Byte CII European Championship 2009 and 2010 Youth Olympic Games Qualifier for Europe

Yacht Club Imperia, Imperia Italy December 3rd – 7th

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The organising authority is the Yacht Club Imperia in conjunction with the Byte Class International Association (BCIA).

2. EVENT

The Byte CII European Championship is also the Continental Qualifier for the Youth Olympic Games in the Byte CII Class.

2.1 **Qualifying procedure**

The top ranked male competitor from the first seven (7), different European Nations in the final scoring, shall qualify that Nation for a male position in the singlehanded Sailing discipline of the Youth Olympic Games as per the <u>ISAF</u> <u>Qualification System</u>. Similarly, the top ranked female sailor from the first seven (7), different European Nations in the final scoring shall qualify that Nation for a female position in the singlehanded Sailing discipline.

- 2.2 This Championship only qualifies the Nation and does NOT automatically qualify the sailor. The sailor finally selected for the Games will be chosen by the ISAF Member National Authority (MNA) of the qualified Nation.
- 2.3 In order to qualify a nation at this event, an athlete must have been born between 1st January 1994 and 31st December 1995. Proof of age will be required at registration.

3 RULES

3.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, including Appendix P, the rules of the BCIA, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

3.2 If there is a conflict between languages the English language will take precedence.

4 INSURANCE

Third Party Insurance coverage of not less than €1000,000 for any accident is required. Each competitor shall produce on registration evidence of such insurance and any competitor not holding this cover shall withdraw their entry. For those competitors chartering boats, Third Party Insurance is included in the Charter fee.

5 ADVERTISING

The regatta is classified as Category "C". The Organizing committee may ask competitors to display Event and/or Class sponsor advertising material and boats may be asked to carry stickers carrying sponsor advertising provided at registration. These should be attached to the boat in accordance with the instructions provided by the organizer and displayed in the following areas:

Forward 25% of both sides of the hull for Venue Sponsor as per ISAF guidelines. Other advertising as per request from Class and Organizing Committee. This may be on the main sail.

6 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 The regatta is open to all Byte CII sailors, irrespective of age or gender. Male and female competitors shall start together and be scored as one fleet. All competitors must be a member of their National Byte Class Association or members of the BCIA. To join see <u>www.byteclass.org</u>
- 6.2 Eligible competitors must register online on the event website at <u>www.i-w-r.com</u>
- 6.3 Entries close 20th November 2009
- 6.4 There is no limit on the number of entries per nation but entries of those competitors who are chartering boats may be limited by the number of charter boats available. See Para 18.

7 NATIONAL PARTICIPATION

The event is open to all Nations but only European Nations are eligible to qualify their sailors for the Youth Olympic Games.

8 FEES

- 8.1 Entry Fee is \notin 200.00 payable at the Regatta office at Registration.
- 8.2 For non-competitors, a fee may be required for social functions.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 Thursday 3rd Registration and Measurement 09:00 to 17:00

All boats may be inspected at any time before or during the regatta. Only sails will be checked for compliance at Measurement and must be stamped prior to registering. No other sails may be used in the event, except by authorization of the International Jury prior to use. Skippers Meeting 18:00

9.2	Friday 4 th Dec	Practice race	Warning signal	10.00
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		First Championship race	Immediately after	
		Opening Ceremony		18:00
9.3	Saturday 5 th Dec	Races	first Warning signal	10.00
9.4	Sunday 6 th Dec	Races	first Warning signal	10.00
9.5	Monday 7th th Dec	Races	first Warning signal	10.00
		Prizegiving and Closing Ceremony as soon as possible		
		after the last race of the day		

- 9.6 A maximum of Sixteen (16) Championship races are scheduled, with a maximum of 4 races a day.
- 9.7 The schedule of social events will be available at Registration and will be posted on the Regatta Website.

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration on Dec. 3rd and may be posted on the event website prior to Registration.

11 VENUE

- 11.1 The event will be held in the Port of Oneglia, in the Town of Imperia, in the North West of Italy.
- 11.2 Boats shall be kept on the grounds of Yacht Club Imperia and may be assigned places.

12 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be included in the sailing instructions.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 is amended so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing.
- 13.2 **N.B.** The provisions of RRS, Appendix P 2.2 and 2.3 shall NOT apply. All protests in the same race against a competitor, lodged under the provisions of P1, shall be covered by the provisions of P2.1.

14 JURY

Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.4.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a Championship series.
- 15.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

16 PRIZES

- 1. Prizes will be awarded to the Male and Female European Champion.
- 2. Keeper prizes will be awarded for the first six (6) places overall and the top three (3) women (who also qualify for the top six overall prizes).
- 3. Keeper prizes will be awarded for the top three (3) males and the top three (3) women born in years 94 and 95 (who also qualify for the top six overall prizes).

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and the Yacht Club Imperia, their officers, members, servants and agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Championship regatta and competitors will be required to sign the following waiver.

If they are under the age of 18 years, it must be signed by a parent or guardian and presented at registration.

"I hereby acknowledge that the Yacht Club Imperia, the Organizing Committee, the Race Committee, Nautivela.s.r.l, the Regatta Sponsors and their representatives, officers, members and volunteers accept no liability whatsoever for any loss of life, property, personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the Regatta. Participants compete entirely at their own risk. I further agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions."

18 CHARTER BOATS

Deadline for charter reservations is **30 of October 2009. Deadline for charter confirmation and payment is 15 of November 2009.** Charter boats, with or without sails, will be available from Nautivela and the Charter Form, with costs for boats, is posted under on the event site at: <u>www.i-w-r.com</u>

Nautivela will endeavour to satisfy the requirements of all MNAs but there will be a limit to the number of boats available. The first 2 boats requested by an MNA will be reserved but any requests for more than 2 boats by the same MNA will be put on a waiting list and, at the charter reservation deadline (30th October 2009), any boats that are still available will be allocated on the basis on the original date of the request. Written contact is Alberto: <u>nautivela@nautivela.com</u>

19 TELEVISION AND MEDIA

In entering for this event, competitors automatically grant the Organising Authority and Class Association(s) the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show from time to time, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and any other reproduction of them taken during the event, for the said Championship as defined in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, in which he/she participates, without compensation.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

Coaches will be issued a flag which they must display while in the racing area and will be asked to monitor a safety channel on their VHF radios, be available to assist in an emergency and attend the coaches meeting each morning.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Luigi Rognoni sail@i-w-r.com Hotel information will be posted on the event web site <u>www.i-w-r.com</u> To have further information about races or lodging, please visit the event website www.i-w-r.com

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Imperia is situated in the west coast of Ligurian sea, in the North West of ITALY. Imperia is 100 km away from GENOVA and 40 km from French frontier (60 km from NICE). The nearest airport is NICE.

The Port of Oneglia is in the east part of the town.