



**MELGES**



Present



SAN FRANCISCO  
**2011**  
MELGES 24  
**PACIFIC  
COAST**  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
19-21 August

August 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011  
San Francisco, California

## NOTICE OF RACE

### *Amendment One: August 5, 2011 (Section 1.7)*

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

#### 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 24 Class Rules 2011, 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 2011 NOR and Amendments.
- 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](http://www.sfyc.org), and at [www.california-cup.com](http://www.california-cup.com), and shall be sent by email to registered participants.
- 1.7 Under RRS 87, Melges 24 Class Rule C.2.2 is changed as follows: all crews may be subject to random weight checks throughout the event to ensure compliance with the Class' maximum total weight of crew.

## 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all Melges 24 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 1700. Entries submitted after that time shall be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 2.4 *Those 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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at 1700 are as follows:

Melges 24: US\$ 195

- 3.2 There will be an additional US\$ 100 late entry fee for all entries accepted after 1700 on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

## 4 SOCIAL

- 4.1 Regatta beer shall be available on the Race Deck, with no-host bar following racing each evening at the Club.
- 4.2 Complimentary hors d'oeuvres shall be available to racers Friday evening, and a no-host BBQ on the Race Deck.
- 4.3 No-host breakfast and dinner shall be available in the Dining Room on Saturday and Sunday. Reservations are appreciated at +1.415.435.9133.
- 4.4 Sailing attire is welcome for all activities.

## **5 SCHEDULE**

### **5.1 Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>:**

1400- Skipper check-in and registration; Melges 24 weigh-in and sail  
1600: inspection in the Eldridge Room (Sailing Center).

### **5.2 Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>:**

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

### **5.3 Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>:**

1130: First warning signal; three races scheduled.

### **5.4 Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>:**

1130: First warning signal; one race scheduled.

**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 teams shall be weighed and their sails inspected at the location and times designated above, or as otherwise posted on the Official Notice Board.*

## **7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Official Sailing Instructions shall be available at check-in beginning on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 1000. Sailing instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board, as well as at [www.sfyc.org](http://www.sfyc.org) and at [www.california-cup.com](http://www.california-cup.com).

## **8 RACING AREA AND COURSES**

- 8.1 Friday's race area shall be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle.
- 8.2 Saturday's race area shall be the Club's championship series course, between the West side of Angel Island and Yellow Bluff (Marin Headlands).
- 8.3 Sunday's course shall be "Around the Islands:" Angel, Alcatraz, and Treasure.
- 8.4 The courses and marks shall be described in the sailing instructions.

## **9 COMMUNICATION**

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 RRS 25 shall be amended to allow for on-the-water radio communication between the Race Committee and racing yachts via VHF Channel 65.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 RRS 90.2 (c) is amended to allow oral changes to the sailing instructions on the water. In the event the Race Committee needs to communicate oral changes, they shall raise the "L" flag and attempt to hail competitors on VHF.

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

## **11 SCORING AND RESULTS**

- 11.1 Seven races are scheduled. Succeeding races shall be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 11.2 A minimum of one completed race shall constitute a series.
- 11.3 Sunday's "Around the Islands" race shall count as two scores. If all seven scheduled races are completed, each boat shall have eight scores.
- 11.4 Provided six or more races are completed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded in calculating her total score for the regatta; if fewer than six races are completed, no score shall be excluded. No score shall be excluded in calculating a boat's standing for the California Cup 2011 Series.

- 11.5** Trophies shall be presented at the awards ceremony on Sunday to the three yachts with the lowest cumulative scores for the regatta, to the top Corinthian finish, and to the overall winner of the Melges California Cup 2011.

## **12 SUPPORT YACHTS**

- 12.1** 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.
- 12.2** **Appendix A** "Coach and Support Boats, Press, and Spectator Boats" shall be in effect.

## **13 ARBITRATION**

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

## **14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS, TRAILERS, DOCKAGE, AND PARKING**

- 14.1** All boats shall remain in the water after the first race until the conclusion of the regatta and shall berth at the SFYC, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul out.
- 14.2** The SFYC Guest Docks shall be available to entered yachts from August 18<sup>th</sup> through August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.
- 14.3** 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.
- 14.4** Parking in the SFYC Lot shall be restricted during the regatta. One parking pass shall be issued for each Melges 24. Parking passes and offsite parking maps may be picked up at the SFYC Front Desk on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, or at the Lot entrance on Friday morning.

## **15 DIVING EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC POOLS, AND HOISTS**

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.

## **16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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.

## **17 INSURANCE**

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.

## **18 TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHER'S RIGHTS**

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](http://www.california-cup.com) or email: [info@melgesraceweek.com](mailto:info@melgesraceweek.com)

**19.2** You may also contact the SFYC Race Office at +1.415.789.5647, or by facsimile at +1. 415.366.1483, or by email at [race@sfyc.org](mailto:race@sfyc.org)

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## **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, except that coach and support boats may go alongside their entered boats from when an entered boat finishes a race up until the commencement of the next starting sequence for the Melges 24 Fleet.
10. Any competitor may protest under this Appendix.