

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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2007 MELGES 24 PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

April 21-22, 2007

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including the Melges 24 Class Rules.
- 1.2** RRS 40.1 is deleted and replaced with: "All competitors shall wear life jackets or adequate personal buoyancy while racing. Note that Flag Y will not be displayed."
- 1.3** RRS 62 is changed as per instruction 6
RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed as per instruction 13
RRS 35 and A4.1 are changed as per instruction 15
RRS 66 is changed as per instruction 17.5

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside on the SFYC deck.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

<u>RACE</u>	<u>DAY AND TIME</u>	<u>TIME OF WARNING SIGNAL</u>
1	Saturday, April 21	1100 Hours
2	Saturday, April 21	Immediately following Race #1
3	Saturday, April 21	Immediately following Race #2
4	Sunday, April 22	1100 Hours
5	Sunday, April 22	Immediately following Race #4
6	Sunday, April 22	Immediately following Race #5

5.2 After the first race each day, the warning signal for the succeeding race(s) will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement may be made.

5.3 No warning signal will be scheduled after 1530 hours on Sunday.

6 COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee may use VHF 65 to communicate information about course selection, time to start, the fleet position relative to the starting time, and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the Melges 24 class insignia on a white background.

8 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 **Attachment A** shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

9.3 The course to be sailed will be designated by placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

10 MARKS

All Marks will be red/orange inflatable buoys..

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags; one on the signal boat and the other on a race committee mark boat.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

13 ALTERNATIVE PENALTY

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required when the rule violation occurred outside two boat lengths of a mark. Within two boat lengths of a mark the two turns penalty applies as prescribed. For purposes of this rule, a finish line mark is considered a mark, a starting line mark is not.

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line for courses 3 and 5 will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat or a race committee mark boat and the weather mark. The finishing line for Course 4 will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a red/orange inflatable buoy. For Course 4, the finish line will be on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting line.

15 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

16 SAFETY

Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Table in the clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee representative at the Regatta Table within the protest time limit, which shall be one hour after the committee boat returns to the dock. The return times will be posted on the official notice board.

17.2 For protests involving a rule of RRS Part 2, an arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing. (Refer to instruction 18.)

17.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.

17.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17.5 On Sunday a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

18 ARBITRATION

18.1 Parties to a protest involving a rule of RRS Part 2 shall attend an arbitration hearing per instruction 17.2 above. At the posted time, one designated representative from each boat will testify before an arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.

18.2 After hearing the testimony of each representative, the arbitrator shall make one of the following decisions:

(a) No rule was broken or the protest is invalid. If the protesting party agrees, the protest is then withdrawn and cannot be reopened or appealed.

(b) At least one rule was broken by one or more of the parties involved. The representative of the offending boat(s) has the option of accepting a penalty equal to 40% of the number of starters for that race (rounding .5 upward; an adjusted score will not be greater than the number of starters in that race), or of submitting the matter to the jury for a full hearing. If the penalty is accepted, the matter is closed and cannot be reopened, appealed, or redressed.

(c) The protest shall be referred to the jury for a full hearing.

18.3 If the protest is referred to the jury, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the jury hearing the protest, be called as a witness, or be present in the jury room; nor will he discuss the testimony or his decision with the members of the jury.

19 SCORING

Six (6) races are scheduled, of which two (2) must be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than six races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If six races are completed, each boat's worst score will be excluded.

20 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall remain in the water after the first race until the conclusion of the event, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul out.

21 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded after the racing on Sunday, April 22, on the SFYC deck.

Don Jesberg – Regatta Chair

Steve Fentress – PRO

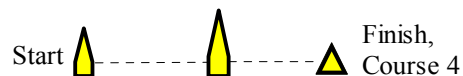
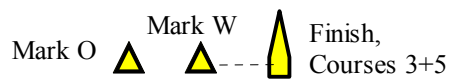
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ATTACHMENT A

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COURSES



MARKS

W – Weather Mark

O – Offset Mark

L – Leeward Gate

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3 Start – W(p) – O(p) – L(gate) – Finish

4 Start – W(p) – O(p) – L(gate) – W(p) – O(p) – Finish

5 Start – W(p) – O(p) – L(gate) – W(p) – O(p) – L(gate) – Finish