



MELGES²⁴

INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 CLASS 2012 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

22nd to 26th August 2012
The San Francisco Yacht Club
Belvedere, California USA

NOTICE OF RACE

The International Melges 24 2012 North American Championship will be organised by The San Francisco Yacht Club in association with United States Melges 24 Class and in co-operation with the International Melges 24 Class Association.

1. RULES.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2.1 Only the US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 40, 68, 76.1, and added rules 61.4, 76.3, and 82 will apply and are stated in full in NOR 25.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4 The following rules will be changed:
 - 1.4.1 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.

1.4.2 Part 5, section B of the RRS as well as rule 44.1 and 63.1 will be changed to permit protest arbitration.

1.4.3 The RC will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet. Failure to make this broadcast or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1.

1.4.4 Appendix P shall apply, and will be changed as described in NOR 11.2.

1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising will conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules, in accordance with rule 80.

2.2 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and sponsors advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with ISAF regulation 20. These items will be supplied free of charge by the Organising Authority (OA) at registration.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Melges 24 class that meet the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority, in the case that a National Authority exists.

3.2. Competitors shall comply with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) eligibility code (ISAF Regulation 19) which requires that all competitors (helmspersons and all other crew) shall be members of their Member National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations. The Yacht Club or organization name and membership details shall be stated when entering. Proof of membership shall be presented at registration.

3.3 Eligible boats must enter by completing online registration, when available at www.melges24na.com and linked from www.sfyc.org, by 30th of July 2012.

3.4 Late entries will be accepted subject to a 50% surcharge.

3.5 The OA will post entries on the official event web site at www.melges24na.com, which will be linked from www.sfyc.org.

3.6. Only boats that have completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete.

4. CORINTHIAN CLASSIFICATION

4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply to teams in the Corinthian Trophy (see rule 79). Please refer to ISAF's Web site: www.sailing.org

4.2 Indicate classification for each sailor if entering for the Corinthian Trophy and the unique ISAF User ID Number

4.3 The closing date for the registration of Corinthian entries shall be as in 3.3 above.

4.4 Sailors must be registered with ISAF prior to the date identified in 3.3 and be able to declare their User ID number when entering. Classification will be checked on line.

- 4.5 Late entries cannot be considered for this trophy.
- 4.6 A final list of Corinthian teams will be published at the close of registration.
- 4.7 Protests regarding ISAF classification must be submitted by the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing for the championship.
- 4.8 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in IMCA Championship rules.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee will be \$695 (USD). This Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the Regatta at designated times, berthing for the event, trailer storage, and tickets to the principal events for five persons per entry. Principal events will include Opening and Closing Ceremonies, daily after-racing beverages and hors d'oeuvres, and two dinners per person. Additional guest passes to all events may be purchased for \$150 per person at registration (check or cash only).
- 5.2 Payment of entry fees should be made by observing the guidelines for online registration. Entries will not be valid until payment is received by the OA.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Boats arriving prior to August 13, 2012, shall make arrangements for offsite dry storage at one of the facilities listed on the Logistics page of the regatta website (www.melges24na.com)

6.2 Schedule of events

| Day | Date | Event | Time |
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| Wednesday | 22 August | Registration and Crew Weigh-in | 0900-1700 |
| Thursday | 23 August | Registration and weighing Skipper's briefing Practice Race Competitors Meeting Opening Ceremonies All Boats Afloat Principal event dinner | 0900-1800 0915 Warning at 1200 1800 1800 1800 1800 |
| Friday | 24 August | Crew weigh-in Skipper's Briefing Racing Daily Awards/Social event | 0845-0915 0915 Warning at 1200 1800 |
| Saturday | 25 August | Skipper's Briefing Racing Daily Awards/Social Event Principal event dinner & band | 0915 Warning at 1200 1800 1800 |
| Sunday | 26 August | Skipper's Briefing Racing No warning signal after 1500 Haul Out after Racing Closing Ceremonies and Awards | 0915 Warning at 1200 1500 1800 |

- 6.3 Eight (8) races are scheduled for the 2012 North American Championship.
- 6.4 All boats will sail as one fleet.
- 6.5 The RC may race as many as three (3) races each day.
- 6.6 The OA and/or the RC reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes.

7. MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close of registration on 23rd of August.
- 7.2 The Organisers may weigh, measure, or inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.
- 7.3 Registration of sails and limitation stamping will take place during periods stated in 6.2 above. **THERE WILL BE NO FACILITIES FOR INITIAL MEASUREMENT.** Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the Regatta.
- 7.4 In accordance with rule G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the Class Rules.
- 7.5 During the regatta checks on conformity with Class Rules, including measurement requirements, may be performed at any time.

7.6 A boat will provide a minimum of 2 people to facilitate measurement.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

8.2 They will be posted at www.sfyc.org and on the event web site at www.melges24na.com when available.

9. VENUE

9.1 Attachment 'A' shows the location of the regatta harbour and host Clubhouse.

9.2 Attachment 'B' shows the location of the racing area.

9.3 Attachment 'D' shows the location of alternate parking facilities in the vicinity of the SFYC. Two parking passes to the SFYC lot will be issued to each entry at registration, one of which will be required for the boat trailer. No boats or trailers will be admitted to the SFYC lot prior to August 12th.

10. THE COURSES

10.1 The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward.

10.2 Spreader/offset marks and leeward gates shall be used.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This changes rule 44.1.

11.2 Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) shall apply. Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. This changes RRS Appendix P.

11.3 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

12. SCORING

12.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute the championship.

12.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes rules 90.3 and A2.

12.3 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

13.1 Support boats shall be marked as decided by the OA.

13.2 The IMCA Coach and Support Boat appendix shall be in operation and is attached to this NOR as Attachment C.

14. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

14.1 Cranage will be available at the following times:

| Day | Date | Event | Time |
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| Wednesday | 22 August | Cranage | 0900-1700 |
| Thursday | 23 August | Cranage | 0900-1800 |
| Sunday | 26 August | Cranage | 1500-2000 |

Cranage outside these hours may be permitted with the written approval of the RC, and may be subject to additional charge.

14.2 All boats are to be afloat by 1800 hours on Thursday 23 August.

14.3 Boats shall be kept at the assigned guest docks in the harbour. Fenders and mooring lines will be required.

14.4 Bow numbers may establish the priority or order of berthing assignments, haul out order, and other items at the discretion of the OA.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

16. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 Except in an emergency, 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.

17.2 Race information will be given on a designated VHF Channel, which will be communicated by the RC in the sailing instructions.

18. PRIZES

18.1 The prizes will be given as follows:

| Single Fleet | Open Division | Corinthian Division |
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| Daily Prizes | Winner of each individual race | Winner of each individual race |
| Overall Prizes | Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top five (5) boats | Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top three (3) boats |

18.2 Additional Prizes may be given at the discretion of the OA.

- 18.3 The overall championship will be the winner of the open division and awarded the Melges 24 North American Championship Trophy.
- 18.4 The winner of the Corinthian Division will be awarded the Melges 24 North American Corinthian Trophy.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

20 INSURANCE

- 20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance of \$300,000 USD.

21 TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

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

22 CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

- 22.1 The OA may change the Notice of Race; see rule 89.2(a). Any such changes will be posted on the regatta web site, www.melges24na.com.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION and KEY CONTACTS

- 23.1 For further information about the 2012 North American Championship please contact:

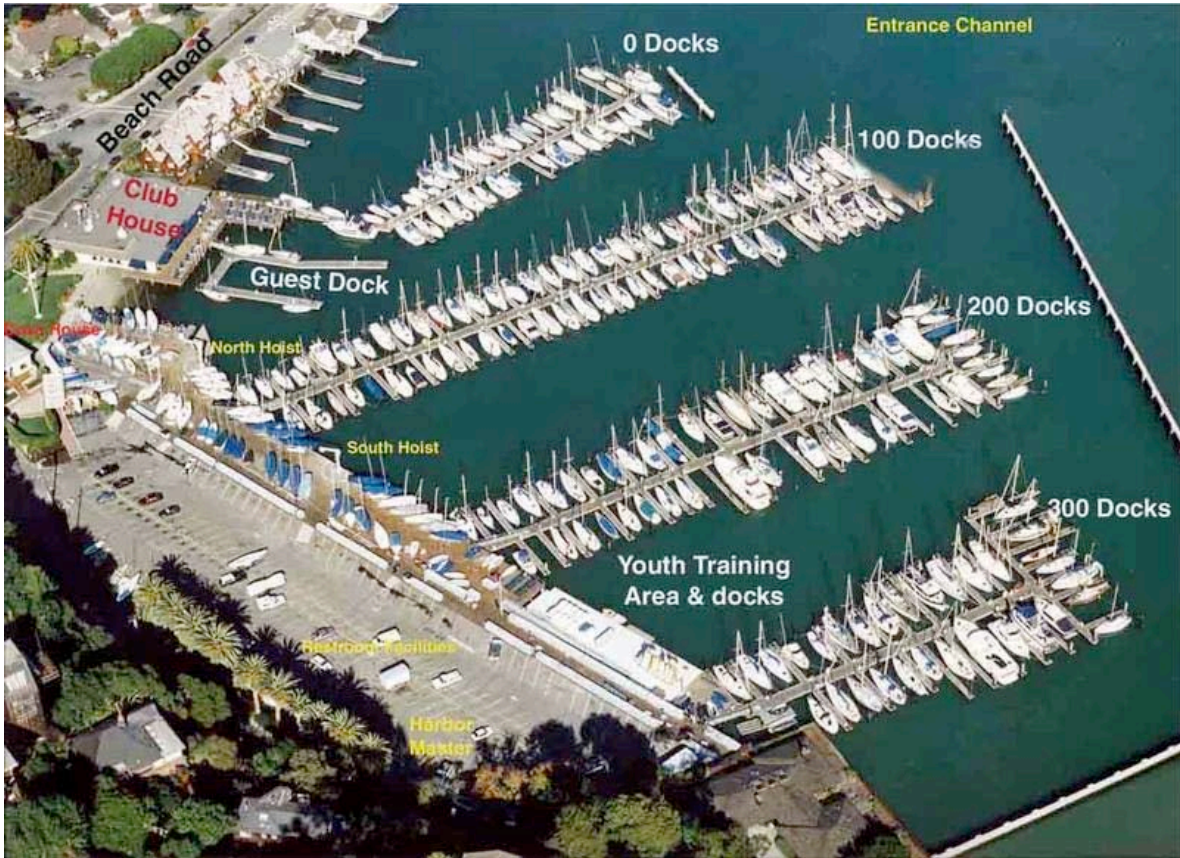
- Event Web Sites www.sfyc.org and or www.melges24na.com
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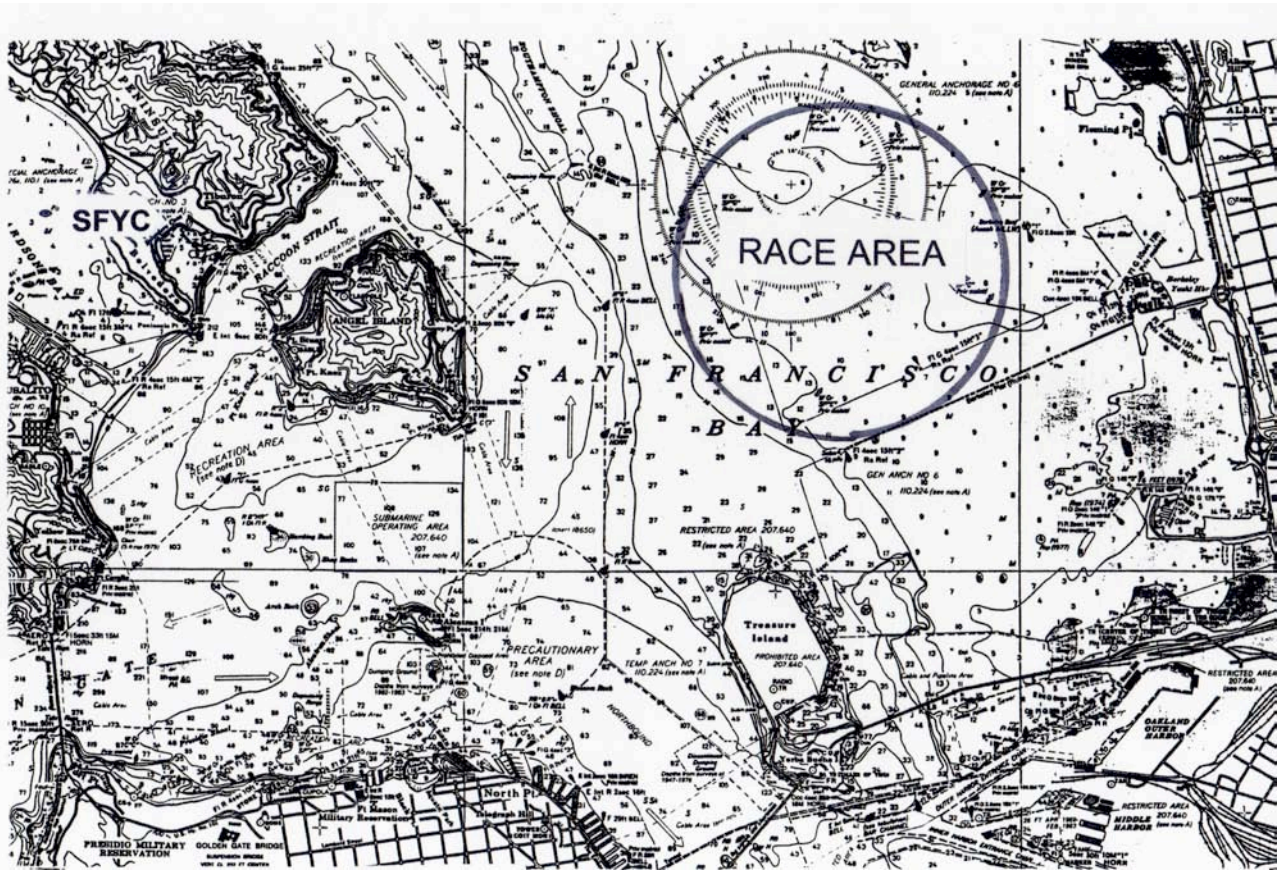
25 US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

- 25.1 Rule 40–US SAILING prescribes that every boat shall carry life saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area.
See http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Rules/Personal_Flotation_Device.htm
- 25.2 Add Rule 61.4–US SAILING prescribes that no fee shall be charged for protest or request for redress.
- 25.3 Rule 68–US SAILING prescribes that:
- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
 - (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
 - (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of ‘assumption of risk’ for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.
- 25.4 Rule 76.1–US SAILING prescribes that an OA or RC shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.
- 25.5 Add Rule 76.3–US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the Protest Committee under Rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6.
- 25.6 Add Rule 82 - INDEMNIFICATION OR HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENTS
US SAILING prescribes that the organizing authority shall not require a competitor to assume any liabilities of the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event. (This is commonly referred to as an ‘indemnification’ or ‘hold harmless’ agreement.)
See www.ussailing.org/rules/indemnification for more information.

ATTACHMENT A
VENUE – Harbor and Clubhouse



ATTACHMENT B
VENUE- Racing Area



Not to be used for navigation

ATTACHMENT C

COACH, SUPPORT, PRESS & SPECTATOR BOATS

COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

1. Coach and support boats shall register with the race office during registration. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to.
2. Coach and support boats shall display a flag, or other identification symbol, as may be required by the race committee.
3. No coach boat or support boat shall pass information in any way to a boat that is racing. See Rule 41. Infringements of this will be taken very seriously.
4. 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.
5. All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to the racing area under their own power.
6. There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment until after the finish of the last race of the day between Melges 24's and their coach or support boats.
7. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside their Melges 24's until after the finish of the last race of the day.
8. Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing.
9. 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 carrying out its duties shall have the competitor(s) to which they are attached, liable to a penalty at the discretion of the jury.
10. Any competitor may protest under this attachment.
11. The penalty given by the jury is at their discretion, but shall be applied to the overall score and therefore not discarded.

PRESS AND SPECTATOR BOATS

1. All Press and official spectator boats shall be registered by the race organising authority during registration.
2. Press and spectator boats shall display any flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the race committee.
3. The race organisers may appoint one or more photo boats, which will be allowed within the race course. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress.
4. Press and spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in anyway and shall stay at a distance outside the racecourse where their wake causes no problem.

ATTACHMENT D OFF SITE PARKING MAP

PUBLIC PARKING AREAS

