

**MELGES 24 FALL FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. RULES

This event will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS 2009-2012). The event is designated Category C. Any questions regarding these sailing instructions must be submitted in writing and any answer will be posted on the official notice board located on the glass window near the south entrance to the clubhouse deck.

1.1 The Melges 24 National Class rules will apply to the Melges 24 fleet.

2. ENTRIES

Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority and signing the liability waiver.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board located on the glass window near the south entrance to the clubhouse deck.

4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 All signals made ashore shall be displayed from the flagpole at the yacht club.

5.2 Code Flag "AP" (Answering Pennant) with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed". The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the "AP" is lowered.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

SATURDAY, November 10th

0900 Skippers meeting

1030 Warning signal, races to follow. Additional race at the discretion of the PRO.

SUNDAY, November 11th

0955 Warning signal, races to follow

No Warning signal will be made after 1300 on Sunday.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area is on south end of Lake Ray Hubbard.

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9. THE COURSE

9.1 The diagrams in Illustration "A" show the courses to be used, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be rounded, the side on which each mark is to be left, the course designators, and course modifiers.

9.2 The course to be sailed will be designated on a board located on the Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the starting line.

9.3 The approximate compass bearing of the windward mark will be displayed.

10. MARKS

10.1 The marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

10.2 New marks, when used in accordance with Sailing Instruction 14, "CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START", will be yellow tetrahedrons. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with the original mark

11. SHORTENING COURSE

The signal for shortening course will be Code Flag "S". The finish line will be between a staff flying the "S" flag and the nearby mark.

12. CHECK-IN

12.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race each day when the committee boat flies code flag L each boat shall check-in with the Race Committee, by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the Race Committee Boat and hailing her sail number if a private boat or bow number if a club boat until the Race Committee hails back the

numbers. A boat failing to check in shall receive a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of boats starting in her class the first race of the day. This changes Appendix A. (Club boats shall use bow numbers instead of sail numbers.)

12.2 Any boat that has checked in, and then withdraws prior to finishing the race, shall notify the Race Committee on the water, or immediately after arriving ashore.

13. VHF RADIO

CHANNEL 68 will be used for communication with the competitors.

14. THE START

14.1 Races will be started using a 5 minute starting sequence per Rule 26. A series of short signals may be made before any starting sequence begins in order to attract attention.

14.2 The Starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and, at the port end, a orange mark.

14.3 All sound signals will be made from the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end of the starting line.

14.4 Class flag for the Melges fleet will be Melges 24 class pennant.

14.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored DNS. This modifies rule RRS 29.3.

15. RECALLS:

Recalls will be signaled in accordance with Rule 29. The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, an untimely hail of OCS boats, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules 41 and 62.1

16. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position.

15. THE FINISH

15.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby mark. A blue flag will denote the committee is on station.

15.2 Unless otherwise signaled with code flag H, boats should standby for the next race. Code flag H indicates that boats should return to the harbor.

16. TIME LIMIT

16.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish will be ninety (90) minutes.

16.2 The time limit for the first boat to reach the weather mark shall be thirty (30) minutes.

16.3 Boats failing to finish thirty (30) minutes after the first boat in their class finishes will be given a placed finish.

16.4 These time limits change rule 35 and modify rule A4.1.

17. PROTESTS

17.1 A boat may exonerate itself on the boat by doing a single 360 turn. Unless within the three (3) boat zone approaching a mark. See class rules for clarification.

17.2 Protests shall be submitted on US Sailing protest forms, which will be available at the yacht club. The form should be lodged there within one (1) hour after the Race Committee boat enters the harbor, and sounds one sound signal. The time the Race Committee enters the harbor will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

17.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, as soon as possible.

17.4 Protest notices will be posted soon after the expiration of the protest time to inform competitors where and when there will be a hearing in which they are party to a protest, or named as witnesses.

18. SCORING Five races are scheduled, of which one must be completed to constitute a regatta.

19. PRIZES Will be awarded for the skipper and crew of the first, second and third places in each fleet.