BMW Sailing Cup
International Final 2012

30 May – 2 June, 2012
Istanbul, Turkey

Notice of Race

Organisation
The Organising Authority (OA) of the BMW Sailing Cup International Final 2012 comprises the Turkish Sailing Federation and Istanbul Sailing Club in cooperation with BMW Sports Marketing.

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 Umpiring will be used. ISAF Experimental Appendix Q as modified by the Sailing Instructions, approved by Turkish Sailing Federation under rule 86.3 will be used for Fleet Racing and Appendix C will apply for the Match Racing.

1.3 The National Authority prescriptions that will apply will be posted on the official Notice Board.

2. Advertising

2.1 As boats are supplied by the OA. Regulation 20.4.2 applies. No advertising or branding by teams is allowed.

2.2 Subject to the prior approval of the OA branding on personal clothing will be allowed provided it does not conflict with the event sponsor.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The regatta entry is by invitation only.

3.2 All competitors minimum age shall be 25 years.

3.3 All competitors shall comply with ISAF Classification Code and be Group 1 sailors. Prior to the commencement of practice sailing, each team shall supply a crew list to the OA stating the ISAF Sailor ID and grouping of each competitor. Note - To obtain an ISAF Sailor ID and grouping, competitors need to register online at www.sailing.org/sailors.

3.4 If at any time during the event it becomes evident that a competitor is not a Group 1 sailor, the OA reserves the right to revoke the relevant team's entry or terminate the particular competitor's participation and may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or make such other adjustment it deems appropriate.

3.5 All competitors are required to have adequate third party insurance.

4. Damage Deposit

4.1 An initial damage deposit of € 500,00 shall be paid at registration.

4.2 The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the helmsperson will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to maintain eligibility.

4.3 Each helmsperson is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or Protest Committee.

4.4 Damage deposit will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

5. Venue

5.1 The event venue will be at the Ciragan Palace Kempinski Hotel, Istanbul.

5.2 Racing will take place on the Bosphorus and surrounding area.

5.3 Exact racing areas will vary depending on the weather conditions and will be communicated to competitors at the briefings and on the water when required.

6. Preliminary Schedule

6.1 Event Schedule:

Tuesday, 29th May

Registration

20.00 Official Welcome Dinner

Wednesday, 30th May

10.30 Welcome and Race Briefing, Photos and Boat Draw
11.00 – 13.00 Travel to race area and one hour practice for each team
13.30 Approximate time of warning signal for the first race – Fleet Racing

Thursday, 31st May

11.00 Morning Briefing and Boat Draw
12.00 Approximate time of the first warning signal of the day – Match Racing

Friday, 1st June

11.00 Morning Briefing and Boat Draw
12.00 Approximate time of the first warning signal of the day – Fleet Racing / Long Distance Races

Saturday, 2nd June

11.00 Morning Briefing and Boat Draw
12.00 Approximate time of the first warning signal of the day – Fleet Racing

7. Format

7.1 The format consists of the following:

Day 1: Fleet Racing – up to 5 races

Day 2: Match Racing – one round robin

Day 3: Fleet Racing / Long distance races – up to 3 races

Day 4: Fleet Racing – up to 5 races.

Race to Base
At the conclusion of any day, the OA may conduct a race from the race area to the Ciragan Palace Kempinski Hotel (the Base). If required by the OA, participation will be compulsory for all competitors. Daily prizes will be awarded. However, these races will not be scored for the BMW Sailing Cup International Final.

7.2 The OA may change, shorten, terminate or eliminate any stage when conditions do not permit the completion of any part of the intended racing format.

8. Sailing Instructions

8.1 The Sailing Instructions shall be available to competitors upon official event check-in at the Ciragan Palace Kempinski Hotel not later than 29th May.

9. Penalty System

9.1 ISAF Experimental Appendix Q as altered by the Sailing Instructions will apply in Fleet Racing.
9.2 RRS Appendix C will apply in Match Racing.

10. Courses

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
10.2 Fleet Racing course will be windward-leeward with port roundings and finishing downwind. Spreader marks may be used.
10.3 Match Racing course will be windward-leeward with starboard roundings and finishing downwind.

11. Boats and Sails

11.1 The event will be sailed in Platu 25 yachts.
11.2 Eight boats will be provided by the Organising Authority.
11.3 Each boat will be identically equipped including mainsail, jib and symmetrical spinnaker.
11.4 Boats will be allocated daily and will be identified by a boat number.
11.5 Competitors shall comply with the Rules for Handling of Boats included in the Sailing Instructions.
11.6 No changes or modifications to Platu 25 yachts as provided, shall be permitted.
11.7 All boats will be afloat and moored at or near the Ciragan Palace Kempinski Hotel as directed by the Organising Authority.

12. Crew (including helmsperson)

12.1 The number of crew (including helmsperson) shall be five.
12.2 All registered crew shall sail in all races.
12.3 The registered helmsperson shall helm the boat at all time while racing, except in an emergency.
12.4 When a registered team member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

13. Scoring

13.1 Each boat's daily score shall be the total of her race scores on that day without discard. (Days 1, 3 and 4).
13.2 Boat's daily score in Day 2 (match racing) will be her position in accordance with rule C10.
13.3 Day 4 score counts double.
13.4 Each boat's overall final score shall be the total of her daily cores without discard.

14. Radio communication

14.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

15. Prizes

15.1 The winning team will be the BMW Sailing Cup International Champion and a perpetual trophy will be given to the BMW president of the country represented by the winning team.

15.2 There will be mementos for each participant.

16. Disclaimer of liability

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to race.

16.2 The competitor is entirely responsible for his own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

16.3 The competitor decides whether the boat is fit to sail for the conditions in which they find themselves. By going to sea, the competitor confirms that the boat is fit for those conditions and the crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

16.4 No act by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the competitor. Nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury however it may have occurred as a result of the competitor taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race, and event, including the OA, Race Committee, Race Officer, support boats and all volunteers.

16.5 The provision of support boats does not relieve the competitor of their responsibilities.

16.6 The organiser 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.

17. Insurance

17.1 All boats will be insured with valid all risks.

17.2 Personal belongings are not insured against damage, theft or loss.

18. Contact of Organising Authority

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