

Melges²⁴ Gulf Coast Championship

May 18th – 20th, 2018

Fairhope Yacht Club

Fairhope, AL

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)

1.2 RRS 44.1 Penalty system is changed so that the One Turn Penalty replaces the Two Turns Penalty. This changes RRS44.1.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND FEES

2.1 All participating owners or helmspersons must retain a current membership with the US Melges 24 Class Association or their respective national Melges 24 Class Authority.

2.2 An eligible boat may enter by completing the attached registration form with the Organizing Authority and payment of its entry fee prior to sailing. The entry fee is \$75.00, which includes the regatta fee, dry dock storage or rafting at FYC, Saturday and Sunday continental breakfast, live entertainment and post-race refreshments on Saturday. There is a \$5.00 discount for US Sailing members. If received after Monday, May 14, there will be a late fee of \$10. Register for the regatta at the Fairhope Yacht Club website, www.fairhopeyachtclub.com or the YachtScoring website, www.yachtscoring.com. Advance registration is encouraged.

3. SCHEDULE

Friday, May 18th

1700-1900 hrs. Registration/Check-in

Saturday, May 19th

0800 - 0930 hrs. Launching and Registration

1000 hrs. Competitors Meeting

(Boxed lunches available for purchase)

1130 hrs. Warning Race 1 with other races to follow.

Libations served after racing.

Sunday, May 20th

1030 hrs. First race warning with other races to follow. No races will start after 1400 hrs.

Prizes to be presented ASAP following the conclusion of racing.

4. MEASUREMENTS and WEIGH-INS

4.1 Measurement is not required, but each boat shall submit proof of holding a valid measurement certificate at registration if required by the class.

4.2 Neither the OA nor the FYC shall be responsible for conducting or administrating weigh-ins or measurements. Local or national class association representatives shall be responsible for conducting weigh-ins and/or measurement if needed.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions may be available online by May 16th or will be available check-in on May 18th.

6. VENUE

Waters on the Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay

7. THE COURSES

Courses will be windward leeward. Windward marks may have an offset mark. Races may finish downwind. Leeward gates may be used.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9. SCORING

10.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A4, will apply; a competitor will be allowed to discard one (1) race if six (6) or more races are scored.

9.2 One race constitutes a series.

10. Launching and Docking

There are 2 hoists and a boat ramp available on site to launch competitors' boats. Docking will be available in the Fairhope Yacht Club harbor.

11. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Competing boats shall remain in the water during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

12. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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. PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the first, second and third place overall. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

15. 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.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$200,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Zane Yoder at (251) 709-1438 or zaneyoder2@gmail.com.

