470 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS THESSALONIKI – GREECE – 10-18 JULY 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

The Nautical Club of Thessaloniki in co-operation with the International 470 Class Association and the Hellenic Sailing Federation is pleased to invite 470 sailors to take part in the

Junior 470 World Championship for men and mixed crews, and in the **Junior Women's 470 World Championship** for women crews,

to be held at Thessaloniki from 10th to 18th July 2009.

1. - Rules

- **1.1 -** The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the 2009-2012 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing.
- **1.2** No applicable prescription of the Hellenic Sailing Federation requires advance preparation.
- **1.3** The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply to the extent they are referenced into the International 470 Class Rules.
- **1.4 -** No Racing Rule change requiring advance preparation will apply. Racing Rule changes will appear in the sailing instructions.
- **1.5 -** The Medal race of the Gold fleet will be subject to on-the-water umpiring according to Racing Rule Addendum Q.
- **1.6 -** No Class Rule change will apply.
- **1.7** If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. - Advertising

- **2.1 -** Category C will apply.
- **2.2 -** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. - Eligibility and entry

3.1 – The regatta is open to boats of the 470 Class and to competitors who comply with the ISAF Regulation 19. Each crew member of a competing boat shall be national or ordinarily resident of the nation where the National Authority the crew intends to represent is established.

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: at least one member of each crew 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. According to the International 470 Class Association rules, crew modifications may be accepted up to the start of the regatta.

Each crew member shall not have attained his or her 22nd birthday before or on 31.12.2009 (i.e. born in 1988 or later).

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/champ09/jwc), 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 mentioned on the pre-entry list may take part in the Championship, provided their pre-entry be confirmed on site.

The request for entry shall be filled in and the entry fees shall be paid before 10th June 2009.

The list of pre-entry will be published as soon as the first request for entry has been validated, and then updated as long as other requests for entry are validated.

3.3 – Late entries sent after the deadline indicated here above, but within 14 days of the start of the regatta, will be accepted with the increased entry fees. Late entries received within 14 days of the start of the regatta will be accepted only at the discretion of the International 470 Class Association, whose decision shall be final.

4. - Fees

4.1 - Required entry fees are **120 Euro per boat**. Increased entry fees for late entries are **160 Euro per boat**

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

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

"470 International"

1) by On-Line Secure Credit Card Payments via "PayPal payments" button on www.470.org Account nr.: payments@470.org

or

2) by bank transfer to "470 International" account

header: 470 International

bank: 30003 - branch: 02206 - account number: 00050460897 04

IBAN: FR76 30003 02206 00050460897 04

SWIFT: SOGEFRPP

Bank address: SOCIETE GENERALE

3 rue du Pavé de Meudon - 92370 - Chaville - France

Please, advise of transfer by email to payments@470.org

4.2 – All participants and coaches will be considered temporary members of the Nautical Club of Thessaloniki with access and privileges to all facilities including bar and restaurant.

No extra fees will be charged for boats and support RIBs and/or usage of club's facilities (water, electicity, etc).

No extra fees will be charged for boats and support RIBs entering the club before 10th of July. These boats shall notify for their early arrival the club's secretariat by phone, fax or e-mail, at least three days before.

5. - Regatta format

- **5.1 -** The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series for each category (men and mixed, women) provided at least 25 crews of each category have entered, otherwise the regatta will consist of one qualifying series and one final series for all categories. All boats will take part in the qualifying series and in the final series.
- 5.2 For the qualifying series, crews will be divided into fleets. When at least 25 crews have entered in each category, the number of fleets will be defined to have a number of boats per fleet as close as possible to 35 for men and mixed crews and to 30 for women crews. This means that only one fleet will be organised if less than 48 men and mixed crews and/or less than 40 women crews have entered. When less than 25 crews have entered in a category, the number of fleets will be defined to have a number of boats per fleet as close as possible to 35. This means that only one fleet will be organised if less than 48 crews have entered. The number of entries taken into account to define the number of fleets will be the best-known one at the beginning of the last day for entry confirmation on site.
- 5.3 Crews will be divided into qualifying fleets approximately of similar level and size, initially according to their positions in previous international races and to the national ranking lists provided by the National Associations at the time of registration, by a seeding committee chaired by the International 470 Class Association and including two or three coaches of national teams, then daily revised according to race results.
- **5.4 -** For the final series, crews in the qualifying series will be divided into final fleets Gold, Silver, Bronze,..., according to the final scores of the qualifying series. The fleets will have approximately the same number of crews each. 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.
- **5.5 -** On the last day, the first ten crews of the fleet Gold at the end of the day before the last day will sail the "Medal" race, whereas the other crews of this fleet will sail the "Last" race and the crews of the other fleets will continue to sail their final races.

6. - Schedule

- **6.1 Registration:** each competitor shall confirm his/her entry at the Race Office. Registration will be conducted at the Nautical Club of Thessaloniki between 09:00 and 20:00 on 10th and 11th July 2009.
- **6.2 Pre-race measurement inspections:** each boat shall be inspected by the Measurement Committee before the first race. Inspections will be conducted at the Nautical Club of Thessaloniki between 09:00 and 20:00 on 10th and 11th July 2009.
- **6.3 Opening Ceremony:** at the Nautical Club of Thessaloniki at 20:30 on 11th July 2009.

6.4 - Qualifying series: from 12th to 14th July 2009

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 13:00.

Six races per fleet over three days (no more than three races a day).

The qualifying series will be prolonged for fleets not having sailed six races within three days.

6.5 - Final series: from 15th to 18th July 2009

Seven final races per fleet over four days (no more than three races a day), with at least one race per fleet organised the last day, and including the Medal race and the Last race of the fleet Gold organised the last day.

When only one fleet is organised (refer to article 5.2), the qualifying series will be deleted and the final series will be sailed from Sunday 12th July to Saturday 18th July, which will consist of thirteen races over seven days for each crew (no more than three races a day), including the Medal race and the Last race organised the last day.

No start will be given after 18:00 the last day.

6.6 - Closing Ceremony: Will be held at the Nautical Club of Thessaloniki at 20:30 on 18th July 2009

7. - Measurements

- 7.1 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 the end of the Qualifying Series. Racing Rule 78.2 is changed by substituting the word "event" with the words "Qualifying Series".
- **7.2 -** 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)(2)&(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 Bace Office.

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

8. - Sailing instructions

The sailing instructions will be delivered to competitors at the time of registration at the Race Office.

9. - Venue

The regatta site is located at: Nautical Club of Thessaloniki 112 Them.Sofouli str. 551 31 Thessaloniki - Greece.

Tel: +30 2310 414 521, +30 2310 413 262.

Fax: +30 2310 417369 e-mail: nautical@ncth.gr Web Site: www.ncth.gr

10. - The courses

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 about sixty to seventy minutes for the leading boat.

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 about thirty to forty minutes for the leading boat.

11. - Penalty system

- 11.1 Racing Rule Appendix P will apply.
- 11.2 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in Racing Rule 70.5.

12. - Scoring

- 12.1 When a qualifying series and a final series are organised,
 - (a) at least four qualifying races are required to be completed for each fleet to constitute the qualifying series and to enter the final series;
 - (b) at least two final races for the fleet Gold are required to be completed to constitute the regatta series for all fleets and/or to enter the Medal race and the Last race.

Race scores from those qualifying races completed by all fleets will be carried forward to the regatta series.

- **12.2 -** When no qualifying series is organised, at least six races are required to be completed for the fleet to constitute the regatta series and/or to enter the Medal race and the Last race.
- 12.3 Each series score will be established as follows:
 - when fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
 - when four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

The Medal race cannot be discarded as the worst score, and the points for this Medal race are multiplied by:

- 2 when more than eight qualifying and final races have been completed,
- 1,5 when seven or eight qualifying and final races have been completed,
- 1 when less than seven qualifying and final races have been completed.

The boats competing in the Last race will receive ten points more than their place for this race.

- 12.4 There will be only one final official ranking list for the regatta in each category (men and mixed, women). The crews having entered the Medal race (or the first ten crews of the fleet Gold) will rank the first ten places, the first crew having entered the Last race (or the crew ranked eleventh of the fleet Gold) will rank eleventh, the first crew of Silver fleet will rank a place after the last crew of Gold fleet, the first crew of Bronze fleet will rank a place after the last crew of Silver fleet, and so on. When all categories have sailed together, the final official ranking list of each category will be deducted from the overall final ranking list of the regatta by deleting the crews who are not of the relevant category.
- **12.5 -** A boat assigned to compete in the Medal race of the fleet Gold shall make a genuine effort to start, sail the course and finish. The penalty for a breach of this instruction will be ranking the boat tenth in the regatta.

13. - Support boats

- **13.1 -** Coaches, team leaders and representatives from participating nations shall be registered at the Regatta Office before the first racing day. They shall provide at the same time the Regatta Office with their national flag (around 120 cm x 80 cm) and their national anthem on CD-ROM, for the Opening Ceremony.
- **13.2 -** Support boats shall fly their national flag or a flag with their three national letters clearly, or shall be permanently marked with a sticker of their national flag or of their three national letters on each side of the boat.

14. - Prizes and titles

The first crew of the final official ranking list of each Championship will be declared:

"470 Class Junior World Champion" for the men and mixed fleet, and "470 Class Junior Women's World Champion" for the women fleet.

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

15. - Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule 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.

16. - Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 540.000 Euro per event or equivalent.

A certificate of such insurance shall be shown during registration.

17. - Accommodation and miscellaneous

All necessary information on travelling, accommodation, customs clearance etc, can be found on the event's web site.

Crews interested to rent boats for the regatta are requested to contact with Nautical Club of Thessaloniki before 1^{st} of May 2009.