

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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MELGES 24 PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

J/70 SUMMER INVITATIONAL

August 12 - 14, 2016

SUMMER KEELBOAT INVITATIONAL

August 13 - 14, 2016

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. The class rules of the J/120 Fleet Five will be in effect for that class.
- 1.2 Rule 40 is changed as follows: All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.3 For all classes, except the Melges 24, Appendix T, Section A (PENALTIES WHILE RACING) shall apply: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.' See SI 13 for Melges 24 class.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside on the west wall of the SFYC Clubhouse. The NOR, SIs, and amendments thereto will be posted online at www.sfyc.org.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours 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 12** - Three (3) races are scheduled for the Melges 24 and J/70 classes, with the first warning signal at 1200 hours.
Saturday, August 13 - Three (3) races are scheduled for all classes, with the first warning signal at 1200 hours.
Sunday, August 14 - Two (2) races are scheduled for all classes, with the first warning signal at 1200 hours.
- 5.2 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 or sequence of races will begin soon a radio announcement on VHF USA channel 65A may be made from the race committee signal boat.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be numerical pennants:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pennant</u>
J/120	one
Melges 24	“Melges 24 Race Signal Flag”
J/70	three
Etchells	four
Express 27	five

7 VENUE

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

8 COURSES

- 8.1 Attachment A shows the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by numerical placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Original marks will be red inflatable buoys. Marks W and O are rounding marks and shall be rounded to port. New marks will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 There may be a smaller red inflatable offset mark, O, set near the windward mark. If present, the offset mark shall be passed in sequence as designated in the course description in Attachment A.
- 9.3 Marks G are a gate. Boats shall past between the marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing gate mark to port.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Classes may be started in any order, although on the first race each day, expect the classes will be started in the order listed in sailing instruction 6 above.

- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark, or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee pin boat.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 For downwind finishes the finishing line will be to leeward of the gate marks and will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of a small red inflatable buoy on the opposite side of the signal boat from the starting mark.
- 12.2 For upwind finishes the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of a small yellow inflatable buoy.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

For the Melges 24 class, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14 TIME LIMIT

Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A4.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Table inside the clubhouse near the deck entrance. Protests, request for redress and request to reopen a hearing shall be filed at the Regatta Table within the applicable protest time limit. If filed after the close of the regatta table, filing shall be made to the front office. This changes rule 61.3.
- 15.2 The protest time is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties.
- 15.4 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 rule 66.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Eight races are scheduled for the Melges 24 and J/70 classes. Five races are scheduled for all other classes. For each class, two races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. (J/120, Express 27, Etchells classes only have five races scheduled.)

(b) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. (Melges 24, J/70)

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Boats shall check in at beginning of each race day by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard and hailing their sail number.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18 COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.
- 18.2 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.
- 18.3 The race committee will attempt to hail boats observed OCS at the start. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.

19 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded after the racing on Sunday, August 14 on the SFYC deck.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in a 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.

SOCIAL EVENTS

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| Friday, August 12 | After racing, complimentary beer on the guest dock. |
| Saturday, August 13 | After racing, complimentary beer and snacks on the SFYC deck. |
| Sunday, August 14 | After racing, trophy presentation on the SFYC deck with complimentary beer. |

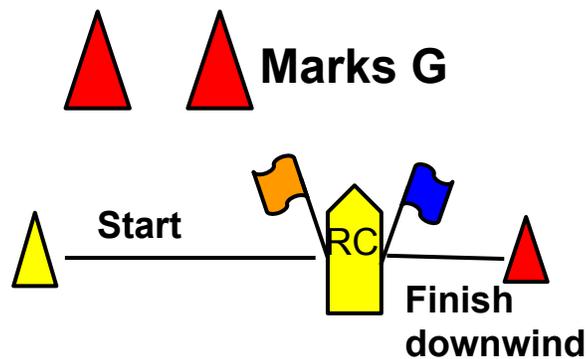
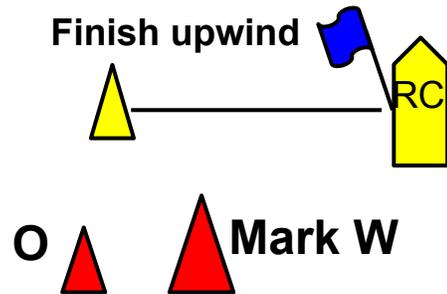
PARKING

Parking in the SFYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. SFYC will issue two parking passes per boat, one of which may be used for a trailer. Passes may be picked up at the SFYC Race Office on Thursday or Friday, or at the entrance to the lot on Saturday.

FURTHER INFORMATION

PROs – Julie Wiard and Forrest Gay
Nancy DeMauro and Madeline Morey, Regatta Chairs
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ATTACHMENT A



Marks

W – Windward Mark (Red)

O – Offset Mark from W (Small Red)

G – Leeward Gate Marks (Red)

Starting Mark (Yellow)

Downwind Finish Mark (Small Red)

Upwind Finish Mark (Small Yellow)

Marks W and O shall be left to port.

Courses

3: Start – W – O – G – Upwind Finish

4: Start – W – O – G – W – O – Downwind Finish

5: Start – W – O – G – W – O – G – Upwind Finish

6: Start – W – O – G – W – O – G – W – O – Downwind Finish