

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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2013 MELGES SILVER & SFYC ETHELLES SERIES June 1 & July 13

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 Appendix T Section B (POST RACE PENALTIES) shall apply
- 1.3 For the Melges 24 and Melges 20 classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.4 For the Etchells class, Appendix T Section A (PENALTIES WHILE RACING) shall apply.
- 1.5 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.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the deck at SFYC and at www.sfyc.org/regattas..

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1 As many races as possible are scheduled for each day.
- 4.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1130 hours.
- 4.3 After the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. A series of short sound signals and a radio announcement on VHF 65 may announce the next start.

5 **CLASS FLAG:** The Class flags will be Class flags will be standard numeral pennants:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
Melges 24	One
Melges 20	Two
Etchells	Three

6 **RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the vicinity north of the Berkeley Circle. This changes the NOR.

7 **THE COURSES**

7.1 **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.

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

8 **MARKS:** All marks will be inflatable buoys.

9 **THE START**

9.1 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 5 above.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a red inflatable mark.

10 **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.

11 **THE FINISH:** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee mark boat and a red inflatable mark.

12 **TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:** 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 race committee signal boat returns to the dock. The time will be posted on the official notice board. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt.

14 **SCORING:** For the Melges 20 and Etchells fleets four (4) races must be completed over the two days to constitute a series. For the Melges 24 fleet, two (2) races must be completed on June 1 to constitute a series at SFYC. Those races will be added to the results from May 11 and July 27 held offsite. All races on June 1 and July 27 will count toward the final score.

15 **SAFETY REGULATIONS:**

15.1 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.

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

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 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.

16.2 The Race Committee may use VHF channel 65 to communicate information about the day's racing. 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.

17 PRIZES: Trophies will be awarded after each day of racing, with series trophies awarded on July 13 on the SFYC deck for the Melges 20 and Etchells fleets. Series trophies for the Melges 24 fleet will be awarded after the completion of the racing on July 27.

Paige Brooks - Regatta Chair

Anne Scully – PRO June 1 and Jeff Zarwell – PRO, July 13.

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Attachment A

Mark W



Mark L



Start/Finish

Rounding Marks

W – Weather Mark

L – Leeward Mark

Courses

1 – Start – W(p) – Finish

2 – Start – W(p) – L(p) – W(p) – Finish

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