

# Notice of Race



Crescent Sail Yacht Club, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI  
September 15 – 19 ,2021



The Organizing Authority (OA) is Crescent Sail Yacht Club (CSYC) in conjunction with the United States Melges 24 Class Association (USM24CA).

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

## 1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices – Basic Rule) applies at all times while racing.
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 shall not apply.

## 2. Sailing Instructions

The SIs will be available at CSYC and on the event page at YachtScoring.com by September 1, 2021

## 3. Communication

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located on the event page at YachtScoring.com
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on USA channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee shall make courtesy broadcasts to the competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs. Failure to make broadcasts or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 3.4 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boat.

## 4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration on Yacht Scoring.com.
- 4.3 Only boats that have completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete. **Note – completed entry includes payment of entry fee.**

## 5. Fees

- 5.1 The entry fee of \$ 650.00 USD includes boat and trailer parking, launching, hauling and invitations to social events, including two dinners for skipper and three crew.
- 5.2 After September 1, 2021, the entry fee shall be \$750.00 USD. This will apply to all boats registering after September 1, 2021 or for all boats who have registered but not paid their entry fee by September 1, 2021.

## 6. Crew Limitations

- 6.1 The World Sailing Sailor Classification Code (Regulation 22) will apply to teams competing for the Corinthian Trophy (see RRS 79).
- 6.2 For boats that qualify for the Corinthian division, sailors shall submit a Corinthian Declaration Form that includes sailor classifications, World Sailing sailor ID numbers and date of expiration to USM24CA administration no later than September 1, 2021 by emailing to [communications@usmelges24.com](mailto:communications@usmelges24.com) . The Corinthian Declaration Form will be posted online at: [www.usmelges24.com](http://www.usmelges24.com) .
- 6.3 Entries accepted after September 1, 2021 shall not be eligible for the Corinthian Trophy and will sail in the open division.
- 6.4 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in the IM24CA Championship rules.



- 6.5 Protests regarding World Sailing classification may be submitted starting September 1, 2021 and must be submitted by close of registration. Such protests will be handled by the USM24CA office, whose decision is final.
- 6.6 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.

## 7. [NP] [DP] Advertising

- 7.1 Advertising will conform to World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.
- 7.2 Boats may be required to display sponsors' advertising for the duration of the event chosen and supplied by the OA.

## 8. Schedule

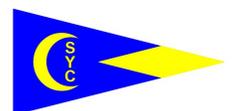
The schedule of events and racing is as follows:

<u>Day:</u>	<u>Event:</u>
Wednesday, September 15th	Check-In / Weigh-In from 1600 to 1900
Thursday, September 16th:	Practice Race, warning at 1300 Check-In / Weigh-In from 1600 to 1800 Opening Ceremony at 1800
Friday, September 17th	First Warning Signal at 1100
Saturday, September 18th	First Warning Signal at 1100
Sunday, September 19th	First Warning Signal at 1000 No races will start after 1400 Awards following racing

- 8.1 The Race Committee will plan to run up to three races each day, however, four races per day may be run to anticipate future weather disruptions or to make up for races not sailed during previous days.
- 8.2 The OA reserves the right to modify the schedule due to weather conditions or other causes.

## 9. Equipment Inspection

- 9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close of registration on September 16, 2021. The Technical Committee may weigh, measure, or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during, or after the races.
- 9.2 Registration of sails and limitation stamping will take place during periods stated in NOR 6 above. **There will be no facilities for initial measurement.** Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the Regatta.
- 9.3 A boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the Class Rules.
- 9.4 During the regatta, checks on conformity with Class Rules, including measurement requirements may be performed at any time.



**10. Venue**

Racing will be conducted on Lake Saint Clair approximately 2.0 NM NE of CSYC, depending on the wind conditions.

**11. Courses**

Courses will be windward-leeward. Offset marks and leeward gates will be used.

**12. Scoring**

12.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute the National Championship.

12.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12.3 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 score.

**13. [DP] Support Person Vessels**

13.1 A boat shall receive no outside assistance from support boats or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of the last race of the day, except in case of emergency and / or towing supplied by the OA and available to all participants.

13.2 Coach and support boats shall register with the race office during registration. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to.

13.3 Coach and support boats shall display a flag, or other identification symbol, as may be required by the race committee.

13.4 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.

13.5 All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to the racing area under their own power.

13.6 There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment between Melges 24s and their coach or support boats until after the finish of the last race of the day.

13.7 Coach and support boats shall keep 100 meters from the course diamond (including laylines) from the time the racers leave the dock until completion of the final race.

13.8 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.

13.9 Any penalty given by the Jury is at their discretion but shall be applied to the overall score and therefore not discarded. This changes RRS Appendix A2.1.

13.10 Coach and support boats shall not communicate with competitors (by any means) from the time the racers leave the dock until completion of the final race.

**14. Berthing**

Boats shall be at the CSYC or a nearby yacht club or harbor approved by the OA and in their assigned berthing location commencing at 1800 hours on September 16,2021, until the conclusion of racing.



**15. Haul-Out Restrictions**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with the permission of the protest committee.

**16. Diving Equipment and Plastic Pools**

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between 1800 hours on September 16, 2021 until the conclusion of racing.

**17. Event Equipment on Race Boats**

The OA may require competitors to carry GPS tracking devices and / or cameras aboard while racing.

**18. Risk Statement**

18.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury.

**Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

18.2 The OA will require each competitor to sign a waiver of loss, damage or injury to persons or property occurring in conjunction with the regatta or on the property of CSYC. The OA, their members, employees, officers and / or agents shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, or injury that may occur to person or property, whether ashore or afloat, because of the participation of any boat.

**19. Insurance**

19.1 Boats sailing in this regatta ("person in charge" (see RRS 46)) must be adequately insured and hold a valid insurance certificate showing proof of third-party liability for racing risks, with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 USD per event or equivalent.

19.2 The OA is not responsible for verifying the status or validity of insurance certificates.

**20. Prizes**

20.1 Prizes will be given to the top five (5) teams overall and the top three (3) Corinthian teams.

20.2 The USMCA or the OA may award additional prizes.

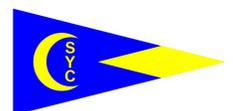
**21. Rights to Use Name and Likeness**

By participating in this regatta, competitors automatically grant to the OA and any event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

**22. Press and Spectator Boats**

22.1 All press and official spectator boats shall be registered by the race organizing authority during registration.

22.2 Press and spectator boats shall display any flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the race committee.



- 22.3 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 RRS 60.1(b).
- 22.4 Press and spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in any way.

**23. Additional Information**

Regatta website: <https://usmelges24.com/2020-nationals>

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