

ALGARVE CUP 2009

25th to 28th February 2009

PROVISIONAL NOTICE OF RACE

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be Clube Internacional da Marina de Vilamoura (CIMAV)

2. VENUE

The venue will be Vilamoura, Algarve, Portugal

3. EVENT GRADING

The event is an ISAF Grade 2 event

This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Advisory Board. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4. PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- (a) Race office open from 25th February at 10 a.m.
 - (b) Registration and crew weighing from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. of 25th February and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on 26th February
 - (c) Practice from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on 26th February
 - (d) First briefing at 10 a.m. on 26th February
 - (e) First meeting with umpires following the first briefing.
 - (f) Racing days from 26th to 28th February.
 - (g) The time of the first race on the first day will not be before 11.30 a.m.
 - (h) Prize giving dinner at 8.00 p.m. on 28th February
 - Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
 - (a) Initial briefing for skippers
 - (b) Daily briefing for skippers
 - (c) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5. SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) 12 skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA 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 (e-mail is acceptable) to be received before **17th December**.
- (d) Selection criteria:
 - 1 of the best Portuguese crew

6. ENTRIES

6.1 The skipper/team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by Euros/cheque.

6.2 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of 500 Euros shall be paid at registration to cover damages and loss of equipment that can be attributed to team actions during the event. 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 until 7.00 p.m. on 28th February.
- (d) Credit cards are not accepted in the Race Office

6.3 Insurance

For every participating team shall exist a valid and adequate personal certificate of insurance covering accidents, disability and death (a declaration form from the insurance company must be shown at registration)

7. RULES

- 7.1 (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2005-2008 RRS, 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) The national authority prescriptions will not apply.



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

8. BOATS AND SAILS

- (a) The event will be sailed in J24.
- (b) 4 boats will be provided.
- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat:
Mainsail, Genoa, 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 4. 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 a round robin (in groups)
Stage 2 a repechage (best of 3 points)
Stage 3 Semi Final
Stage 4 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 inside the Marina de Vilamoura.

12. ADVERTISING

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, Advertising Code, regulation 20.3.2 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- (b) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1)
- (c) Each team is requested to provide a national flag approximately 40X60 cm. Teams can display their national flags while racing.

13. PRIZES

- (a) The total prize money will be 3250 Euros offered by the title sponsor Marina of Vilamoura
- (b) First prize – 1500 Euros
- (c) Second prize – 1000 Euros
- (d) Third prize – 750 Euros
- (e) Other prizes can be awarded from CIMAV
- (f) 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

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

15. 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.

16. 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 by completing the attached form.

