



NOTICE OF RACE 2014

Stage 1 – 23-25 May – Gmunden / Traunsee

Stage 2 – tba

Stage 3 – 18-20 July - Achensee

Grand Final – 26-28 September – Vienna / Donauinsel

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Austrian Sailing Federation, at Stage 1 in conjunction with the Union-Yacht-Club Traunsee, at Stage 3 with the SC TWV Achensee and at the Grand Final with the Segelclub Albertus Magnus Schule, Vienna.

2 EVENTS AND VENUES

The events and venues will be

<i>Stage #</i>	<i>Event title</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Club/Venue</i>
Stage 1	Gmunden Grand Prix	Gmunden, Traunsee	Union-Yacht-Club Traunsee
Stage 2	Tba	Tba	tba
Stage 3	Achensee Grand Prix	Achensee	SC TWV Achensee
Grand Final	Austrian Championship (ÖSTM)	Wien, Neue Donau (Reichsbrücke) or Segelzentrum Wien	Sunken City Or SC AMS

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for grading as follows:

<i>Stage #</i>	<i>ISAF Grading</i>
Stage 1	Grade 3
Stage 2	Grade 4
Stage 3	Grade 4
Grand Final	Grade 3

This grading is subject to review by the ISAF Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 The provisional programme is as follows and may be changed on the event website in good time before the relevant event:





	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Grand Final
Race office opens	23 May, 1000		18 July 1000	25 Sept, 1200
Registration & Crew weighing	23 May, 1000-1200		18 July 1000 – 1200	25 Sept, 1700-1800 26 Sept, 0830 – 0930
Practice time	23 May, 1000-1200		18 July, 1000 – 1200	25 Sept 1400 – 1800 26 Sept 0800 – 0930
First briefing	23 May, 1215		18 July, 1215	26 Sept, 0930
First meeting with umpires	23 May, 1215		18 July, 1215	26 Sept, 0930
Opening Ceremony	23 May, 1900		18 July, 1900	26 Sept, tba
Racing days	23 – 25 May		18 – 20 July	26 – 28 Sept
Time of the first race	23 May, 1300		18 July 1300	26 Sept, 1030
Daily press conference	30 mins after last race		30 mins after last race	30 mins after last race
Prize giving	25 May, 1630		20 July 1630	28 Sept, 1630

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

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (d) Regatta dinner, if any, for skippers.
- (e) Pro-Am-Race («Promi-Race»), if any, on Saturday after racing.
- (f) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Skippers will be invited according to the following matrix. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.

Stage #	Tour Cards	Wild Cards	Total Skippers
Stage 1	6	4	10
Stage 2	6	2	8
Stage 3	6	2	8
Grand Final	6	6	12

- (b) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.





- (c) To remain eligible a Wild Card skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, (e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified on the letter of invitation.
- (d) For Wild Card skippers, a non-refundable entry bond of EUR 300 shall accompany the acceptance of the invitation for this to be valid. This amount will be deducted from the entry fee as specified in 6.2.
- (e) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- (f) All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

6 ENTRIES

6.1 The skipper and the team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by local currency.

6.2 Entry Fee

The non-refundable entry fee for each stage is EUR 300, for the Grand Final is EUR 350. The fee shall be paid at registration.

6.3 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by the ISAF. (ISAF Regulation 27.2)

6.4 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of EUR 300 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA, it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

7 RULES

- 7.1
- (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
 - (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
 - (c) Any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply will be posted on the official notice board.

7.2 Major Alterations to the RRS

Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.

RRS C8.6 will be changed in the sailing instructions.



8 BOATS AND SAILS

(a) The events will be sailed in the following type boats:

Stage #	Boat Type	Number of boats provided	Sails provided
Stage 1	Laser SB 20	6	Main, Jib, Spinnaker
Stage 2	Laser SB 20	4	Main, Jib, Spinnaker
Stage 3	Laser SB 20	4	Main, Jib, Spinnaker
Grand Finale	Laser SB 20	6	Main, Jib, Spinnaker

(b) Boats will be allocated by draw, either daily or for each round as decided by the Race Committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

(a) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be 3 for Open Teams and 3 or 4 for Women Teams. All registered crew shall sail all races in each event.

(b) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing for each event shall be 262,5kg for Open Teams and 272kg for Women Teams, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.

(c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

(d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

10 EVENT FORMAT

(a) Each event will consist of the following stages:

Stage 1 - Preliminary

The skippers may be divided into groups based upon their ranking in the ISAF Match Race Ranking list and the AMRT standings;

a round robin or a double round robin

Stage 2 - Quarter Final/Semi Final/Final

a knock out series, first to score x points

(b) The OA will specify the format for each event in the sailing instructions.

(c) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions or the remaining time scheduled do not permit the completion of the intended format.

11 COURSE

(a) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.



(b) The intended course areas will be as follows:

Stage #	Racing Area	Swap area	Berths
Stage 1	Gmundner Bucht	Esplanade bei Hauptplatz	CELOX-Steg
Stage 2			
Stage 3	Achensee	SC TWV	SC TWV Achensee
Grand Final	Neue Donau, north of Reichsbrücke or Neue Donau, at Segelzentrum Wien	Sunken City or SC AMS	Sunken City or SC AMS

12 ADVERTISING

- As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, ISAF regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- The OA intends to supply the following equipment: leader bibs for the leading teams. Advertising as supplied by the OA is to be displayed on this equipment.
- Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 OVERALL SERIE'S SCORING

- There will be the following scoring system for the overall ranking of the series:
Each skipper's score will be the total of his scores from stage 1 to 3 and the score from the Grand Final.
Points are awarded according to the following matrix:

Place	Stage 1-3	Final
1	50	100
2	35	70
3	25	50
4	20	40
5	15	30
6	10	20
7	5	10
8	2,5	5

- To break a tie between two skippers, the tie shall be broken in favour of the one with the better result in the later stage.





14 PRIZES

- (a) The principal prize for first place of the series will be the Austrian Match Racing Tour Trophy and the title "Tour Champion 2014".
- (b) There will be the following prizes for the Grand Final:
The best team of Austrian citizens will be awarded the title "Austrian Champion 2014" and the first three teams of Austrian citizens will receive the Medals in Gold, Silver and Bronze, respectively. If the winner of the Grand Final is not a team of Austrian citizens, the will be awarded the title "International Champion of Austria 2014".
Prizes will be awarded to the teams finishing first, second and third.
- (c) There will be the following prizes for each event in stage 1-3 and at the Grand Final:
Prizes will be awarded to the teams finishing first, second and third.
- (d) Additional prizes may be awarded.
- (e) The OA may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

15 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

15.1 If required by the OA:

- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing.
- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing and be available for interviews when advised by the OA or RC.
- (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them whilst racing.

15.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

15.3 The OA have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

16 COACH BOATS

No coach boats will be permitted.

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the attached form.

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