



**March 28-29, 2012**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal BVI Yacht Club

### **2 VENUE**

The venue will be the waters of the Sir Francis Drake Channel near Nanny Cay, Tortola, BVI.

### **3 EVENT GRADING**

The event is an ISAF Grade 3 event. This grading is subject to review by the ISAF.

### **4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

#### **4.1**

- a. Registration and practice will be from 1000 to 1800 on Tuesday March 27, 2012 at Nanny Cay Resort and Marina.
- b. Crew weighing will be held during Registration if you are competing with the same team. Otherwise you will need to be weighed prior to the start of the first flight.
- c. A welcoming reception will be held at 1700 hours on March 27, 2012.
- d. The initial skippers briefing will be at 0800 March 28, 2012 at the Nanny Cay flagpole.
- e. Racing days are March 28 and 29, 2012.
- f. Daily skipper briefings will be at 0800 on racing days.
- g. The intended time of the first attention signal each day will be 0900.
- h. Daily de-briefs will be held after the last race of each day.

#### **4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:**

- a) Initial briefing for skippers and crews.
- b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- c) Regatta parties, for skippers and crews.
- d) Prize giving for the finals skippers and crews.

## **5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY**

- a) Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.
- b) Invitations will be issued by the OA. A maximum of eight (8) entries will be invited to this event.
- c) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- d) An eligible skipper shall confirm acceptance of an invitation in writing (e-mail is acceptable) and pay the amounts specified in the letter of invitation.
- e) The amounts specified in the letter of invitation shall be paid by credit card through on-line registration.

## **6 ENTRIES**

### **6.1**

- a) The skipper will be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits.

### **6.2 Entry Fee**

- a) A non-refundable entry fee of \$400 will be charged prior to registration.

### **6.4 Damage Deposit**

- a) A refundable deposit of \$1,000 to be paid at registration.

### **6.5 ISAF & US SAILING Sailor ID**

- a) Each skipper participating in the GILL/BVI International Match Race shall provide his or her ISAF ID.

## **7 RULES**

### **7.1**

- b) This event will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 RRS, Appendix C.
- c) If there is a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions, it will be resolved in favor of the Sailing Instructions.
- d) IC 24 Class Rules shall not apply.

## **8 BOATS AND SAILS**

- a) Each Skipper shall draw a class legal borrowed IC 24. There will be a boat rotation each stage or day of sailing.

## **9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)**

- b) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4) or five (5).
- c) The maximum crew weight shall not exceed 360KG (772lbs)
- d) All registered crew shall sail all races.
- e) With the permission of the OA representative, a designated alternate may replace any member of a team aboard a boat before any race of a given flight.

## **10 EVENT FORMAT**

- a) Stage 1: A single round robin of eight (8) boats.
- b) Stage 2: Quarterfinals with top ranked skipper from the round robin being able to choose the opponent or seeded by position in round robin.
- c) Stage 3: Semifinals based on winners from the quarterfinals. Losers from stage 2 will continue to sail in a bracket or round robin series to determine 5-8 finish positions.
- d) Stage 4: Finals/Pettit Finals: a knock out series. The winner from stage 3 will race each other and the losers from stage 3 will race each other. This series will be decided by the first team to score two (2) or three (3) points.

- e) Seeding of the skippers regarding boat choice or entry color shall be determined by the skippers finish position in the initial round robin.

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 intended course will be a windward/leeward/windward/leeward course with starboard rounding, finishing downwind.
- b) Leeward gates may be used.

## **12 ADVERTISING**

- a) Competitors may be required to display advertising on their hull, sails, or clothing.

## **13 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND**

- b) The OA and/or its sponsors may require television personnel and equipment to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews.
- c) The OA and its sponsors shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

## **16 PRIZES**

The top three boats will receive prizes from Gill North America.

## **17 DISCLAIMER**

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, their sponsors, their agents, employees, representatives, trustees, members, race committee, and officials accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, how so ever caused.

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