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MATCH RACE FRANCE – 2012
Part of THE WORLD MATCH RACING TOUR
24-29 September

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Yachting Club de la Pointe Rouge.

2 VENUE

The venue will be South bay Marseille, on the Mediterranean Coast.

Address:

Stade nautique du Roucas Blanc
6 promenade Georges Pompidou
13008 Marseille
France

3 EVENT GRADING

The event is an ISAF Grade W 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 9:00am 24 September.
- (b) Registration on 24 September 0900-1700 and 25 September 0830-0930.
- (c) Crew weighing on 24 September 0900-1700 and 25 September 0830-0930.
- (d) Practice on 24 September 1300-1700. Please register in advance for your practice time (contact Dimitri Deruelle who will organise the time schedule – dimitri@marsail.com).
- (e) First briefing on 24 September at 1800.
- (f) First meeting with umpires will follow the first briefing.
- (g) Opening Ceremony on 24 September, 1900.
- (h) Racing days from 25 September to 29 September
- (i) Time of the first race each day will be at 1000 except on the last day when it will be at 0900.
- (j) Daily press conference 30 minutes after the last race of each day.
- (k) Prize giving on Saturday 29 September immediately following the completion of racing.

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

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Photo shoot with whole team in team clothing after weigh in.
- (d) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (e) Official diner on 27 September
- (f) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) 12 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA or the Tour will be eligible to enter this event. The World Match Racing Tour Invite Policy shall apply. One team will be invited from the Internationaux de France 2011 and one team will be invited from the Magic White Nights 2012.



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- (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, (fax or e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the on the invitation email invitation. Tour Card holders shall also confirm their participation to the Tour Office.
- (d) Spare
- (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.

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/cheque.
- 6.2 Entry Fee
There is no entry fee.
- 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 ISAF Ranking points for that event by the ISAF (ISAF Regulation 27.2.2(d)). In addition the World Match Racing Tour may deduct points from the skippers overall Tour standings.
- 6.4 Damage deposit
 - (a) An initial damage deposit of € 1500 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 within 10 days after the event.

7 RULES

- 7.1
 - (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 that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS



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Alterations to the RRS including changes authorized by ISAF under RRS86.2 are listed in Appendix 1 of this Notice of Race.

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 in J 80 type boats.
- (b) 8 boats will be provided (+1 spare boat).
- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat:
Mainsail, Genoa, Jib, Asymmetrical Spinnaker.
- (d) Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the OA.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- (a) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 4 for an open's team and 5 for an all women's team. 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 the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- (d) 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

- (a) The event will consist of the following stages:
Stage 1 – Qualifying (Single Round Robin)
Stage 2 – Quarter Final
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.

11 COURSE

- (a) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be in the Bay of Marseille as close as possible to the shore

12 ADVERTISING



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- (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.
- (c) Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the Organising Authority.
- (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 principal prize for first place will be the Match Race France Trophy.
- (b)
 - First prize – €EUR 10000
 - Second prize – €EUR 8000
 - Third prize – €EUR 7000
 - Fourth prize – €EUR 6000
 - Fifth Prize – €EUR 5250
 - Sixth prize – €EUR 5000
 - Seventh prize – €EUR 4500
 - Eighth prize – €EUR 4250
- (c) These prizes have been approved by the national authority.
- (d) ISAF has been notified of these Prizes.
- (e) The OA 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 and the World Match Racing Tour 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. 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.
- (b) The organisers will not provide berths for coach boats.



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- (c) Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the IJ to the appropriate skipper or team.

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Each team is requested to provide their national anthem on CD or as an MP3 file.

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 or the Tour by completing the attached form.

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NOR APPENDIX 1 – MAJOR ALTERATIONS TO THE RRS and RSS APPENDIX C

Changes to the rules of Part 2 and rule 42 of the RRS have been authorized by ISAF under RRS86.2

Change rule C2.1:

C2.1 The definition *Finish* is changed to

A boat *finishes* when any part of her hull crosses the finishing line in the direction of the course from the last *mark* after completing any penalties. However, when penalties are cancelled under rule C7.2(e) after one or both boats have *finished* each shall be recorded as *finished* when she crossed the line.

Add new rules C2.13 to C2.20:

C2.13 Add new rule 16.3: 'If two boats are inside the zone of a windward *mark* on opposite *tacks* and the proper course for the right-of-way boat is to tack at the *mark*, she shall be exonerated if she breaks rule 16.1 while luffing to tack at the mark.'

C2.14 Rule 17 is deleted.

C2.15 Rule 21.3 is deleted

C2.16 Rule 31 is changed to 'While *racing*, neither the crew nor any part of a boat's hull shall touch a starting *mark* before *starting*, a *mark* that begins, bounds or ends the leg of the course on which she is sailing, or a finishing *mark* after *finishing*.'

C2.17 Rule 42.3(b) is changed to 'A boat's crew may increase the speed of the boat through exaggerated crew movements to facilitate steering the boat through a tack or gybe and to adjust the trim of the boat while within 1 boat length of the completion of the tack or gybe.'

C2.18 Except when flag Victor is displayed on the race committee starting vessel before or at the attention signal for a match, or when flag Victor has been displayed from an official boat during a match, rule 42.3(c) is changed to: 'A boat sailing a downwind course after the starting signal is permitted to pump the sheet and the guy controlling any sail.'

C2.19 Add new rule 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.'

C2.20 Add to the end of the last sentence of RRS 47.2: 'unless that person was placed on board by the OA and they have been retrieved from the water by a support boat or official boat.'

Add new rule C6.2(e) and Change rules C6.3 and C6.5(b) to:

C6.2(e) rule 28.1.

C6.3 A boat may not request redress under RRS 62.1(a). The protest committee may decide to consider giving redress under that rule if it believes that something has occurred that has had a significant effect on the fairness of the race. The race committee or match umpires may request the protest committee to consider this. This changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1(a). A boat intending to request redress under 62.1(b) or (c) because of circumstances that arise before she finishes or retires shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances, but no later than two minutes after finishing or retiring.



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C6.5(b) The red-flag penalty in rule C5.3 shall be used when a boat has gained a controlling position as a result of breaking a *rule*.

Changes to Rule C7.2 All Penalties

Add new C7.2(a) and change current C7.2(d) then renumber all points.

C7.2(a) After being signalled under rule C5.2 and within the limitations of rule C7.3, a penalized boat may elect to take a penalty immediately by crossing behind the stern of the other boat.

C7.2(e) A penalized boat shall not be recorded as having *finished* until she takes her penalty and sails completely to the course side of the line with her hull and then *finishes*, unless the penalty is cancelled before or after she crosses the finishing line.

Delete rules C8.3(a) and C8.3(b) and add new rules C8.3(a), (b) and (d)

C8.3(a) retained a controlling position after taking a penalty under C7.3(d).

C8.3(b) gained an advantage after barging at a starting mark when approaching the line to start.

C8.3(d) made excessive attempts to verbally coerce, coach or influence an umpire decision; objected repetitively to an umpire decision (verbally or otherwise); or abused the umpires before or after an umpire decision

Add new rule C10.2(b):

C10.2(b) When one of the boats in a match fails to sail the course in accordance with rule 28.1, she shall be scored DNF without a hearing.