

MELGES 24 Gold Cup

April 13th, 14th, and 15th 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is US Melges 24 Championship Events INC and Regatta Management LLC.

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 Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.3. The Rules of the USM24CA will apply.
- 1.4. RRS Appendix P will apply as changed in NoR 12.4.
- 1.5. RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.6. The following rules will be changed in accordance with RRS 86.1(b)
 - 1.6.1. 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. Code flag "Y" will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.
 - 1.6.2. 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.
- 1.7. If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising will 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. 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. Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14452>
- 3.2. no later than April 8th. 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.
- 3.3. Only boats that have completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete.
Note – completed entry includes payment of entry fee.

The OA will acknowledge completed entries upon receipt via email and post on the official event web site at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14452>

- 3.4. As a condition of entry, all boats shall be moored in the water from April 12th, through to the completion of the event.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. The World Sailing Sailor Classification Code (Regulation 22) will apply to teams in the Corinthian Trophy (see RRS 79).
- 4.2. Classification 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 October 16th.
- 4.4. Sailors shall be registered with World Sailing and be able to declare their World Sailing sailor ID and group number when entering.
- 4.5. Entries accepted after April 8th shall not be eligible for the Corinthian Trophy and will sail in the open division.
- 4.6. Classification will be checked at online registration. A final list will be posted online at the close of registration.
- 4.7. The Classification Protest Time Limit is the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing for the championship.
- 4.8. 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.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The Entry Fee will be:
 - 5.1.1. **\$350.00**
- 5.2. Entry Fee includes MetaSail Analytics.
- 5.3. Payment of entry fees may be made by observing the guidelines for online registration.
- 5.4.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1.

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME(s)
Monday	04/12/2021	Virtual Skipper's Meeting	19:00 EST
Tuesday	04/13/2021	First race of the day	11:00 EST
Wednesday	04/14/2021	First race of the day	11:00 EST
Thursday	04/15/2021	First race of the day	11:00 EST
Thursday	04/15/2021	Awards on the water	After finish of last race

- 6.2. Ten races are scheduled for the event.
- 6.3. As many as four (4) races each day may be run.
- 6.4. The OA reserves the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close of registration April 8th, 2021 Documents may be submitted before registration to USM24CA Administrator Joy Dunigan via email at communications@usmelges.com
- 7.2. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the Regatta.
- 7.3. 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available online on the event web site no later than April 8th, 2021.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. Eastern portion of Charleston Harbor.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward. Offset marks and leeward gates will be used.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. 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."
- 11.2. 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 change adds to RRS 44.2.
- 11.3. If a member of the Jury witnesses a breach of RRS Part 2, 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 itself by complying with NOR 12.1. If no penalty is taken the Jury may protest.
- 11.4. 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.
- 11.5. Arbitration, per Appendix T, will be used.

12. HEARINGS

- 12.1. Hearings conducted in accordance with the rules of RRS Part 5, Section B [Hearings & Decisions] will be virtual hearings and parties and witnesses to such hearings shall have access to a device that has internet accessibility with audio and video capability; parties and witnesses must use audio and video to appear before a hearing panel unless advised otherwise by the hearing panel. See *Information for Competitors* posted on the event website: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14452>
- 12.2. Arbitrations conducted in accordance with Appendix T [Arbitration] to the RRS shall be conducted virtually and parties to arbitrations shall have access to a device that has internet

accessibility with audio and video capability; parties must use audio and video to appear before an arbitrator unless advised otherwise by the arbitrator. See *Information for Competitors* posted on the event website: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14452>

- 12.3. Hearings conducted in accordance with RRS Part 5, Section C [Misconduct] shall be virtual hearings and parties, party representatives, and witnesses to such hearings shall have access to a device that has internet accessibility with audio and video capability; parties, their representatives and witnesses must use audio and video to appear before a hearing panel unless advised otherwise by the hearing panel.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Three races are to be completed to constitute the event.
- 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 discardable score.
- 13.4. If entry levels warrant, a qualifying and final series format may be employed.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

Coach and support boats shall register by completing online registration at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14452>

- 14.1. no later than April 12th, 2021. Only boats that have registered and carry identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area [DP].
- 14.2. 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. The competitor is responsible for arranging their own launching and berthing.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta between April 13th 2021 and the end of the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee [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 between April 12th 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.

19. PRIZES

- 19.1. Prizes will be awarded to the overall top three in the Open Division and Corinthian Division

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

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