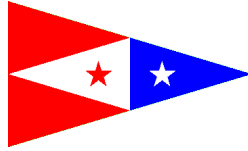


THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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MELGES ²⁴ **2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** **September 7-9**

NOTICE OF RACE

**Organizing Authority: The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California
in cooperation with the US Melges 24 Class Association.**

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the rules of the International Melges 24 Class Association (IM24CA).
- 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 The sailing instructions may change additional racing rules.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall conform to current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Melges 24 Class that meet the obligations of the Class Rules and the IM24CA Rules.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration found at www.sfyc.org > On the Water > Regatta Schedule. Only online registrations will be accepted. Entries are not complete and valid until full entry fee payment is received.
- 3.3 No entrees will be accepted after September 5.
- 3.4 All crewmembers shall be listed in the online registration no later than 1800 hours (PDT) on September 6.
- 3.5 All boats shall present the following valid documents at Check-In at SFYC:
 - (a) Class Measurement Certificate
 - (b) Proof of class membership
 - (c) Proof of liability insurance per NOR 19

4 CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 This event is open to sailors of all classifications as described in World Sailing Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code (see www.sailing.org).
- 4.2 For boats competing for the Corinthian division, sailor classifications, including World Sailing sailor ID numbers, must be submitted to USMCA no later than September 3 by FAX to 912-756-6728 or emailed to: communications@usmelges24.com. The Corinthian Declaration Form will be posted online at: www.usmelges24.com.
- 4.3 Corinthian sailors must register with World Sailing prior to September 3, and be able to declare their World Sailing sailor classification ID number on their race entry form.
- 4.4 Details regarding the Corinthian Trophy may be found in the IMCA Championship rules.
- 4.5 Protests regarding World Sailing classification may be submitted starting September 3 and must be submitted by the close of registration. Such protests will be handled by the USMCA office, whose decision is final.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$600 if registration is completed and paid no later than August 7.
- 5.2 If paid after August 7 the entry fee is \$700.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1

Thursday	1600-1900	Check-In/Weigh-In (SFYC Sailing Center)
Friday	0900-0945	Check-In/Weigh-In (SFYC Sailing Center)
	1000	Competitors' Meeting (SFYC lawn)
	1200	First Warning Signal
Saturday	1200	First Warning Signal
Sunday	1200	First Warning Signal
	1600	No Warning made after this time

- 6.2 8 races are scheduled, with 3 on Friday, 3 on Saturday, and 2 on Sunday.

7 MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 7.2 Sails to be used during this regatta shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the regatta.
- 7.3 All boats, equipment, and sails may be subject to measurement, or inspection, before, during, or after the regatta by the PRO or Chief Judge or their designee.
- 7.4 Chartered or loaned boats may display national letters and sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules.
- 7.5 All teams shall have their crew weighed at the location and times designated above, or as otherwise posted on the official notice board.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available after 1600 hours (PDT) on September 5 at The San Francisco Yacht Club and on the website, www.sfyc.org.

9 VENUE

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

10 THE COURSES

The courses will be windward/leeward style and will be described in the sailing instructions.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2 Unless the course is shortened at the windward mark, penalties for incidents that take place while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible after rounding the offset mark. This changes RRS 44.2.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 3 races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 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 The Coach and Support Boat appendix is attached to this NOR as Attachment A.
- 13.2 Coach and support boats will be required to display a flag provided by the organizing authority during Check-In. A monetary deposit may be required for this flag.

14 BERTHING

- 14.1 The SFYC guest docks will be available for competitors from September 5 through September 10.
- 14.2 Boats may be assigned other berthing within the SFYC Harbor.
- 14.3 All boats shall be berthed in the SFYC Harbor over Friday and Saturday nights.

15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall remain in the water after the first race until the conclusion of the event, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul-out in order to inspect for damage or perform repairs.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.
- 16.2 Except in an emergency, or when retiring from a race, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 The top finishing team will be awarded the Buddy Melges Perpetual Trophy.
- 17.2 Prizes will be given to the top 3 teams overall and to the top 3 Corinthian teams.
- 17.3 The USMCA may award additional prizes.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the 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.

19 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 USD per event or the equivalent.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

PRO – Forrest Gay
SFYC Race Office, 415-789-5647, race@sfyc.org

SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday After racing, complimentary regatta dinner and party.
Saturday After racing, complimentary beer and food.
Sunday After racing, trophy presentation on the SFYC deck with complimentary beer and snacks.

PARKING

Parking in the SFYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. Two parking passes will be issued 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.

ATTACHMENT A

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. There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment until after the finish of the last race of the day between Melges 24s and their coach or support boats.
6. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside their Melges 24s until after the finish of the last race of the day.
7. Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing.
8. 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.
9. Any competitor may protest under this attachment.
10. 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 organizing 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 organizers 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 a