



## OPEN 470 CLASS EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

LARGS, SCOTLAND, GREAT BRITAIN  
25 JUNE – 4 JULY 2012

### NOTICE OF RACE

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Largs Sailing Club and the Scottish Sailing Institute (*the club*) in co-operation with the Royal Yachting Association (*local MNA*) and the International 470 Class Association are pleased to invite the 470 sailors to take part in the

**Open 470 European Championship** (for men and mixed crews)  
and the  
**Open Women's 470 European Championship** (for women crews)

To be held in Largs, Scotland, Great Britain from **25 June to 4 July 2012**.

#### **1. Rules**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The RYA Prescriptions that will apply are stated in full in Addendum 1 of this Notice of Race.
- 1.3 For the Medal race of the Gold fleet ISAF Addendum Q, Umpired Fleet Racing, available on the ISAF website ([www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)), will apply, and changes a number of racing rules. The version that is current when the regatta begins will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.4 No Class Rule change will apply.
- 1.5 The language of the regatta will be English.

#### **2. Advertising and bow numbers**

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority according to ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2 In accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3.1, athletes on board the boats ranking first, second and third in the series at the beginning of that day shall display decals on their sails in yellow, blue and red respectively while racing. The decals will be provided by the Organising Authority.



### **3. Eligibility and entry**

- 3.1** The regatta is open to boats of the 470 Class and to competitors who comply with ISAF Regulation 19 - Eligibility

Participating crews in the regatta shall be designated by their National 470 Class Association or by their National Authority where there is no National Association. Only crews in good standing with the International 470 Class Association may participate: each crew member shall be member of a National 470 Class Association affiliated to the National Authority or of the International 470 Class Association when there is no National Association in the concerned country.

The Open European Championships is open to all nations, but only crews from European nations, or from nations of the Mediterranean Basin having a National 470 Class Association, may take part in the European Championships.

Boats shall comply with the Class Rules and have a valid measurement form. The sail number shall conform to the Class Rules.

- 3.2** Eligible boats shall fill in the relevant "Request for Entry" posted on the website of the International 470 Class Association ([www.470.org/events](http://www.470.org/events)), and pay the corresponding entry fees. A request for entry becomes a valid pre-entry when the relevant National 470 Class Association, or the National Authority where there is no National Association, has confirmed to the International 470 Class Association that the corresponding crew has effectively been designated to take part in the Championship and meets the eligibility criteria, and when the International 470 Class Association has received the payment of the entry fees. The International 470 Class Association will publish the list of pre-entries on its website. Only crews with valid pre-entry in the list may take part in the Championships.

The request for entry shall be filled in and the entry fees shall be paid by 2359 hours UTC on **Friday 11 May 2012** to get the advantage of the reduced entry fees (refer to 5.1).

- 3.3** Entries sent after the deadline indicated above, but within 14 days of the start of the regatta, will be accepted with the required entry fees. Late entries received within 14 days of the start of the regatta will be accepted only at the discretion of the Management Committee of the International 470 Class Association, whose decision shall be final.
- 3.4** Coaches, team leaders and representatives from participating nations shall fill in the entry form posted on [www.470.org/events](http://www.470.org/events) before **18 June 2012**. They shall pay their entry fees to the Organizing Committee at registration (refer to 5.1).

### **4. Classification**

- 4.1** No classification requirements will apply (see RRS 79)

## **5. Fees**

### **5.1 Required entry fees are EUR 400 per boat.**

These entry fees are reduced to **EUR 300 per boat** for boats having filled in their request for entry and paid their entry fees 2359 hours UTC on **Friday 11 May 2012**.

Entry fees to be paid by coaches, team leaders and representatives from participating nations are **EUR 75 per person** and will be paid direct to the Organising Authority at registration.

These entry fees include all collective services provided for the organisation, such as social events, car park, boat park, toilets and showers.

### **5.2 Entry fees shall be paid at the same time the request for entry is sent, to:**

#### **“470 Internationale”**

- 1) By On-Line Secure Credit Card Payments via “PayPal payments” button on [www.470.org](http://www.470.org)  
Account number: [payments@470.org](mailto:payments@470.org)

**or**

- 2) By bank transfer to “470 Internationale” account  
Header: 470 Internationale  
Bank: 30003 – branch: 02206 - account number: 00050460897 04  
IBAN: FR76 30003 02206 00050460897 04  
SWIFT: SOGEFRPPSEV  
Bank address: SOCIETE GENERALE  
3 rue du Pavé de Meudon – 92370 - Chaville - France

**Please, advise of transfer by email to [payments@470.org](mailto:payments@470.org)**

## **6. Regatta format**

Each event will consist of an opening series and a medal race. The opening series may be divided into a qualifying series and a final series. The top ten finishers in the opening series of each category will advance to the medal race.

### **6.1 Opening series:**

#### **6.1.1 Qualifying series – 6 races scheduled for each event, crews will be divided into fleets.**

#### **6.1.2 The number of fleets will be as defined below:**

- one fleet up to 48 boats,
- two fleets from 49 to 80 boats,
- three fleets for more than 80 boats.

#### **6.1.3 Final series – 6 races schedule for each event, crews in the qualifying series will be divided into final fleets according to the final scores of the qualifying series. There will be the same number of fleets as in the qualifying series. The fleets will have approximately the same number of crews in each. The Gold fleet will consist of**

the first part of the final scores of the qualifying series, Silver fleet of the second part, and so on.

If there would be fewer than 48 entries at an event, then the Championship will be competed in one separated fleet with 13 final races include the Medal Race.

## **7. Schedule**

### **7.1 Schedule of races:**

Day 1 Mon 25 June	Registration and equipment inspections	0900-1800
Day 2 Tues 26 June	Registration and equipment inspections	0900-1800
Day 3 Weds 27 June	Registration and equipment inspections Coaches/Competitors' Briefing Practice Race Opening Ceremony	0900 1200 1530
Day 4 Thurs 28 June	Qualifying series	1055 first warning signal
Day 5 Fri 29 June	Qualifying series	TBA
Day 6 Sat 30 June	Qualifying series	TBA
Day 7 Sun 1 July	Qualifying/Final series	TBA
Day 8 Mon 2 July	Qualifying/Final series	TBA
Day 9 Tues 3 July	Qualifying/Final series	TBA
Day10 Wed 4 July	Medal Race/Final series Closing Ceremony – as soon as possible after the last race	TBA

**7.2** No warning signal will be given after 1500 hours on the last day.

**7.3** No more than three races shall be sailed each day.

## **8. Measurement and equipment inspection**

**8.1** Each boat shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate, including the completed Measurement Form, at the time of pre-race measurement inspections. If the completed Measurement Form is a photocopy, its authenticity shall be confirmed with an original stamp and signature from the issuing authority. If a boat is to produce a measurement certificate in accordance with Racing Rule 78.2, she shall do so before 1800 hours on 27 June 2012.

**8.2** Pre-race measurement inspections will consist of, at least:

- full inspections of boats used by crews within the Top 30 of the ISAF Men's ranking list or within the Top 20 of the ISAF Women's ranking list,
- full inspections of not less than 10 other boats per category, chosen at random by the Regatta Chief Measurer,
- for the other boats, inspections shall include at least: the weight of the complete boat (Class Rule C.6.1), the conformance of the hull and sails to the measurement certificate and to Class Rules B.4.2, C.17.3, C.17.4, D.1.4, G.2.2

and G.3.1 (identification marks on hull and sails), Class Rules C.12.3(a)(11)&(12) and C.13.3(a)(5)&(6) (stoppers and limit marks on spars), and any specific inspections requested by crews for their own boats. The regatta Chief Measurer may request additional inspections on a case by case basis.

Pre-race measurement inspection proceedings will be posted on the official notice board the day before the first day for these inspections, and made available to competitors, team leaders and coaches at the Race Office.

- 8.3** In accordance with Racing Rule 78, competitors are responsible for maintaining their boat in accordance with the Class Rules (for the purpose of RRS 78, competitors are considered to be the owners). Measurement inspections at random during the regatta will be organised.

## **9. Sailing Instructions**

- 9.1** Sailing Instructions will be available during registration at the Race Office. Other documents governing the event will be published with the Sailing Instructions.

## **10. Venue**

The regatta site is located at:

Scottish Sailing Institute

Largs Yacht Haven, Largs, KA30 8EZ, Scotland, Great Britain

Tel: +44 1475 670011

Email: davidssi@btconnect.com

Web: [www.scottishsailinginstitute.org](http://www.scottishsailinginstitute.org)

## **11. The courses**

- 11.1** Except for the Medal race of the Gold fleet, course types will be the Olympic courses applicable to 470s, i.e. the Olympic trapezoid (with outer loop or with inner loop). Length of courses will be adapted according to wind strength in order to have an expected race duration of sixty minutes for the leading boat.
- 11.2** For the Medal race of the Gold fleet, course types will be windward-leeward courses with two or three loops and a leeward reach to finish. Length between marks and number of loops will be chosen according to wind strength in order to have an expected race duration of thirty minutes for the leading boat.

## **12. Penalty system**

- 12.1** RRS Appendix P will apply.

## **13. International Jury**

- 13.1** An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **14. Scoring**

- 14.1** The low point system of RRS Appendix A shall apply.

### **14.2 Qualifying series**

- Four qualifying races are required to be completed to constitute the qualifying series.

- All race scores from the qualifying series will be carried forward to the Final series.

#### **14.3 Final series**

- There will be 6 races in the final series.
- At least two final races for the Gold fleet are required to be completed to constitute the regatta series for all fleets and/or to enter the Medal race.

#### **14.4 Single series**

- There will be 13 final races include the medal race in the single series.
- At least six final races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta series or to enter the Medal race.

#### **14.5 Discards**

- When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores,
- When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### **15. Support boats**

15.1 All support boats shall be registered (see 3.4) with the organising authority and will be required to comply with local legislation and event support boat regulations. The organising authority may refuse registrations and accept later registrations at their sole discretion.

15.1 Registered support boats shall fly a flag with their three letter national code clearly displayed or shall be permanently marked with a sticker of their three letter national code on each side of the boat or engine.

15.2 Registered support boats shall act as rescue boats in case of need.

15.3 All support boats shall have third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of **EUR 1,000,000** per event or equivalent. A certificate of such insurance shall be shown during registration.

### **16. Prizes and titles**

16.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third crews of the Open European Championships by the Organisers.

16.2 The first crew of the final official ranking list of the European Championships will be declared:

**“470 Class European Champion”**

and

**“470 Class Women's European Champion”**

16.3 Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third crews of each Championship by the International 470 Class Association.

### **17. Disclaimer of liability**

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority and all parties involved in the regatta organisation will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **18. Media Rights, Cameras and Electronic Equipment**

- 18.1** By participating in the regatta competitors automatically grant to the International 470 Class Association and to the organizing authority and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the athlete during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 18.2** Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.

## **19. Insurance**

- 19.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of **EUR 1.800.000** per event or equivalent. A certificate of such insurance shall be shown during registration.

## **20. Further Information**

For further information please contact:

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Royal Yachting Association  
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Olivia Risk, Event Coordinator  
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### **Support boats:**

Information to be published on the event website.

### **Charter boats:**

Information to be published on the event website.

### **Accommodation & Travel:**

Information at: [www.scottishsailinginstitute.com/accomodation.asp](http://www.scottishsailinginstitute.com/accomodation.asp)

### **Weather and current:**

Information at: [www.scottishsailinginstitute.com/area.asp](http://www.scottishsailinginstitute.com/area.asp)

## **Addendum 1 – National Prescriptions**

RYA Prescriptions that apply:

### **Rule**

#### **5. Anti-Doping**

The national authority procedural rules required by ISAF regulation 21.14 to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through ISAF regulation 21 are the *RYA Rules and Procedures for Anti-Doping*, as published on the RYA website.

#### **68. Damages**

1. Any claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

#### **86.3 Rule Changes**

An organizing authority wishing to develop and test a rule change shall obtain prior approval from the RYA. The organizing authority shall promptly report the results of the test to the RYA.

#### **88.2 Changes to National Authority Prescriptions**

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the RYA. However, when an international jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions of RRS 5, 68, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.



**Addendum 2 – Racing Area**

