



**2012 Women's Match Racing  
International Country Olympic Qualifying Regatta  
Key Biscayne Yacht Club  
Key Biscayne, Florida USA  
February 1 – 5, 2012**

**Notice of Race**

**1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the Key Biscayne Yacht Club (KBYC), Women's International Match Racing Association (WIMRA), and Sail Sheboygan.

**2. V E N U E**

Biscayne Bay, near Key Biscayne, Florida, USA.

**3. EVENT GRADING**

The event has applied for International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Grade 2. 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 PROGRAM**

Wednesday - February 1, 2012

0900-1700	Registration
0900-1200	Crew weighing prior to practice
0900-1700	Practice
1830	Opening Ceremonies

Thursday - February 2, 2012

0800-0830	Daily crew weighing
0845	First Briefing followed by Skipper/Umpire Meeting
1000	First Attention signal
	Umpire debriefing – 30 minutes after boat hauling

Friday - February 3, 2012

0800-0830	Daily crew weighing
1000	First Attention signal
	Umpire debriefing – 30 minutes after boat hauling

Saturday - February 4, 2012

0800-0830

Daily crew weighing

1000

First Attention signal

Umpire debriefing – 30 minutes after boat hauling

Sunday - February 5, 2012

0800-0830

Daily crew weighing

1000

First Attention signal

1500

No Attention signal shall be made after this time

Awards, Closing Ceremonies—immediately after boat hauling

- 4.1 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
- a. Opening Ceremonies
  - b. Initial briefing, for skippers.
  - c. Prize giving for the finals skippers and crews.

## 5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 Skippers that meet the eligibility requirements and request an invitation by the deadline (January 6, 2012) will be invited to compete.
- 5.2. Skippers representing Member National Authorities who have qualified for the 2012 Olympic are not eligible to enter this event.
- 5.3 Each Member National Authority that has not yet qualified for the 2012 Olympic Regatta is entitled to one entry.
- 5.4 No Member National Authority may have more than one entry.
- 5.5 Each eligible skipper will receive an invitation. To remain eligible the skipper shall confirm acceptance of invitation in writing, (e-mail is acceptable) by January 13, 2012.
- 5.4. All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- 5.5. All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at [www.sailing.org/isafsailor](http://www.sailing.org/isafsailor). Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.
- 5.6. All competitors shall be a national of the country of the Member National Authority (MNA) which is entering her or which she represents (see ISAF Regulation 24.5). Each competitor shall present proof of their nationality at registration.
- 5.7. The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.

## 6. ENTRIES

### 6.1. Entry Completion

The skipper shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card or cash (\$US).

### 6.2. Fees

A non-refundable entry fee of \$ 2,012 (\$US) shall be paid before registration. This fee includes the cost of boat rental and borrowed boat insurance and social fees. Skippers and crews shall register at the link posted on Key Biscayne Yacht Club website: [www.kbyc.org](http://www.kbyc.org) . Questions regarding registration should be forwarded to WIMRA [ExecDir@wimra.org](mailto:ExecDir@wimra.org) or KBYC [Olympics@kbyc.org](mailto:Olympics@kbyc.org).

### 6.3. Damage Deposit

- a. An initial damage deposit of \$ 1,000 (\$US) shall be paid during on-line 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 a skipper's damage deposit, the OA 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 to the credit card used from registration within 10 days after the event. Please note that credit card companies may take up to 30 days to refund the damage deposit balance not assessed during the event or by the OA.

## 7. RULES

- 7.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- 7.2. The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing.  
Class rules of the Elliott 6m Class will not apply.
- 7.3. Add to RRS 41: (e) help recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 7.4. A PFD approved by the US Coast Guard or equivalent national authority shall be worn at all times while on the water, other than brief periods while adding or removing clothing. All competitors must supply their own PFD's. The Y flag will not be flown. This modifies RRS 40.

## 8. BOATS AND SAILS

- 8.1. The event will be sailed in Elliott 6m type boats.
- 8.2. Eight (8) boats will be provided.
- 8.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat:
  - a. Mainsail
  - b. Jib
  - c. Spinnaker
- 8.4. Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or before each round as decided by the Race Committee.

## 9. CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- 9.1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be three (3). All registered crew shall sail in all races.
- 9.2. The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 204kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- 9.3. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize an original crew member to substitute.
- 9.4. When a registered crew is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorize a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## 10. EVENT FORMAT

- 10.1. The intended format of the event will consist of the following stages:
  - a. Stage 1 – A Double Round Robin – Each skipper will sail each other skipper twice.

- b. Stage 2 – Semi Final Knock Out Series – The four skippers with the highest total scores at the end of Stage 1 will advance to Stage 2. The winner of each series of Stage 2 will be the first to score 3 points.
  - c. Stage 3 – Petit-Final Knock Out Series – The loser of each series of Stage 2 will sail in the Petit Final series. The winner shall be the first to score 2 points.
  - d. Stage 4 – Final Knock Out Series – The winners of each series in Stage 2 shall sail in the Final series. The winner shall be the first to score 3 points.
- 10.2. The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions allow or when they are not expected to permit the completion of the intended format.
- 10.3 The event will be terminated and considered a non-event, without a winner or qualifying places if a single round robin cannot be completed in Stage 1. If a non-event, qualification will revert to 2012 team rankings.

## **11. COURSE**

- 11.1. The Course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- 11.2. The intended course area will be on Biscayne Bay.

## **12. ADVERTISING**

- 12.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, ISAF 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.

## **13. PRIZES**

- 13.1 The Member National Authorities represented by the top three teams will qualify for one position each in the 2012 Olympic Games to be held in Weymouth, UK in August, 2012
- 13.2 The top three crews will be awarded trophies.
- 13.3 Additional prizes may be awarded.

## **14. MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUNDS**

The OA shall have the right to use any images, video and sounds 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 OA will provide berths for coach boats.
- 15.3 Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organization may result in a penalty applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee to the appropriate skipper or team.
- 15.4 The Sailing Instructions will contain specific instructions for coach boats.

**16. DISCLAIMER**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the OA nor ISAF will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**17. INVITATIONS**

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation before January 6, 2012 with the OA by registering at the link posted on the KBYC website [www.kbyc.org](http://www.kbyc.org)

**18 CONTACT INFORMATION**

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