

MELGES 24 World CHAMPIONSHIP

April 9th– April 17th, 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is The International Melges 24 Class Association (IM24CA) in conjunction with, US Melges 24 Championship Events Inc

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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 that shall apply can be found in Attachment A of this document.
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4. The Rules of the IM24CA will apply.
- 1.5. RRS Appendix P will apply as changed in NOR 12.3.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.7. RRS 40.1 will apply.
- 1.8. The following rules will be changed in accordance with RRS 86.1(b):

- 1.8.1. 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 RRS 62.1. The sailing instructions will provide more detail on the procedure.

- 1.9. If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising shall conform to World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display sponsors' advertising for the duration of the event chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority (See rule 6 and the World Sailing Advertising Code) If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies [DP]
- 2.3. Boats will be required to display bow numbers per Class Rule H.3.

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 (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: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14288> no later than April 3rd, 2021. Entries may be accepted after this date only with approval by the OA on a case-by-case basis and will only be eligible to compete in the Open division.
 - 3.4. Only boats that have completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete.
Note – completed entry includes payment of entry fee.
 - 3.5. The OA will acknowledge completed entries upon receipt via email and post on the official event web site at Yacht Scoring.com.
 - 3.6. Entry fee refunds may be granted at the discretion of the OA up to April 3rd, 2021. An administrative fee of \$300.00 will be applied to all cancellations.
 - 3.7. As a condition of entry, all boats shall be moored in the Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina from April 13th through to the completion of the event.

4. Categorization

- 4.1. The World Sailing Sailor Categorization will apply to teams in the Corinthian Trophy (see RRS 79).
- 4.2. Categorization 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 April 3rd, 2021.
- 4.4. Sailors shall be registered with World Sailing by March 26th, 2021 and be able to declare their World Sailing sailor ID and group number when entering.
- 4.5. Entries accepted after April 3rd, 2021 shall not be eligible for the Corinthian Trophy and will sail in the open division.
- 4.6. Categorization will be checked at registration. A final list will be published at the close of registration.
- 4.7. The Categorization Protest Time Limit is the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing 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 Categorization 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:

- 5.1.1. **\$1200.00** up to February 28th, 2021.
- 5.1.2. **\$1500.00** from March 1st to March 26th, 2021.
- 5.1.3. **\$1700.00** from March 27th, 2021 onwards.

5.2. Entry Fee includes, berthing at the regatta harbour for the dates of the event, trailer storage, tickets to the events (Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony and Dinner) for all competing crew.

5.3. Payment of entry fees may be made by observing the guidelines for online registration.

6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

6.1. If entry numbers warrant, the OA **may** decide to run the championship with a Qualifying Series and a Final Series.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1.

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME(s)
Fri. Sat. Sun	April 9 th -11 th	Check In and measurements	10:00-17:00
Monday	April 12 th	Practice Race	TBD
Tuesday	April 13 th	First day of racing all boats in the water by 08:00	TBD
Wednesday	April 14 th	Two Races with daily awards	TBD
Thursday	April 15 th	Two Races and Event Dinner	TBD
Friday	April 16 th	Two Races with daily awards	TBD
Saturday	April 17 th	Final Race Day with awards	TBD

7.2. Ten races are scheduled for the Championship.

7.3. As many as three (3) races each day may be run.

7.4. The OA reserves the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes.

8. MEASUREMENT

8.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close of registration April 12th, 2021. Documents may be submitted before registration to IM24CA Administrator Piret Salmistu via email at Piret@melges24.com.

8.2. The Technical Committee may weigh, measure, or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during, or after the races.

8.3. Registration and measurement of sails and limitation stamping will take place during periods stated in NOR 7.1 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 RRS 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 March 19th, 2021.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. Attachment B shows the location of the regatta harbour and 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 RRS 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 RRS 31 or Class Rule C.11 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 RRS 44.2.
- 12.3. If a member of the Jury witnesses a breach of RRS 31 and/or Class Rule C.11, they may indicate their observation by making a long sound (whistle) and a red flag. The boat shall then exonerate herself. If no penalty is taken the Jury may protest.
- 12.4. If members of the International Jury witness a protest being hailed and a red flag being shown by a boat, they may decide the incident and indicate their decision by making a long sound (whistle) and displaying a red flag while hailing the boat's bow number to indicate boat(s), if any shall take a penalty. If the jury members decide that no breach occurred (no rules were broken), they may indicate their observation by making a long sound (whistle) and displaying a green and white flag. If the jury members do not display any signal and remain silent, they did not see the whole incident and are unable to make a call. The protesting boat may deliver a protest in accordance with RRS61.
- 12.5. Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply. RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. The penalty under RRS P2.1 is changed to be a one-turn penalty. This changes RRS Appendix P.
- 12.6. A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS44.1 shall complete and acknowledgement form at the jury office prior to the end of protest time. The absence of a completed acknowledgement form will be considered as a penalty not taken in a hearing.
- 12.7. Appendix T, arbitration will be used.
- 12.8. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Five 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 score that can be discarded.

13.4. If entry levels warrant, a qualifying and final series format may be employed.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Coach and support boats that have registered and carry identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area [DP].
- 14.2. The IM24CA Coach and Support Boat regulations will apply and is attached to this NOR as Attachment C.
- 14.3. Each person on board a coach or support boat shall be deemed a *support person as per* RRS Definitions.

15. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 15.1. Cranage times will be detailed on the event website.
- 15.2. All boats shall be afloat by 0800 hours on April 13th, 2021.
- 15.3. Except when sailing, all boats shall be kept in their assigned docks in the regatta harbor. Fenders and mooring lines will be required [DP].

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta after 0800 of April 13th, 2021 and the end of the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Chairman [DP].

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 after 0800 April 13th, 2021 and the end of the regatta [DP].

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, drones (UAV), and other mobile devices [DP].
- 18.2. Race information will be given on a designated VHF Channel, which will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 18.3. The use of any third-party photo, video or drone footage, meaning that which is not directly controlled by the PRO or Regatta Race Committee shall not be permitted as evidence in any protest brought to the Race Committee.

19. PRIZES

19.1.

Single Fleet	Open Division	Corinthian Division
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 5 boats	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top 5 boats

- 19.2. In case of a Split Fleet format, the prize giving will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 19.3. Prizes may also be awarded to the top all-female, and top youth teams if applicable. Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 19.4. The overall World Champion will be the winner of the open division and will be awarded the “Melges Performance Sailboats Trophy.”
- 19.5. 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 RRS 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 \$300,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent.

22. TELEVISION AND 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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843 557-6082 cell & WhatsApp
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IM24CA ADMINISTRATOR

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PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER (PRO)

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IM24CA CHAMPIONSHIP COORDINATOR

Name: John Abel
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INTERNATIONAL JURY CHAIR

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M24 INTERNATIONAL MEASURER

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ATTACHMENT A

RRS 60 RIGHT TO REQUEST REDRESS After RRS 60.3 add: US Sailing prescribes that RRS 60.3(b) is changed to: (b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or

RRS 61 PROTEST REQUIREMENTS Add RRS 61.4 Fees for Protest and Request for Redress US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protest or request for redress.

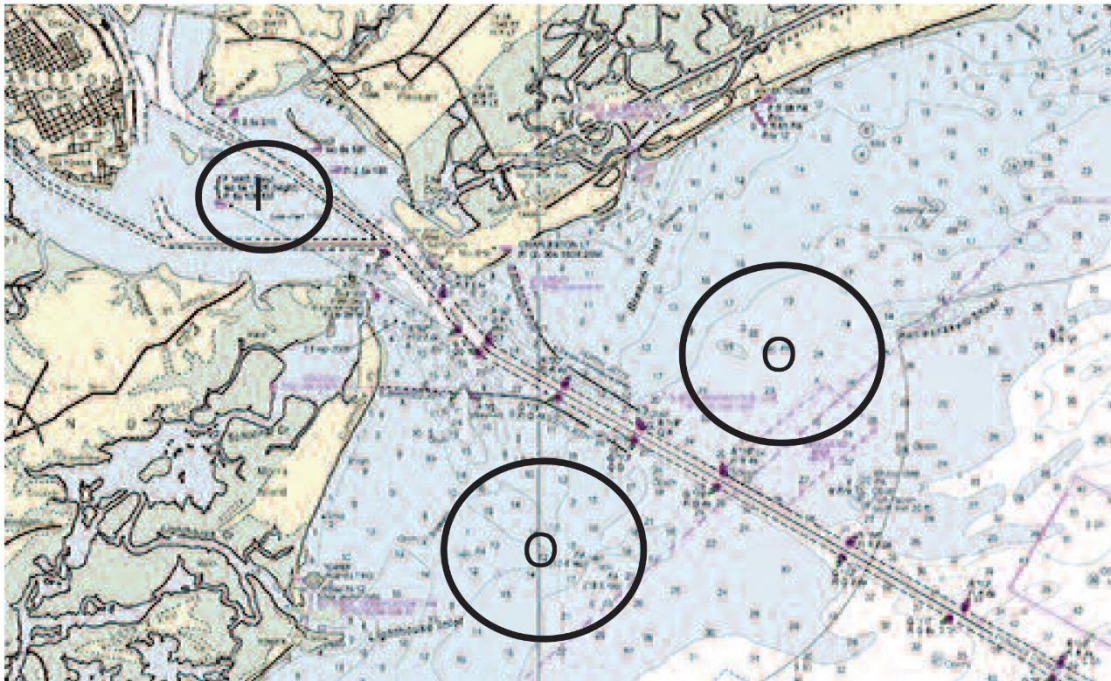
RRS 67 DAMAGES After RRS 67 add: US Sailing prescribes that: (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages. (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claims for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdictions of the courts. (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by the application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

RRS 76 EXCLUSION OF BOATS OR COMPETITORS After RRS 76.1 add: US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or a race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or age.

APPENDIX V ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES Appendix V1 Penalty at the Time of an Incident: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

ATTACHMENT B

Course Areas



ATTACHMENT C

COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS (November 2020.3)

1. Coach and support boats shall register with the race office during registration. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to.
 2. Coach and support boats shall display a numbered flag representing the boat to whom attached and/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. RRS 41 (outside help) infringements of this will be taken very seriously.
 4. All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to and from the racing area under their own power.
 5. Coach and support boat personnel shall not communicate with competitors (by any means) from the warning signal of the first race of the day until the competitor has finished the last race of the day.
 6. Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during which boats are racing. Except when participating in rescue operations, coach/support boats shall stay more than 100 meters from any point where a boat might sail during normal racing.
 7. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside their Melges 24's and there shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment until after the finish of the last race of the day
 8. Any coach or support boat that interferes with another competitor or the racing in any way, including creating excess wash, or hindering 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.
 9. Any boat may protest under the rules in this attachment. 10. The penalty given by the jury is at their discretion. (DPI)
- (Racing: A boat is racing from her preparatory signal until she finishes and clears the finishing line and marks or retires, or until the race committee signals a general recall, postponement or abandonment.)