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

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The following Class Rules are in effect:

International Melges 32 Class Rules 2010, bylaws and interpretations;
International Melges 24 Class Rules 2010, bylaws and interpretations; and
International Melges 20 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 Competitors may be required to display bow stickers with event sponsor logos.
- 1.5 RRS 40 shall be deleted and replaced with: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment". Note that Flag Y shall not be displayed.
- 1.6 Any modification to this NOR shall be posted on the Official Notice Board at The San Francisco Yacht Club (SFYC), at www.sfyc.org, and at www.california-cup.com, and shall be sent by email to registered participants.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all Melges 32, Melges 24, and Melges 20 sportboats whose Owner and/or Skipper is a current member of their National Governing Body. Entrants must meet all ownership and Class Association requirements.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration found at either:

<http://www.sfyc.org>

<http://www.california-cup.com>

- 2.3** Entries shall close Wednesday, August 18th, 2010, at 1700. Entries submitted after that time shall be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 2.4** If fewer than five (5) boats in a class are entered by Friday, August 13th, 2010, at 1700, the Organizing Authority may return the entry fees and not provide a start for that class.
- 2.5** Refunds, if necessary, shall be minus a minimal processing fee.
- 2.6** *Those Melges 24 teams wishing to compete for the regatta's Corinthian trophy, must submit signed ISAF certificates for each of their crew at skipper check-in by close of registration Friday, August 20th. Any substitution of crew by Corinthian entries during the regatta must be approved in writing by the PRO.*

3 FEES

- 3.1** Entry fees received by August 18th, 2010, at 1700 are as follows:

Melges 20:	US\$ 195
Melges 24:	US\$ 295
Melges 32:	US\$ 395

- 3.2** There will be an additional US\$ 100 late entry fee for all entries accepted after August 18th, 2010.

4 SOCIAL

- 4.1** There will be a dinner and party each evening for US\$ 60 inclusive per person for all three evenings. Each social bracelet will include the three (3) dinners and six (6) beer tickets. The regatta entry fee includes a complimentary social bracelet for the owner. Additional social bracelets for crew and guests may be purchased online during registration.
- 4.2** No host breakfast will be available in the Dining Room beginning at 0830 on Saturday and Sunday. Sailing attire is welcome for all activities.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1** Thursday, August 19th:

1000- Skipper check-in and registration; Melges 24 weigh-in and sail
1200: inspection in the Eldridge Room (Sailing Center).
1400- Skipper check-in and registration; Melges 24 weigh-in and sail
1600: inspection in the Eldridge Room (Sailing Center).
1800: Melges Clinic hosted by North Sails One Design at the Cove House.

5.2 Friday, August 20th:

- 0800- Skipper check-in and registration; Melges 24 weigh-in and sail
- 1000: inspection in the Eldridge Room (Sailing Center).
- 0900: Skipper's meeting in the Cove House.
- 1130: First warning signal; three races scheduled.
- 1800: BBQ and party on the SFYC Deck.

5.3 Saturday, August 21st:

- 1130: First warning signal; three races scheduled.
- 1800: Hawaiian Night and party on the SFYC Deck.

5.4 Sunday, August 22nd:

- 1130: First warning signal; two races scheduled.
- 1700: Mexican Night and Awards Ceremony on the SFYC Deck.

5.5 The Race Committee reserves the right to hold more or fewer races each day.

6 MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1 Each boat may be asked to produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 6.2 All boats, equipment, and sails may be subject to weighing, measurement, or inspection before, during, or after the race.
- 6.3 Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the Regatta.
- 6.4 Chartered or loaned yachts may display national letters and sail numbers in contravention of Class Rules.
- 6.5 *All Melges 24 teams shall be weighed and their sails inspected at the location and times designated above, or as otherwise posted on the Official Notice Board.*
- 6.6 All crews may be subject to random weight checks throughout the event to ensure compliance with Class Rules.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Official Sailing Instructions shall be available at check-in beginning on Thursday, August 19th, at 1000. Sailing instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board, as well as at www.sfyc.org and at www.california-cup.com.

8 RACING AREA AND COURSES

The racing area shall be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle. The courses and marks shall be described in the sailing instructions.

8 COMMUNICATION

- 8.1** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 8.2** RRS 25 & 60.1 will be amended to allow for on-the-water radio communication between the Race Committee and racing yachts via VHF Channel 65.
- 8.3** The Race Committee may communicate OCS and the signaled course for the race. The inability of a competitor to hear a hail for OCS or any other information shall not relieve her of her responsibility, nor shall it be grounds for redress. Neither failure of the race committee to communicate the sail number(s) 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.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1** Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, are required.

10 SCORING AND RESULTS

- 10.1** Eight races are scheduled. Succeeding races shall be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 10.2** A minimum of two completed races shall constitute a series.
- 10.3** A boat's total score shall be the sum of her race scores with no excluded scores.
- 10.4** Trophies shall be awarded as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing on Sunday to the three yachts in each fleet with the lowest cumulative scores for the regatta, for the top Corinthian finish in the Melges 24 Fleet, and to the overall winner of the Melges California Cup 2010.

11 SUPPORT YACHTS

- 11.1** Support yachts shall be identified by a 2' x 2' yellow flag supplied by the owner. The flag must be displayed on a pole and clearly visible while yachts are racing and at the Club docks.

11.2 Appendix A “Coach and Support Boats, Press, and Spectator Boats” shall be in effect.

12 ARBITRATION

12.1 Arbitration will be in effect for protests involving a rule of RRS Part 2.

13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS, TRAILERS, DOCKAGE, AND PARKING

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

13.2 The SFYC Guest Docks shall be available to entered yachts from August 18th through August 22nd, 2010. Guest berthing for support yachts must be made via separate arrangement with the SFYC Harbor Master at +1.415.435.4202. Requests shall be handled on a first come/first served basis. Every effort shall be made to accommodate requests, but space is limited.

13.3 All trailers shall be stored offsite by their owners following launching, or as otherwise directed by the SFYC Harbor Master. For assistance, please contact the SFYC Harbor Master at +1.415.435.4202.

13.4 Parking in the SFYC Lot will be restricted during the regatta. Two parking passes shall be issued for each Melges 32, and one parking pass shall be issued for each Melges 24 and Melges 20, respectively. Parking passes and offsite parking maps may be picked up at the SFYC Front Desk on Thursday, August 19th, or at the Lot entrance on Friday morning.

14 DIVING EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC POOLS, AND HOISTS

14.1 For the Melges 24 and Melges 20 fleets, underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) shall not be used around yachts between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta. For all yachts, plastic pools (or their equivalent), baths, or hydro-hoists are not permitted at SFYC docks.

15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, Decision to Race). The Organizing Authority does not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

16 INSURANCE

16.1 All yachts (including coach and support boats) are required to hold adequate third-party insurance. It is the owner or owner’s representative’s sole and

inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

17 TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHER'S RIGHTS

- 17.1** Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their yacht to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1** For further information, please visit: www.california-cup.com or email: info@melgesraceweek.com
- 19.2** You may also contact the SFYC Race Office at +1.415.789.5647, or by facsimile at +1.415.789.5648, or by email at race@sfyc.org

Chris Farkas and Suzie Moore, Regatta Chairs
Vicki Sodaro, PRO

Appendix A: Coach and Support Boats, Press, and Spectator Boats

1. Coach and support boats shall register with the race office during skipper check in. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to.
2. Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing.
3. Any coach or support boat that interferes with another competitor or the racing in any way, including creating excess wash, or hinders an official boat from carrying out its duties shall have their race boat or boats liable to a penalty at the discretion of the Jury.
4. The penalty given by the Jury is at their discretion, but shall be applied to the overall score and therefore not discarded.
5. No coach or support boat shall pass information in any way to a boat that is racing (RRS 41). Infringements of this shall be taken very seriously.
6. Coach and support boats shall communicate only with the boats they are registered to, and only by means of voice between races. Closed VHF or mobile telephone communication is prohibited.
7. All racing boats shall proceed to the race area under their own power.
8. There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment from leaving the Club Docks until after the finish of the last race of the day between entered boats and their coach or support boats.
9. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside their entered boats until after the finish of the last race of the day.
10. Any competitor may protest under this Appendix.