



RYA National Match Racing Championships 2013 Notice of Race

1. The Organising Authority

The Organising Authority will be the Royal Yachting Association in conjunction with the relevant Sailing Clubs.

2. Venue and Dates (* = Top GBR Team qualifies for RYA Grand Finals)

***RYA/BUCS Championships: (Elliotts)** – See separate NOR, Entry form.
25/26/27/28th March 2013, Weymouth.

***Winter Series Finals: (Elliotts)** – See separate NOR, Entry form.
21/22nd April 2013, Weymouth.

***Royal Thames Match Racing Event (J80)**– See separate NOR and Entry form.
27/28 April 2013, Queen Mary Sailing Club, Staines, London.

***Royal Southern YC Finals (J80)** – See separate NOR, Entry form & Heats.
15/16 June 2013. RSYC, Solent.

***Ceilidh Cup (Sonars)** – See separate NOR & Entry form.
12/13 October 2013, RN&CYC, Scotland.

***RYA Youth National Match Racing Championships (Elliotts)**
12/13 October 2013, WPNSA, Weymouth. (All crew under 22 on the 31st December 2013.)

***RYA Qualifier 1: NMR Q1 (J80s)**
9/10 November 2013, Queen Mary Sailing Club, Staines, London.

RYA National Match Racing Championship Grand Finals (J80s)
22/23/24 November 2013, Queen Mary Sailing Club, Staines, London.

3. Event Grading

ISAF Grade 4 status has been applied for the RYA Qualifiers and ISAF Grade 3 status has been applied for the RYA/BUSA Finals, RYA Youths, RYA Championships Grand Finals. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Advisory Board. The events may be re-graded at any time when there is clear reason to do so. Grading for the other events is the responsibility of the host club and should be clarified in their individual NORs.

4. Provisional Programme for RYA events

- 4.1
 - a) The Race Office will be open from 0830 on each day of the events.
 - b) Registration from 0830 on the first day of each event.
 - c) Crew weighing to be completed by 0900 on the first day of each event.
 - d) Practice may be available on the day prior to the first day each event. Contact the Organising Authority for availability.
 - e) First briefing will be at 0900 on the first day of each event.
 - f) First briefing with umpires will be immediately after completion of the first briefing.
 - g) Racing days will be Saturday and Sunday (and Friday where applicable) for each event.
 - h) The time of the first race on the first day will be 1000 and for the subsequent day(s) 0930.

- i) Daily press conference may take place 60 minutes after the completion of the final race of the day.
- j) Prizegiving on completion of the Sunday press conference.

4.2 Unless excused by the O.A. attendance at the following is mandatory.

- a) First briefing for skippers.
- b) Daily press conference for skippers.
- c) Prizegiving for final skippers and crews.

5 Skippers Eligibility

5.1 Entries for **RYA** events

- a) Up to 9 skippers can be invited to a qualifier. Only skippers accepted by the O.A. will be eligible to enter the appropriate event.
- b) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency. Such an emergency shall be reported to the O.A. immediately after completion of that race.
- c) For an entry to be valid the entry form must be completed correctly and must be submitted to the O.A. with all the required paperwork.
- d) An entry fee of £350 and a separate damage deposit of £500 shall accompany the entry form, for this to be valid.
- e) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF Regulation Appendix 3 19.2.
- f) ¹Skippers shall inform the O.A. of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.
- g) All crew and skippers for the Youths shall be aged over 15 but under 22 years old, by 31 December 2013.
- h) The highest placed GBR skipper of each qualifier event will be expected to attend the National Match Racing Championship Grand Final, November 2013.

5.2 Skippers Eligibility for the RYA National Match Racing Championship Grand Finals

- a) Only skippers invited by the Organising Authority (O.A.) are eligible for the Championship Finals. Up to twelve (12) skippers' entries will be accepted. Skippers shall be British passport holders, or eligible to receive a British passport. Their crew shall be British passport holders, or eligible to receive a British passport, or resident in the UK, for at least 6 months in the previous 12 months prior to 31st March 2013.
- b) The top ranked British (GBR) skipper, taken from the ISAF Open and Womens Ranking lists, July 2013, will automatically be offered places to the National Match Racing Championship Grand Finals. Should a skipper(s) refuse an entry, the place shall be offered to another Skipper at the discretion of the RYA Match Racing Chairman.
- c) If a skipper(s) qualifies for the Finals:-
 - (a) by the ISAF Ranking list route or
 - (b) is placed first GBR Team in a qualifier (see events * in NOR point 2), he/she shall not again qualify for the Finals, from another Qualifier. Qualification for the Finals shall be open to the remaining skippers in the event.
- d) Should a skipper qualify for the Finals from more than one event, the skipper shall qualify for the Finals, from their first qualifying event.
- e) Only in exceptional circumstances will crew changes be allowed between qualifying and the National Finals and any request for a change of crew shall be made in writing to the OA.
- f) The OA reserves the right to allocate wildcard entries and remaining places to the Finals, in a manner that it sees fit. Applications for Wildcards must be received by Jessica Beecher (jessica.beecher@rya.org.uk) by 1st September 2013.

6 Entries for **RYA events**

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 sterling, bankers card or cheque.

6.2 Entry Fee

¹ Falls under Appendix 3 19.2(c)

A non-returnable entry fee of £350 shall be paid with the entry acceptance and prior to registration for each event.

6.3 Damage Deposit

- a) In the event of material damage the O.A. may require payment of part or all of the original damage deposit of £500 at their discretion.
- b) The O.A. may require the deducted amount to be made up to restore a deposit balance of £500 prior to the skipper starting any subsequent race in the regatta.
- c) The balance of any remaining deposit paid in cash will be refunded within 10 days after the date of the last race of the regatta.
- d) Un-cashed deposit cheques will be returned on request, otherwise they will be destroyed.

7 Rules for RYA events

- 7.1
 - a) The events will be governed by the current rules as defined in the RRS including Match Racing Appendix C.
 - b) The 'Rules for the Handling of Boats' will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing. Class rules shall not apply.
 - c) The National Authority prescriptions shall apply.
 - d) The bye-laws of the host club for each event shall apply. **(Note: Personal floatation devices approved by the National Testing Authority or equivalent must be worn at all times whilst afloat and when on the pontoons.)**
 - e) The right of appeal is denied in accordance with RRS 70.5(a).

8 Boats and Sails for RYA events

- a) The events will be sailed in Sonars, J80s, or Elliott 6M.
- b) 4 to 6 boats will be provided.
- c) The following sails will be provided for each boat:- Mainsail, Jib and symmetrical spinnaker.
- d) Boats will be allocated by draw either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

9. Crew (including skipper) for RYA events

- a) For the Sonars crews are 4-5 sailors weighing no more than 350kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirt.
- b) For the J80s crews are 4-5 sailors weighing no more than 350kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirt.
- c) For the Elliott 6M crews are 3-4 sailors weighing no more than 250kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirt.
- d) All registered crew shall sail in all races.
- e) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency. Such an emergency shall be reported to the OA immediately after completion of that race.
- f) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the Protest Committee/O.A. may authorise an original crew member to be their substitute.
- g) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the Protest Committee/O.A. may authorise a temporary substitute or other adjustment considered to be equitable.

10. Event Format for RYA events

- a) Skippers will be seeded based on the most recently published ISAF ranking list one month before the appropriate event.
- b) Each event will consist of the following stages:-
 - Series 1 - Single Round Robin
 - Series 2 - Semi-Finals
 - Series 3 - Finals
- c) The O.A. may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11. Course for RYA events

- a) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- b) The intended course area will be announced at the first briefing.

12. Advertising for RYA events

- a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF Regulation Appendix 1 20.4.1.3 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the O.A.
- b) Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the Organising Authority.
- c) Boats may not protest for breaches of any rule regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13. Prizes

- a) Prizes will be awarded at the Championships Grand Final. Prizes may also be awarded at the BUSA Finals, Winter Series and Youth events.
- b) The highest placed GBR team from each qualifier (as stated in NOR 2. will be invited to the RYA National Match Racing Championship Grand Finals in November 2013.
- c) The O.A. 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 O.A. 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 O.A. 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.
- b) The organisers will not 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 Protest Committee to the appropriate skipper or team.

16. Disclaimer

Identification and Acknowledgement of Risk.

Skippers, crew and their parental guardians (if under 18 years old) should be fully aware and conscious of the actual and potential risks involved in active watersports, including drowning, hypothermia and other physical injuries including head injuries. Skippers and crew should be aware of particular risks of match racing where yachts are manoeuvred in close proximity and that the actions of other competitors, the actions or inactions of the organisers, including drivers of escort craft, can also endanger their safety.

The safety of the yacht and her crew and her entire management are the sole responsibility of the skipper and he/she should satisfy him/herself that the yacht and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the course of the Event.