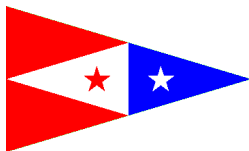


THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Organizing Authority: The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California
in cooperation with the US Melges 24 Class Association.**

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing, and the rules of the International Melges 24 Class Association (IM24CA).
- 1.2 Rule 40 is changed as follows: All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside on the west wall of the SFYC Clubhouse. The NOR, SIs, and amendments thereto will be posted online at www.sfyc.org.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

8 races are scheduled:

Friday - Three (3) races are scheduled, with the first warning signal at 1200 hours.

Saturday - Three (3) races are scheduled, with the first warning signal at 1200 hours.

Sunday - Two (2) races are scheduled, with the first warning signal at 1200 hours. No warning signal shall be made after 1600 hours.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with a black 'MELGES 24' class insignia on it.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle.

8 COURSES

All courses are described in **Attachment A**. The course to be sailed will be designated by a numeral placard displayed on the race signal boat.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 All rounding marks and gates will be red inflatable conical buoys.
- 9.2 'New marks' as provided in SI 11 will be yellow inflatable conical buoys.
- 9.3 If the offset mark (Mark O) is missing it shall be disregarded. If one of the gate marks is missing boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and staff displaying an orange flag on a pin end line boat or a yellow inflatable buoy.
- 10.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The DOWNWIND finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a yellow inflatable buoy.
- 12.2 The UPWIND finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a yellow mark set to windward of Mark W as shown on Attachment A.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2 Unless the course is shortened at the windward mark, penalties for incidents that take place

while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible after rounding the offset mark. This changes RRS 44.2.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The target time for each race is 50-60 minutes.
- 14.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
- 14.3 Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Table inside the clubhouse near the deck entrance. Protests, request for redress and request to reopen a hearing shall be filed at the Regatta Table within the applicable time limit. If filed after the close of the regatta table, filing shall be made to the front office. This changes rule 61.3.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. This time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors a protest hearing and all redress hearings.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 3 races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 Substitution or deletion of competitors will not be allowed without prior written permission of the PRO.
- 17.2 Substitution of lost or damaged equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the protest committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display event advertising stickers supplied by the organizing authority, applied as described in Attachment B. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

19 SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1 The Coach and Support Boat appendix is attached to the NOR as Attachment A. The penalty given by the jury is at their discretion, but shall be applied to the overall score and therefore not discarded.
- 19.2 Coach and support boats will be required to display a flag provided by the organizing authority during Check-In. A monetary deposit may be required for this flag.
- 19.3 The race organizers may appoint one or more photo boats, which will be allowed within the race course. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress.

20 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall remain in the water after the first race until the conclusion of the event, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul-out in order to inspect for damage or perform repairs.

21 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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

22 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 22.1 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.
- 22.2 The race committee will attempt to hail boats observed OCS at the start. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.
- 22.3 Except in an emergency, or when retiring from a race, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 The top finishing team will be awarded the Buddy Melges Perpetual Trophy.
- 23.2 Prizes will be given to the top 3 teams overall and to the top 3 Corinthian teams.
- 23.3 The USMCA may award additional prizes.

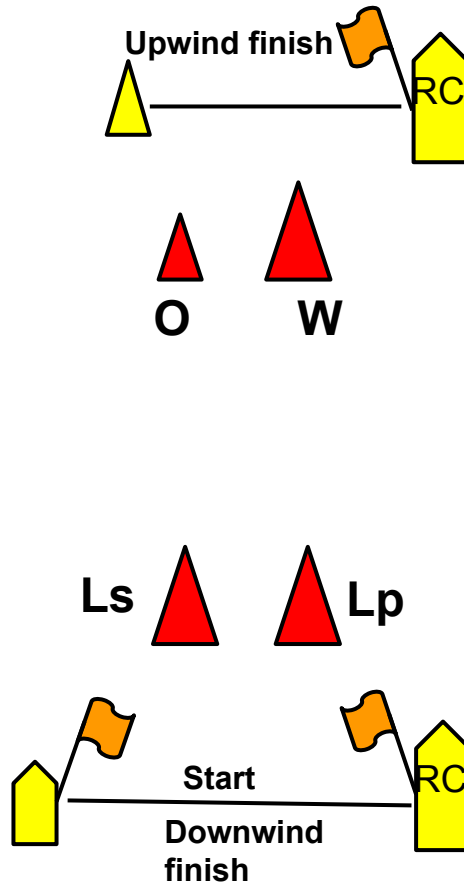
24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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, prior to, during or after the regatta.

25 INSURANCE

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

ATTACHMENT A - Courses



Marks

Marks W and O are rounding marks and shall be left to port.

Marks Ls and Lp are collectively a gate.

Courses (with RED weather mark)

- 3) Start – W – O – Ls/Lp – Finish Upwind (1.5 laps)
- 4) Start – W – O – Ls/Lp – W – O – Finish Downwind (2 laps)
- 5) Start – W – O – Ls/Lp – W – O – Ls/Lp – Finish Upwind (2.5 laps)
- 6) Start – W – O – Ls/Lp – W – O – Ls/Lp – W – O Finish Downwind (3 laps)

ATTACHMENT B

Bow Advertising Sticker Application Instructions

Per NOR 2.2 and SI 18, provided bow stickers shall be affixed according to these instructions. It is the responsibility of competitors to ensure that they are properly in place before leaving the dock each day.

- **Hulls must be clean and free of wax or other non-stick substances in the bow sticker area prior to installation. (Soapy water may be used along with a squeegee to assist in applying numbers smoothly.)**
- **One sticker must be applied to each side of the boat.**
- **The forward edge of the sticker shall not be more than 12 inches from the back edge of the bow numbers.**
- **The top edge of the sticker shall not be more than 3 inches from the deck line.**
- **Stickers shall be installed as close to vertical as possible.**