

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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2012 MELGES 24 SILVER CUP

April 7, June 2 & July 7

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 The following Class Rules are in effect: International Melges 24 Class Rules 2012, Bylaws and Interpretations.
- 1.3 RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with “Competitors shall wear life jackets or other adequate personal buoyancy while racing.” Note that Code Flag Y will not be displayed.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted 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 may announce the next start.

5 CLASS FLAG: The Class flag will be the Melges 24 Class insignia on a white background.

6 RACING AREA

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

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.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a yellow 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 yellow 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 without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:** Protests will be discussed informally after racing, and use “3-minute-justice” if deemed necessary by the PRO.

14 **SCORING:** Six races are required to be completed to constitute a series. All races 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 the final day of racing, on July 7, 2012, on the SFYC deck.

Chris Farkas - Regatta Chair

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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**