



The Mermaid Match Racing Championship
17th and 18th April 2010
at Seaview, Isle of Wight, UK



This will be the seventh successive year that the Sea View Yacht club has run the Mermaid Matchracing Championships. The event has now established itself as an annual event with an ISAF grading of 3, suitable for those working their way up the rankings to get keen international competition. Last year yachtsmen from six different nations took part and it is hoped that this will be the pattern again in 2010.

The Mermaid Match Racing Championship will take place this year on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th April. The format will be similar to last year with the intention that the event will be categorised by ISAF as Grade 3.

The Sea View Yacht Club's own fleet of Mermaids were designed for racing in East Wight waters by Arthur Robb forty five years ago. The hulls have all been replaced in GRP within the last fifteen years with advice from David Thomas. With different coloured hulls and spinnakers it is possible for spectators to enjoy the racing on the usually sheltered but interesting waters immediately off the village. The Mermaid is a three-man keelboat with a conventional spinnaker. Class rules prevent sitting out so making crew-weight less of a factor. The Mermaids are raced on most days throughout the summer by many different organisations and events run in Mermaids include the Inter-Services team-racing Championships and the Prince Philip Cup.

A preliminary Notice of Race is attached. Those who wish to compete should complete the attached entry form and mail, email or fax it to the Secretary, Sea View Yacht Club.

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You will find a well-established list of accommodation for visiting yachtsmen on the club website <http://www.svyc.org.uk/> (under “Existing Charterers”). Travel details can also be found there.

The Mermaids will be available to competitors for practising on Friday between 1200 and 1800. The club will be open on Friday evening. Competitors are advised to take their own lunch to sea with them at the start of each day, as they will most likely be out there all day. Snacks can be obtained for this purpose from the club caterers if required. An informal dinner will be held for competitors, supporters and all those involved on Saturday evening. It will help if you could indicate your requirements on the Entry Form and how many there will be in your party.

Registration will take place between 1200 and 1800 on Friday or 0830 and 0900 on Saturday at the Sea View Yacht Club. A first briefing will be held at 0900 on Saturday. The prize giving should be no later than 1700 on Sunday.

Richard Prest.
Event Organiser.

Andy Barrett
Secretary, SVYC



THE MERMAID MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2010

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th April

At Seaview, Isle of Wight, UK

Preliminary NOTICE OF RACE

1. The Organising authority

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Sea View Yacht Club.

2. Venue and Date

The Mermaid Match Racing Championships will be held on 17th and 18th April in the Eastern Solent off Seaview, Isle of Wight.

3. Event Grading

ISAF Grade 3 status has been applied for. (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

- (a) The Race Office will be open for registration from 1200 and 1800 on Friday 16th April and from 0830 to 0900 on Saturday 17th April.
- (b) Yachts will be available for practice on Friday until 1800. You should register before going on the water to practice.
- (c) First Briefing will be at 0900 on Saturday.
- (d) First Briefing for umpires will be immediately after the first briefing.
- (e) The time of the first race will be 1000 on Saturday and 0930 on Sunday.
- (f) Prize giving will be on completion of the final race.
- (g) Unless excused by the Organising Authority the first briefing and any subsequent briefing are mandatory for skippers.

5. Skippers Eligibility

- (a) A maximum of 10 skippers will be invited, of which at least three will be from overseas.
- (b) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times whilst racing, except in emergency.
- (c) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of RRS Appendix 2, regulation 19.2.

- (d) All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online. Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF ID at registration.
- (e) All skippers should have completed the entry procedure, paid the entry fee, completed registration and paid an initial damage deposit before taking part in the event.

6 Entry

- (a) A skipper wishing to be selected for entry should register his/her interest with the OA by completing the attached entry form and forwarding it to the Secretary, Sea View Yacht Club by mail, email or fax.
- (b) The entry fee is £250. Credit card details should be given on the entry form or alternatively a cheque or bankers draft for this amount made out to the Sea View Yacht Club should accompany the entry form.
- (c) His/her selection to enter will subsequently be confirmed by the OA. Not until this time will the entrance fee be taken.
- (d) An initial damage deposit of £250 shall be paid at registration. This is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of one incident. In the event that a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require the deposit to be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue the event.
- (e) Any deposit remaining after the event will be refunded.

7. Rules

- (a) The event will be governed by the current rules as defined in the RRS, and include Match Racing Appendix C, the ISAF Fast Track Calls, the Rules for Handling of Boats laid down for the event. The National Authority Prescriptions shall apply.

8. Boats and Sails

- (a) The event will be sailed in Sea View Mermaids. These are 26 foot LOA one-design keelboats.
- (b) Boats are provided with a genoa, jib, mainsail with a single slab reefing system and a spinnaker.
- (c) Sail configuration to be used will depend on prevailing conditions.
- (d) Boat allocation will be determined by *ISAF matchracing ranking of each competitor corresponding to the boat's sail number allocated* by the Race Committee.

9. Crew

- (a) The crew shall consist of three people including the helmsman.
- (b) No limitation of crew weight is applicable. Sitting out by helmsman and crew will be prohibited by the Rules for Handling of Boats.
- (c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA/Jury may authorise a registered crewmember to substitute. When a registered crewmember is unable to continue in the event they may authorise a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10. Event Format

- (a) Skippers will be seeded on the published ISAF ranking list five days before the event.
- (b) The event will consist of the following stages
 - Series 1 - Single Round Robin
 - Series 2 - Semi Finals
 - Series 3 - Finals
- (c) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round when the conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11. Course

- (a) The course will be windward/leeward with all marks to starboard, 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 OA Appendix 1, regulation 20.3.2 applies. Each boat will be required to display such advertising as may be supplied by the OA.
- (b) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rule regarding advertising (Amends RRS 60.1).

13. Prizes

No cash prizes will be awarded. Such prizes as are presented will only be symbolic.

14. Media

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

15. Coach Boats

No coach boats are allowed.

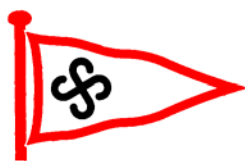
16. Disclaimer, Identification and acknowledgement of Risk

Skippers and crew should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active water-sports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries. Skippers and crew should be aware of the particular risks of match racing where yachts are manoeuvred in close proximity and that the actions of other competitors, the actions and inactions of the organisers including drivers of escort craft, can also endanger their safety.

The safety of the boat and her crew and her entire management are the sole responsibility of the skipper and he/she should satisfy himself/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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ENTRY FORM

I wish to apply for entry to the Mermaid Match Racing Championship to be held on 17th and 18th April 2010.

NAME

NATIONALITY

ISAF ID

e-mail ADDRESS

mobile phone number

The number of people in my party is likely to be as follows

Informal Dinner (£11 per person) on Saturday 18th April

My Credit Card details are as follows and I hereby authorise the Sea View Yacht Club to debit this account with the entrance fee when I have been accepted for the event.

Card Number Expiry Date.....

Alternatively, I enclose a cheque/bankers draft for the sum of £250.
I also understand that I will be required to produce a further £250 refundable initial damage deposit at registration.

Signed

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Date.....