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The Monsoon Cup is the final Stage, of the 2006-07 season. In its third year the Monsoon Cup has maintained its prominent position on the World Tour. Offering the richest prize purse for a sailing event, RM1 million (\$300,000).

The Monsoon Cup 2007 is the final ISAF Grade WC match race regatta this year and will see a new ISAF Match Racing World Champion crowned. To ensure the Monsoon Cup is an absolute thriller championship points from the event count double and must be included in the series score, guaranteeing a fight to the end with any one of 5 of the top teams able to win the World Championship.

Duyong Island at the mouth of the Terengganu River plays host to the Monsoon Cup where the purpose built sailing facility acts as a grandstand overlooking the racing area making a spectacular setting for this final event. The Monsoon Cup will be sailed in the identically matched and supplied Bakewell-White designed Foundation 36's with 5 crew.

### **World Match Racing Tour:**

The World Match Racing Tour is the leading professional sailing series featuring 9 World Championship events across the globe

The World Tour is sanctioned by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) with "Special Event" status

The World Tour awards over US\$1 million in prize money

Points are awarded at each event culminating in the crowning of the season ending 'ISAF Match Racing World Champion'

Events utilize the same "match race" format used in the America's Cup with racing taking place identically supplied racing yachts which places a focus on team work and skill. Racing takes place close to the shore for the general public to follow the races as virtual on-the-water stadiums.

Monsoon Cup, 15th and Final Stage of the 2006 -'07 World Tour will be held in Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia November 28 – December 2, 2007

The Organising Authority – Terengganu Heritage Bay Club and the Prize Purse is RM 1,000,000 (\$300,000.00)

Boats – Foundation 36

Who's Entered – 12 teams including the top 6 from the current Tour leader board and three teams from the 32nd America's Cup.

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### **Entry List**

Mathieu Richard (FRA) – Saba Sailing Team

Ian Williams (GBR) – Team Pindar

Paolo Cian (ITA) – Shosholoza

Sebastien Col – Areva Challenge

Bjorn Hansen (DEN) – Team Apport.net

Peter Gilmour (AUS) – PST

Jesper Radich (AUS) – Radich Racing Team

Staffan Lindberg (FIN) – Alandia Sailing Team

Katie Spithill (AUS) – Team Acuity

Torvar Mirsky (AUS) – Torvar Mirsky Team

Adam Minoprio (NZL) – BlackMatch Racing

Tiffany Koo (MAS) – Selangor UK Halsey Gapurna

### **2007 Match Racing World Championship Season**

Stage 7: May 23-28, Match Race Germany, **Langenargen, Germany**

Stage 8: July 2-8, Match Cup Sweden, **Marstrand, Sweden**

Stage 9: July 24-29, Portugal Match Cup, **Troia, Portugal**

Stage 10: August 8-12, Danish Open, **Copenhagen, Denmark**

Stage 11: August 14-19, St Moritz Match Race, **St Moritz, Switzerland**

Stage 12: September 11-16, Latium Match Cup, **Rome, Italy**

Stage 13: October 9-14, Bermuda Gold Cup, **Hamilton, Bermuda**

Stage 14: November 13-18, Brazil Sailing Cup, **Vitoria, Brazil**

Stage 15: Nov.28-Dec 2, Monsoon Cup, **Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia**

### **ISAF Match Racing World Championship Leaderboard (Top 8)**

(After Stage 14 of 15)

1. Mathieu Richard (FRA) Saba Sailing Team, 140 points

2. Ian Williams (GBR) Team Pindar, 132 points

3. Paolo Cian (ITA) Team Shosholoza, 115 points

4. Sébastien Col (FRA) Areva Challenge, 93 points

5. Bjorn Hansen (SWE) Team Apport.net, 87 points

6. Peter Gilmour (AUS) PST, 66 points

7. Magnus Holmberg (SWE) Victory Challenge, 64 points

8. Ed Baird (USA) Alinghi, 55 points