

MELGES²⁴ FALL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA 2017
October 6-8,2017

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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) and the Rules of the International Melges24 Class Association.
- 1.2 Racing rules will be changed as follows:
 - 1.2.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
 - 1.2.2 RRS Appendix A.2, is amended to provide that a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no race excluded.

2. ENTRIES

- 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 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Lake Geneva Yacht Club.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Regatta Headquarters.

4. COMPETITORS' BRIEFING MEETING

The competitors' briefing will be at approximately 8:45 am, October 7th, at Regatta Headquarters.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed by the race committee signal vessel when moored at Regatta Headquarters and or on the LGYC flagpole.
- 6.2 When the Answering Pennant ("AP") is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the Race Signals AP.
- 6.3 Approximately one hour prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the day, the race committee will display the RC flag and fire a gun, or make another sound signal.

7. NUMBER AND SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 Six races are scheduled, of which one must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 7.2 The Warning Signal for the first race, October 7th, will be at 10:00 a.m. Except when races are sailed back to back, the approximate time of the warning signal for subsequent races will be posted and or announced on the competitors' radio channel (VHF 72).
- 7.3 No warning signal will be made after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 8th.

8. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the letter M over 24, black letters on a white field.

9. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the navigable waters of the west half of Geneva Lake.

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 All courses will be Windward-Leeward courses (W). All windward marks will have an offset mark. Races may finish downwind. Leeward gates will be used.

- 10.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the number of complete and partial laps to be sailed.
- 10.3 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If only one mark of the gate is present, it should be rounded, leaving it to port.
- 10.4 Courses may be shorter than class minimums required.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 All marks will be orange balls and the offset mark will be an orange ball.
- 11.2 After the start, minor adjustments in a mark's location will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.

12. THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 12.2 RRS 30.1 (the I FLAG RULE) will be in effect for all starts. This changes Race Signals.
- 12.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal vessel and a mark, or between two marks. Signals will be made from the race committee signal vessel at or near the starboard end of the line.
- 12.4 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.
- 12.5 If RRS 30.2 is used, flag Z will be displayed alone as the Preparatory Signal (flag I is to be assumed.) This changes Race Signals.

13. RECALLS

- 13.1 Boats that are OCS under an individual recall will be notified by VHF radio and possibly by hail.
- 13.2 Following the display of Code Flag "X", every effort will be made, as quickly and clearly as possible, to hail by VHF radio or otherwise a complete list of boats identified on the course side at the start or needing to comply with RRS 30.1. This changes RRS 41. Such announcements are a courtesy and failure by the RC to make the announcement, or of boats to hear and/or understand it, shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1 After the start, minor adjustments in a mark's location will not be signaled. This changes RRS 33.
- 14.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will either move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position, or the RC will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 14.3 The RC may adjust gate marks without further signaling to maintain the Windward-Leeward course configuration.

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel or between two marks.
- 15.2 Flag "A" displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means 'no more racing today.'
- 15.3 Flag "H" displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means 'racing will continue after a break either on shore or on the water.'
- 15.4 When neither Flag "A" nor Flag "H" is flying while boats are finishing, another race may follow immediately.

16. PENALTIES

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

17. TIME LIMIT

- 17.1 The time limit will be 90 minutes for any race.
- 17.2 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired), the position of the last boat that complies with RRS 28 to finish plus 2. This changes RRS 35, A4.2, and A11.

18. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall, as soon as practicable, notify the race committee finish vessel on station of her intention, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).
- 18.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at Regatta Headquarters and delivered there within the protest time, which will end one hour after the race committee signal vessel docks. The docking time will be posted.

- 18.3 Notices of protests and requests for redress will be posted within 30 minutes of the expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a location at Regatta Headquarters.
- 18.4 Notice of a request for redress including the nature of the request and the grounds on which it is filed shall be considered to fulfill the requirements of the prescription to RRS 63.2
- 18.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
 - (c) This changes RRS 66.
- 18.7 A boat that does not comply with 44.1 or 44.2, or 44.3, but prior to a hearing acknowledges breaking a rule, shall be penalized 50% of the number of boats entered, but not less than six places, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF, as approved by the Protest Committee.

19. SCORING

The low point scoring system, RRS A4, shall apply, except that RRS Appendix A4.2, is amended to provide that a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no race excluded.

20. BOW NUMBERS

Boats shall display bow numbers supplied by the organizing authority. Description of the placement of bow numbers will be supplied in the skipper's package at registration. Boats failing to properly display bow numbers may be subject to protest by the Race Committee only. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and RRS 60.3(a).

21. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat generated during event to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

22.1 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.

22.2 The Competitors' channel is VHF 72. The Race Committee channel is VHF 18.

23. OUTSIDE HELP

A boat that receives outside help other than help permitted by RRS 41 or from a non-competitor or non-competing boat shall retire. This changes RRS 41.