

**DUCK ISLAND YACHT CLUB**  
**MELGES 24 NORTHEAST DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**OCTOBER 6-7, 2012**

**1. RULES**

This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, and the applicable one design rules as defined by the class association, except as any that are altered by the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

**2. ENTRIES**

Entrants must have completed registration and paid all fees with the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors.

**3. REGISTRATION**

All entrants must be registered by 0900 hours on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located beneath the deck of Duck Island Yacht Club.

**5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Will be posted by 1000 hours on Saturday, 10/06/12 and 0800 hours on Sunday, 10/07/12. Any change to the racing schedule will be posted by 2100 hours the day before the change takes place.

**6. SAFETY**

All competing boats MUST carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving communications on channel 69.

Any boat that retires from a race or for the day must notify the Race Committee (RC) signal boat (Sitting Duck) either by hail or on channel 69. Failure to do so may result in that boat being scored a DSQ for that or all remaining races.

**7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**7.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at Duck Island Yacht Club

**7.2** When the "AP" flag, Answering Pennant, is displayed ashore the time for the first warning signal will be displayed on the official notice board and broadcast on channel 69 prior to the lowering of the "AP". The time of the first warning will not be less than 1 (one) hour after the lowering of the "AP".

**7.3** Code Flag "L", Lima, indicates a notice to competitors or a change to the sailing instructions has been posted.

**8. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Multiple races are scheduled for both days. Code Flag "R", Romeo, flying from the signal boat upon finishing indicates the RC's intention to continue racing.

Saturday, 10/06/12 the first warning signal will be 1200 hours.

Sunday, 10/07/12 the first warning signal will be 1000 hours. No races will be started after 1430 hours.

**9. CHECKING IN**

Prior to the first warning signal of the first race both days all boats shall sail behind the stern of the signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC.

**10. MARKS**

**10.1** All turning marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

**10.2** The offset mark will be an orange buoy mark.

**10.3** Change of course marks, when used in accordance with RRS 33 and SI 16, will be a yellow tetrahedron for the first change, an orange tetrahedron for the second change, a yellow tetrahedron for the third change, and so on.

#### **11. STARTING LINE**

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a nearby orange inflatable mark located on the port side of the signal boat in relation to the first mark to be rounded.

#### **12. FINISH LINE**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a white buoy mark located on the starboard side of the signal boat in relation to the last mark rounded.

Boats that are not finishing may not cross the finish line while racing unless they are finishing. Any boat crossing the finish line on an upwind or downwind leg may be scored a DSQ.

#### **13. COURSES**

All courses will be windward/leeward with all turning marks left to port. Courses will be displayed on the course board located on top of the signal boat before every race. RC will attempt to announce the course on channel 69 prior to the start of every race. Approximate range and bearing to the windward mark will be displayed and announced. Courses are defined as per the course diagrams in Appendix A.

#### **14. STARTS**

The starts will be in accordance with RRS 26. The warning signal will be a Melges class flag.

#### **15. RECALLS**

RC will attempt to broadcast over channel 69 all boats that are OCS. Delay or failure to broadcast an individual sail number and/or bow number shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.

#### **16. CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

A change of course after the start will be in accordance with RRS 33, although the new mark may not be in position when boats are rounding the previous mark.

#### **17. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for all races will be 120 minutes. Boats finishing more than 30 minutes after the first finisher will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired).

#### **18. SUBSEQUENT RACES**

If a subsequent race is to be sailed, the Signal Boat will display code flag "R" Romeo at the finish.

#### **19. SCORING**

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the RRS, will be used with the exception that each competitor may discard 1 race for every 7 sailed (this modifies RRS A2).

#### **20. ALTERNATE PENALTIES**

Rule 44 of the RRS applies with the exception that 44.2 is amended to require a boat that has accepted and done their penalty circles advise the signal boat on channel 69 after finishing and await acknowledgment from the signal boat.

#### **21. PROTESTS**

**21.1** Protests shall be written in accordance with RRS 61 except that a protesting boat is required to notify the RC signal boat of her intention to protest and the boat(s) being protested. This shall be done upon finishing by hailing the signal boat on channel 69 and await acknowledgment.

**21.2** Protest shall be written on forms available at Duck Island Yacht Club and lodged within one hour of the berthing of the signal boat.

**21.3** Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt at Duck Island Yacht Club.

**APPENDIX A:**

**COURSE A:** W, Z, L, F

o Z O W

**COURSE B:** W, Z, L, W, Z, L, F

o Z O W

O S RC O F

O S RC O F

O L

O L