



TRUMER PILS

MELGES



 **SAILFAST**



Present



USMCA
U.S. MELGES 24
GOLD CUP

August 20th – 22nd, 2010
San Francisco, California

Amendment One Included (Section 17.2)

Sailing Instructions

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

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The following Class Rules are in effect:
 - International Melges 32 Class Rules 2010, bylaws and interpretations; and
 - International Melges 24 Class Rules 2010, bylaws and interpretations.
- 1.3 There is no restriction on advertising subject to ISAF Reg 20.2 and 20.3, and Class Rules. Competitors are encouraged not to display advertising in conflict with any event sponsor as identified via the Melges California Cup 2010 NOR.
- 1.4 RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with "Competitors shall wear flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment." Note that Code Flag Y shall not be displayed.

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 **Friday, August 20** - three races are scheduled.
Saturday, August 21 - three races are scheduled.
Sunday, August 22 - two races are scheduled.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1130 hours.
- 5.3 After the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race 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.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be standard numeric signal flags

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Melges 32	One
Melges 24	Two

7 RACING AREA

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

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 **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.
- 8.2 Mark G is a leeward gate. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.
- 8.3 There may be an Offset Mark "O" set a short distance from the weather mark. If present, the offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions on Attachment A.
- 8.4 The course to be sailed will be designated by placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

9 MARKS

All Marks will be inflatable buoys.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26. The Warning Signal for succeeding classes will be with or after the starting signal for the preceding class. Classes may be started in any order, although in the first race each day expect that classes will be started in the order listed in instruction 6 above.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a red/orange inflatable mark, or the starting line will be

- 10.3 between staffs displaying orange flags on two race committee mark boats.
Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11 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.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee mark boat and an inflatable mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 41.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, are required.

14 TIME LIMITS

Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 AFTER RACE SCORING PENALTY

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while *racing* may take a penalty (an 'After Race Scoring Penalty') after she has *finished* and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% of the number of boats entered, calculated as described in rule 44.3(c), but not more than that of a DNF score.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 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 {time, e.g. one hour} after the race committee signal boat returns to the dock. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

- 16.2 The provisions of **Attachment B ("Protest Arbitration")** apply. This changes RRS 63.1.

- 16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, and the time such hearings will commence.

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

- 16.5 On the last day of the regatta 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.

17 SCORING

17.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 For the Melges 24 Fleet, a boat's total score shall be the sum of her race scores with no excluded scores. For the Melges 32 Fleet, provided six or more races are completed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded in calculating her total score; if fewer than six races are completed, no score shall be excluded.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Check-in and check-out: Boats are requested to check in with the race committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal. Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul-out.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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

20.2 The Race Committee may use VHF channel 65 to communicate information about course selection, time to start, the class 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 62.1.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

See Appendix A of the Notice of Race.

22 PRIZES

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

22.2 Unclaimed prizes will be held at the Race Council Office for a period of one month only. Call at (415) 789-5647 to be sure someone will be in the office for pickup.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

Suzie Moore and Chris Farkas – Co-Regatta Chairs
Vicki Sodaro – PRO

2010 MELGES RACE WEEK

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Attachment A



Marks

W1 – Weather Mark (Yellow Inflatable)

W2 – Inner Weather Mark (Red Inflatable)

G – Leeward Gate (Red Inflatables)

O1 – Offset Mark at Mark W1 (Red Inflatable or Small Round mark)

O2 – Offset Mark at Mark W2 (Red Inflatable or Small Round mark)

Marks W1, O1, G, W2, and O2 are rounding marks.

Courses

1 – Start – W1(p) – O1(p) - G – Finish

2 – Start – W1(p) – O1(p) - G – W1(p) – O1(p) - G – Finish

3 – Start – W1(p) – O1(p) - G – W1(p) – O1(p) – Finish downwind

4 – Start – W2(p) – O2 (p) - G – Finish

5 – Start – W2(p) - O2 (p) - G – W2(p) - O2 (p) - G– Finish

6 – Start – W2(p) - O2 (p) - G – W2(p) – O2 (p) - Finish downwind

Attachment B

Protest Arbitration

- B1** An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of Part 2, unless the arbitrator deems the incident inappropriate for arbitration. One representative of each *party* who was on board at the time of the incident will meet with the arbitrator. If all the *parties* are not represented the arbitration meeting shall not be held. No witnesses will be permitted.
- B2** After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will offer one of the following options:
- (a) The protest committee would find the protest is invalid. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (b) The protest committee would find that no boat broke a *rule*. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (c) The protest committee would find that one or more boats represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of Part 2 or rule 31. The arbitrator will offer each (both) boat(s) the option of accepting an After Race Scoring Penalty, or to retire. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (d) A protest hearing is appropriate.
- B3** The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any boat that accepted an After Race Scoring Penalty as described in the Sailing Instructions will not be further penalized as a result of the protest hearing, unless the protest committee concludes that the boat caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or rule 31.
- B4** If a protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held, and the protest cannot be the subject of a request for redress or appeal. This changes RRS 63.1.