



**MELGES 24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**November 28 – December 3, 2016**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**REVISED – AUGUST 8 2016**

The Organizing Authority (OA) is US Melges 24 Championship Events Inc. in cooperation with the US Melges 24 Class Association (USMCA) & the International Melges 24 Class Association (IM24CA).  
Race Management Services provided by Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The US Sailing Prescriptions to The Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply and will be posted on the event website [www.melges24worlds.com](http://www.melges24worlds.com)
- 1.3. The following rules will be changed in accordance with rule 86.1(b):
  - 1.3.1. 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 RRS 40.
  - 1.3.2. Part 5 Section B of The Racing Rules of Sailing as well as rule 44.1 will be changed to permit protest arbitration.
  - 1.3.3. The Race Committee (RC) will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet. Failure to make broadcasts or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1. The sailing instructions will provide more detail on the procedure.
  - 1.3.4. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.

## **2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1. Advertising will conform to the current World Sailing (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 World Sailing regulation 20. These items will be supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority (OA) at registration and they shall be attached/displayed as requested by the OA.

### 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, when relevant, their Member National Authority.
- 3.2. Competitors shall comply with the World Sailing eligibility code (World Sailing 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 may enter by completing online registration at [www.melges24worlds.com](http://www.melges24worlds.com) no later than November 1, 2016.
- 3.4. Entries will be accepted after November 1, 2016 only with approval by the OA case by case.
- 3.5. Only boats that have completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete. **Note – completed entry includes payment of entry fee.**
- 3.6. Entry fee refunds may be granted at the discretion of the OA. An administrative fee of \$200.00 will be applied to all cancellations.
- 3.7. Class Rules H.3 will apply - Please refer to World Sailing website: <http://www.sailing.org/28322.php>

### 4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. The World Sailing Sailor Classification Code will apply to teams in the Corinthian Trophy (see rule 79). Please refer to World Sailing web site: [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)
- 4.2. Classification for each sailor and the unique World Sailing sailor ID shall be indicated on the entry form if entering for the Corinthian Trophy.
- 4.3. The closing date for the registration of Corinthian entries shall be November 1, 2016.
- 4.4. Sailors shall be registered with World Sailing by November 1, 2016, and be able to declare their World Sailing sailor ID and group number when entering.
- 4.5. Entries accepted after November 1, 2016 shall not be eligible for the Corinthian Trophy.
- 4.6. Classification will be checked at registration. A final list will be published at the close of registration.
- 4.7. The Classification Protest Time Limit is the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing (November 29, 2016) for the championship.
- 4.8. Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in the IM24CA Championship rules.
- 4.9. Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member between the closing date of entries and the start of the regatta, the name of the new crew member with their valid World Sailing sailor ID and group number shall be submitted to the OA for approval by the IM24CA Championship Coordinator.
- 4.10. A representative of the World Sailing Sailor Classification Commission may be present during registration and may carry out spot checks. Registration of a boat is not complete until the spot checks are completed.

### 5. FEES

- 5.1. The Entry Fee will be \$875.00 USD if the Date Payment has been made no later than October 9.
  - 5.1.1. Entries with a Date Payment later than October 9 will be surcharged with an extra \$200.00 USD.
  - 5.1.2. The Entry Fee includes berthing for the event at Island Gardens Marina for the dates of the event.
  - 5.1.3. Entries will not be valid until payment is received and confirmed by the OA.
- 5.2. Payment of entry fees may be made by observing the guidelines for online registration. Additional payment options will be published online at [www.melges24worlds.com/](http://www.melges24worlds.com/) when available.

### 6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 6.1. The OA **may** decide to run the championship with a Qualifying Series and a Final Series

## 7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1. Fourteen (14) races are scheduled for the 2016 World Championship.
- 7.2. As many as three (3) races each day may be run.
- 7.3. The OA reserves the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes.
- 7.4. The schedule shall be as follows:

### **Saturday, November 26**

0800 – 1900 Registration and Measurement

0800 – 1900 Crew Weigh-in - Island Gardens Regatta Office

### **Sunday, November 27**

0800 – 1900 Registration and Measurement (location TBA)

0800 – 1900 Crew Weigh-in - Island Gardens Regatta Office

### **Monday, November 28**

0800 – 1900 Registration and Measurement (location TBA)

0800 – 1900 Crew Weigh-in - Island Gardens Regatta Office

1300 - Practice Race

1800 – All boats afloat

2000 – 2200 – Competitors Meeting & Opening Ceremonies

### **Tuesday, November 29**

0830

1030

TBD

### **RACE DAY ONE**

Harbor Start

Initial warning signal

Après Sail - Daily Awards

### **Wednesday, November 30**

0830

1030

TBD

### **RACE DAY TWO**

Harbor Start

Initial warning signal

Après Sail - Daily Awards

### **Thursday, December 1**

0830

1030

TBD

1845

### **RACE DAY THREE**

Harbor Start

Initial warning signal

Après Sail - Daily Awards

Championship Dinner – ( location TBA)

### **Friday, December 2**

0830

1030

TBD

### **RACE DAY FOUR**

Harbor Start

Initial warning signal

Après Sail - Daily Awards

### **Saturday, December 3**

0830

1030

TBD

### **RACE DAY FIVE**

Harbor Start

Initial warning signal

No warning signal after 1430

Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony

## **8. MEASUREMENTS**

- 8.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close of registration November 28, 2016.
  - 8.1.1. Documents may be submitted before registration to IM24CA Administrator Piret Salmistu via email at [Piret@melges24.com](mailto:Piret@melges24.com).
- 8.2. The measurer or an equipment inspector may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before or after the races.
- 8.3. Registration of sails and limitation stamping will take place during periods stated in 7 above. THERE WILL BE NO FACILITIES FOR INITIAL MEASUREMENT. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the Regatta.
- 8.4. 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.
- 8.5. During the regatta checks on conformity with Class Rules, including measurement requirements may be performed at any time.
- 8.6. A boat shall provide a minimum of 2 people to facilitate measurement.

## **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 9.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and will be posted on the event web site no later than November 19, 2016.

## **10. VENUE**

- 10.1. Attachment B shows the location of the racing areas.

## **11. THE COURSES**

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward. Offset marks and leeward gates will be used.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to read: "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."
- 12.2. Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes rule 44.2.
- 12.3. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 12.4. For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2, a short arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing. This modifies Part 5 Section B of the RRS.

## **13. SCORING**

- 13.1. Five (5) races are to be completed to constitute the Championship.
- 13.2. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3. 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 discardable score.
- 13.4. If entry levels warrant, a qualifying and final series format may be employed.

#### **14. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 14.1. Coach and support boats shall be registered with the OA during Check-in. Only support boats that have registered with the OA and carry identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area.
- 14.2. The IM24CA Coach and Support Boat appendix as modified will apply and is attached to this NOR as Attachment A.

#### **15. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING**

- 15.1. Cranage times will be detailed on the event website.
- 15.2. All boats shall be afloat by 1800 hours on Monday, November 28.
- 15.3. Except when sailing, boats being kept at Island Gardens Marina shall be kept in the assigned dockage area in the harbor. Fenders and dock lines will be required.
- 15.4. Bow numbers may establish the priority or order of berthing assignments, haul out order, and other items at the discretion of the OA.

#### **16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 16.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Event PRO.

#### **17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 17.1. Underwater breathing apparatus (excluding 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.

#### **18. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 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 also applies to mobile telephones and other mobile devices.
- 18.2. Race information will be given on a designated VHF Channel, which will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **19. PRIZES**

<b>Single Fleet</b>	<b>Open Division</b>	<b>Corinthian Division</b>
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 eight boats	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top six boats

- 19.1. In case of Split Fleet prizes will be given in more detail in the Sailing Instructions.
- 19.2. Prizes will also be awarded to the top all-female, and top youth teams. Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 19.3. The overall World Champion will be the winner of the open division and will be awarded the “Melges Performance Sailboats Trophy.”
- 19.4. The winner of the Corinthian Division will be awarded the “Challenge Henri Samuel Trophy.”

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 20.1. 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. Liability waivers shall be signed by all competitors during registration.
- 20.2. Liability Waiver Form - As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crewmember shall sign a liability waiver/media release. The fully executed Liability Waiver Form shall be submitted at registration prior to racing. The Liability Waiver Form will be posted on the regatta website and will be available at registration. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **21. INSURANCE**

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

## **22. TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS**

- 22.1. 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. Media rights waivers shall be signed by all competitors during registration/check-in.

## **23. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 23.1. For further information, please consult the event web site or any of the key contacts listed below.

## **24. KEY CONTACTS**

### REGATTA CHAIR

Name: Randy Draftz

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## **ATTACHMENT A - COACH, SUPPORT, PRESS & SPECTATOR BOATS**

### COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

1. Coach and support boats shall be registered at the race office during registration. They shall declare which boat or boats they are registered to.
2. Coach and support boats shall display a flag, or other identification symbol, as may be required by the OA.
3. No coach boat or support boat shall pass information in any way to a boat that is racing. See Rule 41.
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 or communication using internet is prohibited.
5. All boats shall proceed to and from the race area under their **own power**.
6. There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment between Melges 24's and their coach or support boats until after the finish of the last race of the day.
7. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside, or come in any physical contact with 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 the rules in this attachment.
11. The penalty given by the jury is at their discretion.
12. When the OA displays AP over H afloat boats may disregard this rule until after the RC drops flag AP ashore or otherwise cancels racing for the day (e.g., AP over A, or N over A).

### 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 a 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 racecourse. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
4. Press and spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in any way and shall stay at a distance outside the racecourse where their wake causes no problem.



ATTACHMENT B - COURSE AREAS

