.pl

2 VENUE

The venue will be the Lake Dabskie and Odra River, Szczecin, Poland.
Race Office will be at PMT Office at Marina Club, Szczecin, Przestrzenna 11

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for ISAF Grade 2.
This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Ranking Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROGRAMME

4.1 Provisional Schedule:

- a. Race office opens on the 19.05.2016 at 12.00.
- b. Registration, crew weighting on the 19.05.2016 from 12.00 until 19.00.
- c. Practice will be on the 19.05.2016 from 12.30 until 19.00
Please register in advance for your time of practice. Time schedule will be made according to the time we receive your wishes via email.
- d. First briefing and meeting with the umpires on the 20.05.2016 at 09.00
- e. Racing days are from the 20.05.2016 to the 22.05.2016
- f. Skipper meetings will be held on each racing day at 09.00.
- g. Time of the attention signal for the first race each racing day will be at 10.00.
- h. Daily press conference 30 minutes after the last race of each day (optional)
- i. Prize giving on the 22.05.2016 after finals.

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. 12 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- 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 invitation in writing, (e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- d. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation 19.2.
- e. 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.

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 local currency.
- 6.2 A non-returnable entry fee of 500 Euro shall accompany the acceptance of invitation, for this to be valid. Entry fee should be paid prior to 1.05.2016 by bank transfer to OA bank account - unless excused by OA. Details will be provided in invitation.
- 6.3 Damage deposit
 - a. An initial damage deposit of 500 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. In the event of 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 after the event.

7 RULES

- 7.1
 - a. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the 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. The national authority prescriptions will not apply.
- 7.2 Major alterations to the RRS
 - a. Add to RRS 41: (c) 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. Under RRS 86.3, this event will test package of test rules proposed for match racing. See detailed wording for these rule changes in NoR Addendum X.
- 7.3 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed, in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- a. The event will be sailed on TOM28 type boats.
- b. 6 boats will be provided.
- c. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, 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 (max 5 for women teams). 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.
- c. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event OA may authorize an original crewmember to substitute.
- d. When a registered crewmember is unable to continue in the event OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- a. The event will consist of the following stages:
 - Stage 1 – Single Round Robin
 - Stage 2 – Quarter Finals
 - Stage 3 – Semi Final
 - Stage 4 – Petit Final
 - Stage 5 – Final
- b. The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.
- c. Stage 4 and Stage 5 are intended to be sailed on Odra River in Szczecin City Center, Sunday May 22.

11 COURSE

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

12 ADVERTISING

- a. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organizing Authority, ISAF Regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- b. Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

Trophies for first 3 teams. Prize Money for top 4 teams:

Winner – 1500 EUR

2nd place – 1000 EUR

3rd place – 600 EUR

4th place – 400 EUR

Winner of the event will receive an invitation to Energa Sopot Match Race grade1, July 27-31, 2016.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

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

15 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, both ashore and on the water.

16 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.

All requests please send to Polish Match Tour office: competitors@polishmatch.pl

Deadline for applications is March 31 2016

ADDENDUM X - PACKAGE OF TEST MATCH RACING RULES

Below are the details of the changes to the RRS:

A. Add new RRS 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

When there is doubt as to the relationship or change of relationship between boats, the last point of certainty will apply.

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 markroom ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required.
- (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 tack or gybe at a mark to sail Her proper course, until she tacks or gybes she shall sail no farther from the mark than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate mark.

C. Change definition of Mark-Room to:

Mark-Room

Room for a boat to sail her proper course to round or pass the mark.

D. Add the following new rule:

C2.14

Rule 17 is changed to 'After the starting signal, if a boat clear astern becomes overlapped within two of her hull lengths to leeward of a boat on the same tack, she shall not sail above her proper course while they remain on the same tack and overlapped within that distance, unless in doing so she promptly sails astern of the other boat.

This rule does not apply if the right-of-way boat is on a leg to a leeward mark or the finishing line, or if the overlap begins while

- (a) the right-of-way boat is on a leg to a leeward mark,
- (b) the windward boat is required by rule 13 to keep clear, or
- (c) both boats are OCS.'

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