

# MELGES 24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

June 4 – 9, 2018

## NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal Victoria Yacht Club (RVYC) in cooperation with:  
The International Melges 24 Class Association (IM24CA), the Canadian Melges 24 Class Association (CM24CA),  
and the Canadian Forces Sailing Association, Esquimalt Squadron (CFSA)

*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.
- 1.2. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply
- 1.4. The Rules of the IM24CA will apply.
  - 1.4.1. Class Rule C.2.2 will apply as administered by Class Rule H.3.
- 1.5. RRS Appendix P will apply as changed in NOR 12.4.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.7. The following rules will be changed in accordance with RRS 86.1(b):
  - 1.7.1. 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.
  - 1.7.2. 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.
  - 1.7.3. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.8. 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, in accordance with RRS 80.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display identification numbers and 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]

### 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). Spot checks may be carried out at registration to check proof of membership.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration at <http://www.rvyc.bc.ca/Melges24Worlds2018/> under the Regatta Toolbox subsection no later than May 25, 2018.
- 3.4. Entries will be accepted after May 25, 2018 only with approval by the OA on a case by case basis.

- 3.5. Only boats that have completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete. **Note – completed entry includes payment of entry fee.**
- 3.6. Entry fee refunds may be granted at the discretion of the OA. An administrative fee of \$200.00 will be applied to all cancellations.
- 3.7. As a condition of entry, all boats shall be moored in the Victoria International Marina from 1800hrs, Monday June 4 through to the completion of the event. The area adjacent to the Victoria International Marina is a marine aerodrome and strict regulations are in place for the passage of boats. These regulations will be detailed on the event website and in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **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 May 18, 2018.
- 4.4. Sailors shall be registered with World Sailing by May 18, 2018, and be able to declare their World Sailing sailor ID and group number when entering.
- 4.5. Entries accepted after May 18, 2018 shall not be eligible for the Corinthian Trophy and will sail in the open division.
- 4.6. Classification will be checked at registration. A final list will be published 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 (June 5, 2018) 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 Classification 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. **\$1100.00 CDN** up to March 31, 2018.
  - 5.1.2. **\$1300.00 CDN** from April 1 to April 30, 2018.
  - 5.1.3. **\$1500.00 CDN** from May 1, 2018 onwards.
- 5.2. Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the Regatta at designated times, berthing for the event between May 31 and June 9 at the Victoria International Marina, trailer storage, tickets to the events (Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony and Dinner) for all competing crew.
  - 5.2.1. Entries will not be valid until payment is received and confirmed by the OA.
- 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 OF EVENTS

7.1. The schedule shall be as follows:

### **Saturday, Sunday June 2/3**

The Melges 24 Canadian Nationals regatta will take place in the same venue as the Worlds. This event will take the place of any practice racing for the Worlds. Details on the pre-Worlds event will be posted on the Worlds website. This event will have separate entry requirements and conditions.

### **Saturday, June 2**

0800 – 1900 Registration and Sail Inspection - Regatta Office, Victoria International Marina.

1200 – 1700 Boat Measurement and Launching

### **Sunday, June 3**

0800 – 1900 Registration and Sail Inspection - Regatta Office, Victoria International Marina.

1200 – 1700 Boat Measurement and Launching

0800 – 1900 Crew Weigh-in – Regatta Office, Victoria International Marina

### **Monday, June 4**

0800 – 1800 Registration and Sail Inspection - Regatta Office, Victoria International Marina.

1000 – 1200 Boat Measurement – Royal Victoria Yacht Club

0800 – 1800 Crew Weigh-in – Regatta Office, Victoria International Marina

1800 – All boats afloat

1900 – Competitors Meeting & Opening Ceremonies – Victoria International Marina.

### **Tuesday, June 5**

#### **RACE DAY ONE**

0900

Harbour Start

1100

Initial warning signal

TBD

Après Sail - Daily Awards – Victoria International Marina

### **Wednesday, June 6**

#### **RACE DAY TWO**

0900

Harbour Start

1100

Initial warning signal

TBD

Après Sail - Daily Awards - Victoria International Marina

### **Thursday, June 7**

#### **RACE DAY THREE**

0900

Harbour Start

1100

Initial warning signal

TBD

Après Sail - Daily Awards – RVYC

1845

Championship Dinner –RVYC

### **Friday, Jun 8**

#### **RACE DAY FOUR**

0900

Harbour Start

1100

Initial warning signal

TBD

Après Sail - Daily Awards - Victoria International Marina

### **Saturday, Jun 9**

#### **RACE DAY FIVE**

0900

Harbour Start

1100

Initial warning signal

No warning signal after 1430

TBD

Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony - Victoria International Marina

7.2. Twelve (12) races are scheduled for the 2018 World 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 June 4, 2018. Documents may be submitted before registration to IM24CA Administrator Piret Salmistu via email at [Piret@melges24.com](mailto: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 of sails and limitation stamping will take place during periods stated in 7 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**

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and will be posted on the event web site no later than May 18, 2018.

## **10. VENUE**

Attachment B shows the location of the Victoria International Marina and the racing areas.

## **11. THE COURSES**

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 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.
- 12.4. 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.
- 12.5. Arbitration, per Appendix T, will be used.
- 12.6. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **13. SCORING**

- 13.1. Five (5) 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 discardable score.
- 13.4. If entry levels warrant, a qualifying and final series format may be employed.

#### **14. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 14.1. Coach and support boats shall register by completing online registration at <http://www.rvyc.bc.ca/Melges24Worlds2018/> under the Regatta Toolbox subsection no later than Jun 1, 2018. Only 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 appendix as modified will apply and is attached to this NOR as Attachment A.
- 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 1800 hours on Monday, June 4.
- 15.3. Except when sailing, all boats shall be kept in their assigned docks in the Victoria International Marina. Fenders and mooring lines will be required [DP].

#### **16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta between 1800 Monday June 4, 2018 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**

Underwater breathing apparatus (excluding snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between 1800hrs, Monday June 4 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 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**

<b>Single Fleet</b>	<b>Open Division</b>	<b>Corinthian Division</b>
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

- 19.1. In case of a Split Fleet format, the prize giving will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 19.2. Prizes will 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.
- 19.3. The overall World Champion will be the winner of the open division and will be awarded the "Melges

Performance Sailboats Trophy.”

19.4. 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**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent.

## **22. TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS**

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**

For further information, please consult the event web site or any of the key contacts listed below.

## **24. KEY CONTACTS**

### **REGATTA CHAIR**

Name: Terry Stamper

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### **PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER (PRO) and IM24CA CHAMPIONSHIP COORDINATOR**

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## **ATTACHMENT A - COACH, SUPPORT, PRESS & SPECTATOR BOATS**

### COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

1. Coach and support boats shall be registered at the race office during registration. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to.
2. Coach and support boats shall display a flag, 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. See RRS 41.
4. Coach and support boats shall communicate only with the boats they are registered to, and only by means of voice between races. Closed VHF or mobile telephone communication or communication using internet is prohibited.
5. All boats shall proceed to the race area under their **own power**.
6. There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment between Melges 24's and their coach or support boats until after the finish of the last race of the day.
7. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside, or come in any physical contact with their Melges 24's until after the finish of the last race of the day.
8. Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing.
9. All persons aboard any coach or support boat are deemed a *Support Person* per the RRS Definitions and may be subject to protest for any interference with another competitor or the racing in any way, including creating excess wash, or hindering an official boat carrying out its duties. [DP]
10. Any competitor may protest under the rules in this attachment.
11. The penalty given by the jury is at their discretion.
12. When the OA displays AP over H afloat boats may disregard Attachment A, rule 5 until after the RC drops flag AP ashore or otherwise cancels racing for the day (e.g., AP over A, or N over A).

### PRESS AND SPECTATOR BOATS

1. All Press and official spectator boats shall be registered with the race organizing authority during registration.
2. Press and spectator boats shall display a flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the race committee.
3. The race organizers may appoint one or more photo boats, which will be allowed within the racecourse. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
4. Press and spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in any way and shall stay at a distance outside the racecourse where their wake causes no problem.

**ATTACHMENT B – MARINAS and COURSE AREAS**

