

2012 Starling Match Racing Championship January 10-13th 2012

DRAFT NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Murrays Bay Sailing Club

2 VENUE

The venue will be Murrays Bay, Auckland

3 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 3.1
- (a) Race office open from 1200 January 9th.
 - (b) Registration from January 10th 1200
 - (d) Practice from 1200 January 9th
 - (e) First briefing at January 10th 1800
 - (f) First meeting with umpires at January 10th 1800
 - (h) Racing days from January 11th and 12th. January 13th will be a spare day if required to complete a series
 - (i) Time of the first race each day will be 1000
 - (k) Prize giving will follow completion of racing

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

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers 0830 on 12th and 13th if required

4 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Skippers nominated by their regional association (as defined on the Starling class website www.starlingclass.org.nz) are entitled to participate
- (b) Boats will be supplied by the Organising Authority

5 ENTRIES

- 5.1
- (a) Regions shall advise they intend to nominate a competitor and pay the required entry fee no later than 10th December 2011. The name of the nominated competitor shall be advised no later than 1 January 2012. Late entry or advice of the nominee's name will be permitted at the discretion of the Organising Authority until January 5th on the payment of an additional \$50 late entry fee.

5.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of \$150 amount shall be paid by December 10th 2011

5.3 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$500 shall be paid at the time of advising the nominee's name, (January 1st) unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If 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.

6 RULES

- 6.1
- (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. Class rules will not apply.

6.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

Rule C3.1 *Starting Signals* is changed so that the warning signal will be made at 4 minutes and the preparatory signal will be made at 3 minutes before the start.

- 6.3 Appendix N will apply. **This is the intention – as yet to go through the normal process**

7 BOATS AND SAILS

- (a) The event will be sailed in Starling class boats.
- (b) 6 boats will be provided.
- (c) Boats will be equalised as much as possible
- (d) Boats will be rotated throughout the programme

8 EVENT FORMAT

- (a) The event will consist of the following stages:
Stage 1 – One or two round robins depending on the number of entries and sailing conditions
If the first Round is completed or nearly completed by the end of day 1 then a second round will be attempted on day 2, otherwise the event will proceed to stages 2 and 3 at the completion of the first round. Stages 2 and 3 will start no later than the start of racing on day 3.

Stage 2 -Semi Final (a)1st v 4th and (b) 2nd v 3rd best of three series

Stage 3 – Final

Winner of (a) v winner of (b) best of five series
Loser of (a) v Loser of (b) best of three series

- (b) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

9 COURSE

- (a) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be in Murrays Bay

10 ADVERTISING

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

11 PRIZES

The winner will be awarded the Caltex Cup

12 COACH BOATS

- (a) Support boats shall conspicuously display identification of the sailor being supported. A support 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 competitor either on the water or off.
- (b) Any interference by a coach boat with the racing or event organisation may result in a penalty applied to the appropriate skipper, at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

13 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.