



2016  
**LINE HONORS**  
**MELGES<sup>24</sup>**  
US National Championship  
Regatta



October 7-9, 2016

Organizing Authority is the Lake Geneva Yacht Club, Fontana Wisconsin  
In cooperation with the United States *MELGES<sup>24</sup>* Class Association

**LINE HONORS**  
YACHT RACING OUTFITTERS





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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The US Sailing Prescriptions to The Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply and will be posted on the event website: <http://melges24nationals.com/>.
  - 1.2.1. The US Sailing Prescriptions to Rule 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3. The rules of the United States MELGES<sup>24</sup> Class Association (USMCA) will apply.
- 1.4. The following rules will be changed:
  - 1.4.1. 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.
  - 1.4.2. The Race Committee (RC) will use VHF channel **72** to communicate to the fleet. Failure to make this broadcast or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 1.5. In all rules governing this regatta;
  - 1.5.1. [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury; and
  - 1.5.2. [NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the window on the ground floor of the clubhouse.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the front lawn of the clubhouse
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Ten (10) Races are scheduled to be sailed.
- 5.2. The schedule will be:

#### Thursday, October 6

0900-1500	Registration/Weigh-in	Freytag/Pope Room
1200-1230	M24 Speed Camp intro	Freytag/Pope Room
1400-1530	M24Speed Camp Practice Races	Race Area
1630-1730	M24 Speed Camp Video debrief	Mad Cap Bar



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## Friday, October 7

0800-0900	Registration/Weigh-in	Freytag/Pope Room
0900	Competitors Briefing	Freytag/Pope Room
1000	First Race Warning	
1600	Opening Ceremonies/Daily Awards	Mad Cap Bar

## Saturday, October 8

0900	Competitors Briefing	Freytag/Pope Room
1000	First Race Warning	
1800	Daily Awards/Social Event/Auction Preview	Mad Cap Bar
1900	Dinner/Silent Auction	Dining Room

## Sunday, October 9

0900	Competitors Briefing	LGYC Lawn
1000	First Race Warning	
	Haul out after racing	
asap after last race	Closing Ceremonies and Awards	LGYC Dining Room

- 5.3. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1430hrs.
- 5.4. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least 4 minutes before a warning signal is made.

## 6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag used in accordance with RRS 26 will be M over 24, black letters on a white field.

## 7. RACING AREAS

Attachment A shows the location of the racing area in the western portion of Geneva Lake.

## 8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The diagram in Attachment B shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the designated course number, and the approximate compass bearing and distance from the RC signal boat to the first mark. This information will also be broadcast on the fleet VHF channel.
- 8.3. Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of Mark 1 (looking upwind). Offset Mark 1a will not be set in the event of a change of course. See SI 11.2.
- 8.4. A leeward gate (two marks) will be used. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If only one gate mark is set, boats shall leave the remaining single mark to port. Except when there is a change of course, the gate will be positioned approximately 0.1nm to windward of the RC signal boat. The gate may be laid after the starting signal.
- 8.5. Except when there is a change of course:
  - (a) the downwind finishing line for Course 4 will be to leeward of the Gate; and
  - (b) the upwind finishing line for Course 5 will be 0.1nm to windward of Mark 1.
- 8.6. Courses will not be shortened. This changes RRS 32.



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## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be orange inflatable balls.
- 9.2. Mark 1a will be an orange inflatable ball.
- 9.3. New mark, as provided in instruction 12.1 will be a yellow inflatable cylinder.
- 9.4. The starting marks will be race committee vessels.
- 9.5. The finishing marks will be race committee vessels, or a race committee vessel and a nearby orange inflatable mark in the event of an upwind finish.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 10.2. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.
- 10.3. If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified (scored "UFD") without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed, or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.
- 10.4. When an individual recall is signalled, the race committee will attempt to hail the bow numbers of the boats that are OCS over VHF channel **72**. See also instruction 24.2.

## 11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2. The offset mark 1a will not be set in the event of a course change.

## 12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at both ends of the line, or between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat, and the course side of a nearby inflatable mark in the event of an upwind finish.

## 13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that 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.
- 13.2. Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c) equal to 40% of the number of entries in the championship or 50% of the difference between her finishing position and the number of entries in the championship, whichever is less. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.
- 13.3. A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the jury office within the protest time limit. In a hearing, if the form has not been completed, the jury may consider the penalty as not taken.



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- 13.4. 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.

### 14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.  
14.2. The target time for each race is 50-60 minutes.  
14.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

### 15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the jury desk located at the GLSS classroom. Protests, and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.  
15.2. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Signals boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.  
15.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protest will be heard in their approximate order of receipt in the Jury Room.  
15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).  
15.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered;  
15.5.1. Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;  
15.5.2. No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.  
15.5.3. This changes rule 66.  
15.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.  
15.7. If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes rule 62.2.

### 16. ARBITRATION

- 16.1. For a protest between two boats alleging a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, an arbitration meeting may be held prior to any protest hearing.  
16.2. One representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be permitted.  
16.3. The arbitrator will advise on whether:  
(a) One or both boats should take a penalty;  
(b) The protest should be withdrawn; or  
(c) The protest should go to the protest committee for a hearing.  
16.4. When a boat accepts a penalty or the arbitrator advises that the protest should be withdrawn, the arbitrator will allow the protest to be withdrawn. This changes rule 63.1.  
16.5. When a protest is withdrawn, it will not be reopened or made the subject of a request for redress.  
16.6. The penalty is to be calculated according to instruction 13.2.



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## 17. SCORING

- 17.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute the championship.
- 17.2. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3. 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.
- 17.4. To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a 'Scoring Inquiry Form' available at GLSS classroom and submit the completed form.

## 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. [NP] Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day in which it intends to compete, each boat is requested to check in by sailing by the race committee signal boat and hailing its sail number.
- 18.2. [NP][DP] A boat retiring from a race or leaving the race area early shall promptly notify the race committee by hail or over VHF channel 72. Failure to do so may be grounds for protest.

## 19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. Substitution or deletion of competitors will not be allowed without prior written permission of the protest committee.
- 19.2. Substitution of lost or damaged equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the protest committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## 21. EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority, along with bow numbers. Description of the placement of event advertising and bow numbers will be supplied in the skipper's package at registration.

## 22. SUPPORT BOATS

- 22.1. Support boats which include coach and spectator boats, must register at the LGYC race office during the check-in period.
- 22.2. Support boats may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the organizing authority.
- 22.3. [DP] 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.

## 23. TRASH DISPOSAL

[DP] As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans, lakes, and coastal waters. See rule 55. Trash must be contained on board and disposed of appropriately when back ashore.



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## 24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 24.1. Race committee broadcasts and hails will be made over VHF channel **72**.
- 24.2. Race committee broadcasts regarding its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, recalls, etc., are a courtesy only. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast, shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.
- 24.3. 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.

## 25. PRIZES

- 25.1. Prize giving will take place as soon as possible after the close of protest time on the final day of the regatta.
- 25.2. The top scoring team in the open division will be awarded the Buddy Melges Perpetual Trophy.
- 25.3. Prizes will be given to the top 3 teams overall and to the top 3 Corinthian teams.

## 26. 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. Competitors accept full responsibility for their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, or after the regatta. Competitors are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner at all times and to abide by the LGYC rules.

## 27. INSURANCE

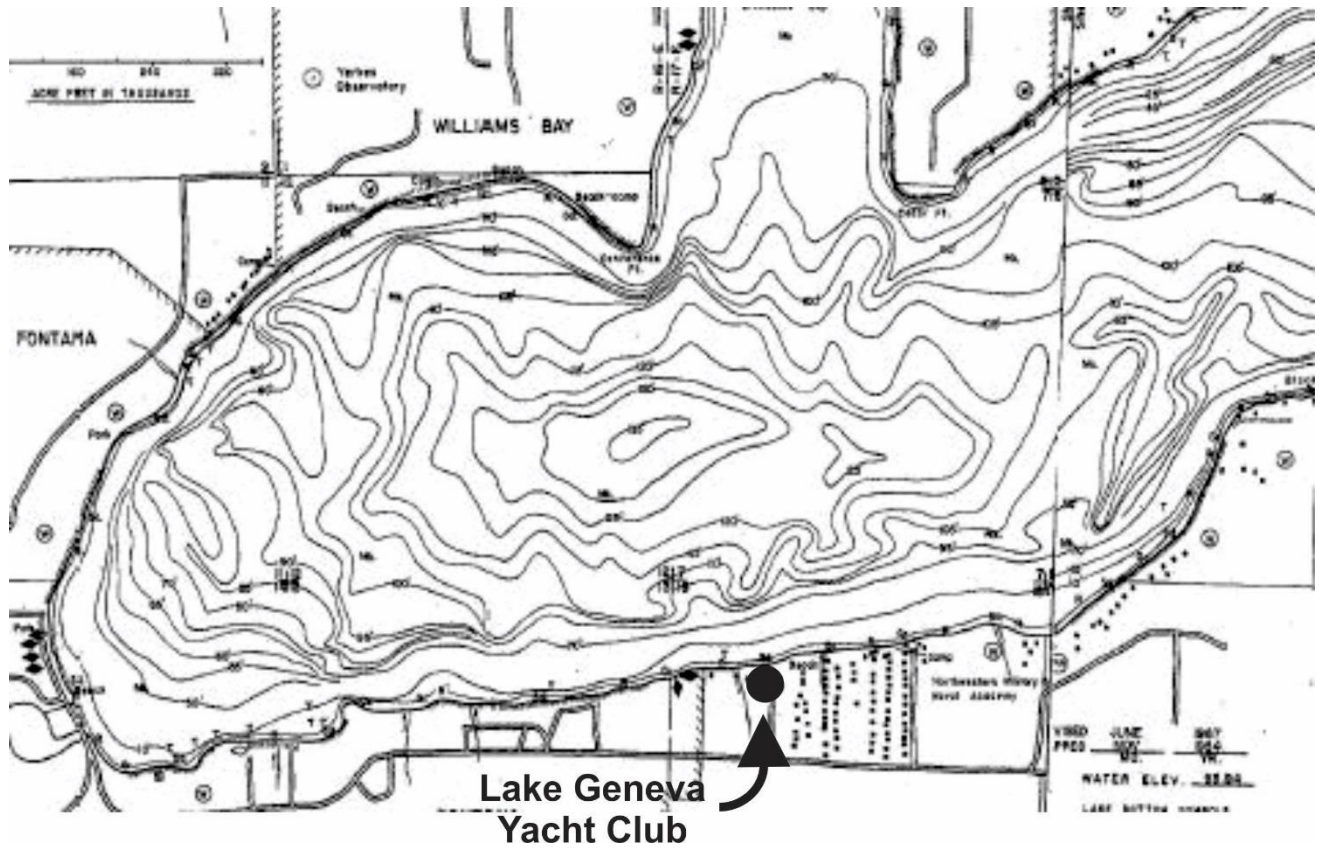
Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to sign a declaration as proof of insurance.



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## ATTACHMENT A - Primary Racing Areas



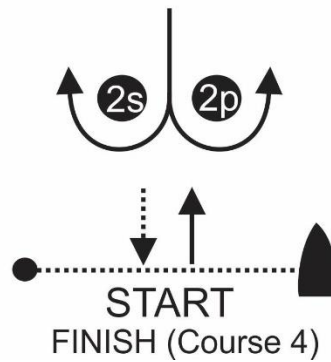
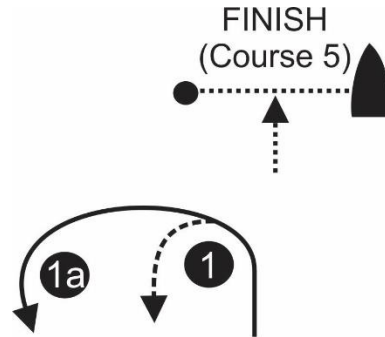




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**ATTACHMENT B – COURSE DIAGRAM**



<b>COURSE OPTIONS</b>	
<b><u>COURSE 4:</u></b>	<b>START – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – FINISH (downwind)</b>
	* <u>Course change</u> (SI 11.2): Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - Finish
<b><u>COURSE 5:</u></b>	<b>START – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 2S/2P – FINISH (upwind)</b>
	* <u>Course change</u> (SI 11.2): Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - Finish