



2016

MELGES²⁴
US National Championship Regatta
October 7-9, 2016

Organizing Authority is the Lake Geneva Yacht Club, Fontana Wisconsin
In cooperation with the United States MELGES²⁴ Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the United States MELGES²⁴ Class Association (USMCA), and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices (code flag Y need not be displayed). This changes rule 40.
- 1.3. The race committee 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.
- 1.4. Part 5, Section "B" of the Racing Rules of Sailing as well as rule 44.1 will be changed to permit protest arbitration.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising in accordance with the current World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code, and the MELGES²⁴ Class rules shall be permitted.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open only to MELGES²⁴ Class boats that meet the obligations of the MELGES²⁴ Class rules and USMCA rules, including class membership.
- 3.2. Eligible competitors shall enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment found on the Event Website at <https://lgyc.com/2016-melges-24-nationals>.
- 3.3. All participants (or their parent/guardian if under age 18) will be required to agree to a waiver of liability as a condition of eligibility. This waiver may be completed either during online registration or at the event check-in.
- 3.4. All competitors are required to check in at the LGYC race office no later than 9:00 am, prior to the competitors' meeting on Friday morning. Boats must be registered and checked in prior to participating in practice racing on Thursday. The following must be presented at check-in:
 - 3.4.1.1. Class measurement certificate

- 3.4.1.2. Proof of current class membership
- 3.4.1.3. Crew list
- 3.4.1.4. Support boat information
- 3.4.1.5. A signed declaration of liability insurance (form available at check-in)
- 3.4.1.6. Signed liability waiver (skipper and crew)

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 Trophy, sailor classifications, including World Sailing sailor ID numbers, must be submitted to USMCA no later than October 3, 2016, 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. Sailors must register with World Sailing prior to October 3, 2016, and be able to declare their ISAF 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 October 3, 2016, and must be submitted by the end of protest time on the first day of racing. Such protests will be handled by the USMCA office, whose decision is final.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$385.00 for entries completed with payment by midnight, September 25, 2016. After that date, the entry fee is \$485.00.
- 5.2. An early registration incentive prize draw will be held on August 1, 2016. After midnight August 1, refunds will only be made at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 5.3. No entries will be accepted after midnight October 6, 2016.
- 5.4. Entry fees include berthing during the regatta, regatta souvenir, post-racing refreshments, and regatta banquet tickets for skippers and crewmembers of all registered boats. Additional regatta banquet tickets may be purchased at the time of registration.
- 5.5. Entry fees may be paid at the time of online registration at <https://lgyc.com/2016-melges-24-nationals>. Entries will not be valid until payment is received.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. 10 races are scheduled to be sailed
- 6.2. The schedule shall be as follows:

Thursday, October 6

0900-1500	Registration/Weigh-in	BMSC Rm. #1
1200-1600	<i>M24 Speed Camp</i>	Front of LGYC
1700-1800	<i>M24 Speed Camp</i> Video Review	BMSC Rm. #1

Friday, October 7

0800-0900	Registration/Weigh-in	BMSC Rm. #1
0900	Competitors Briefing	BMSC Rm. #1
1000	First Race Warning	
1600	Daily Awards/Social Event	LGYC Mad Cap Bar
1900	Opening Ceremonies/Banquet	LGYC Dining Room

Saturday, October 8

0900	Competitors Briefing	BMSC Rm. #1
1000	First Race Warning	
1600	Daily Awards/Social Event	LGYC Mad Cap Bar
2000	Bowling Tournament	Delavan Lanes

Sunday, October 9

0900	Competitors Briefing	BMSC Rm. #1
1000	First Race Warning	
1430	No Warning Signal later than	
	Haul out after racing	
asap after last race	Closing Ceremonies and Awards	LGYC Dining Room

7.INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. All boats shall comply with the current USMCA rules and specifications. Each boat shall present a valid measurement certificate at the time of check-in. Arrangements to update certificates shall be made prior to the event with a certified **MELGES²⁴** class measurer, preferably at the owner's home port. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer prior to check-in. NOTE: This is normally done at approved sail lofts. **There will be no facilities for initial sail measurement or certification at the regatta site.**
- 7.2. Spot checks may be performed on any boat by the principal race officer's designate at any time during the event.
- 7.3. Chartered or loaned boats may display national letters and sail numbers in contravention of IMCA rule G3.1, in accordance with rule G3.

8.SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and on the event website at <https://lgyc.com/2016-melges-24-nationals> beginning on October 6, 2016.

9.VENUE

- 9.1. The race course will be the navigable waters of Geneva Lake.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses will be around buoys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions. Courses will be windward/leeward, using offset windward marks and leeward gate marks, subject to conditions as determined by the race committee.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed as follows: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 when 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."
- 11.2. Unless the course is shortened to finish at the weather 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. SCORING

- 12.1. 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 discardable score.
- 12.2. The race committee will attempt to complete as many races as conditions allow up to the stated maximum. A minimum of three completed races are required to constitute a series.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Support boats which include coach and spectator boats, must register at the LGYC race office during the check-in period. Support boats may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the organizing authority. During racing, support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain more than 50 yards from the course area, except if asked to assist by the race committee. Support boats shall not communicate with boats that are racing.
- 12.2. Support boats shall check with the LGYC race office regarding availability and location of launching and berthing at LGYC.

13. LAUNCHING, BERTHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1. Haul-out and dry storage will be available to all boats on each day of the regatta.
- 13.2. Boats will have the option to be hauled-out or remain in the water each day.
- 13.3. Details on haul-out/launching procedures and berthing arrangements will be listed in an attachment to the sailing instructions.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. Race information will be broadcast on a designated VHF channel to be determined.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. The top scoring team in the open division will be awarded the Buddy Melges Perpetual Trophy.
- 15.2. Prizes will be given to the top 3 teams overall and to the top 3 Corinthian teams.
- 15.2. Additional prizes may be awarded by the class association.

16. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta 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.
- 16.2. Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. 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. Competitors shall be prepared to sign a declaration as proof of insurance.

18. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 18.1. By participating in this event, all competitors automatically grant the organizers and sponsors the right to make, use and show, at any time and at their discretion, any photographs or videos of participants produced during the period of the event without compensation.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1. Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, and area recreation is available online at visitlakegeneva.com
- 19.2. For more information, contact LGYC Event Manager Michael Moore clubmanager@lgyc.com.
- 19.3. LGYC Regatta Committee: Steve Boho
- 19.4. USMCA Representative: Steve Boho