



Qatar Match Racing Cup - 2012
10th – 14th April 2012



NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Qatar Sailing & Rowing Federation will be the Organising Authority.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Doha Sailing Club, Doha - Qatar

3 EVENT GRADING

The event is graded as 'Grade 3' by ISAF.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 4.1
- (a) Race office open from 10th April 2012 at 09:00.
 - (b) Registration from 10th April 2012 at 09:00 – 12:00.
 - (c) Crew weighing from 10th April 2012 at 09:00 – 12:00.
 - (d) First briefing on 10th April 2012 at 13:00.
 - (e) First meeting with Umpires on 10th April 2012 at 13:30.
 - (f) Practice on 10th April 2012 from 14:00 – 16:00.
 - (g) Racing days from 11th to 14th April 2012.
 - (h) Time of the first race each day will be 11:00.
 - (j) Prize giving on 14th April 2012 at 19:00.

4.2 **Attendance:** Attendance at the following is mandatory:

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers at 09:00.
- (c) Regatta dinner.
- (d) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPER'S ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Entry is open. Only skippers registered by the Organizing Authority 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 to (+974) 44420308 (Fax) or qatarsailing@yahoo.com, 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 Organizing Authority 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 credit card/local currency/cheque.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of US \$.200/- per team shall be paid.

6.3 Charter Fee

A non refundable charter fee of US \$.500/- per team shall be paid at registration. **(In case of Early Arrival, charter fee will be charged as US \$.100/- per day).**

6.4 Damage deposit

(a) An initial damage deposit of US \$.500/- shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the Organizing Authority.

(b) In the event of a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the Organizing Authority, 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 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 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.

(d) This Notice of Race, including amendments;

(e) The Sailing Instructions (available at registration) and any amendments thereof.

7.2 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed, approved by the national authority, in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

7.3 The Organizing Authority may place an observer on each boat to provide information to the Umpires.

8 **BOATS AND SAILS**

- (a) The event will be sailed in Beneteau 7.5 First Class boats.
- (b) Six (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 either 4 or 5. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- (b) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing shall be 350kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- (c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the International Jury / Organizing Authority may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the International Jury/Organizing Authority may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 **EVENT FORMAT**

- (a) If the Organizing Authority considers it necessary the Skippers will be divided into two or more groups based on seeding/draw/results in previous competition/ISAF ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- (b) The event will consist of the following stages:
Stage 1 – Round Robin(s)

Stage 2 –Semi finals, followed by petit finals on first to 2 points basis and grand final on first to 3 points.
- (c) The Organizing Authority 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 rounding, finishing downwind.

12 **ADVERTISING**

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF regulation 20 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- (b) The Organising Authority intends to supply Beneteau 7.5 type boats with sails and spars. ISAF regulation 20 will apply and advertising as supplied by the Organizing Authority 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 Organising Authority.

(d) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (this amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

First prize - Cup + Certificate and Prize money of US\$ 6,000

Second prize - Cup + Certificate and prize money of US\$ 3,000

Third prize - Cup + Certificate and prize money of US\$ 2,000

Fourth prize - Certificate and prize money of US\$ 1,000

The OA may reduce a prize in case of any misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request including attendance at official functions.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The Organizing Authority 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 Organizing Authority 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 provide berths for coach boats.

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

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

(a) Each team is requested to provide a national flag approximately 60cm x 40cm for display from the stern of the boat.

(b) Each team is requested to provide their national anthem on cassette tape/DVD.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The Organizing Authority, 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 Organizing Authority by completing the attached form.