



MELGES 24 GULF COAST and ATLANTIC COAST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

November 13-15, 2020

Mobile Yacht Club

Mobile, AL

NOTICE OF RACE (amended 10/08/20)

The Organizing Authority (OA) is The International Melges 24 Class Association (IM24CA) in conjunction with the Mobile Yacht Club.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the NoR or SI denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat (Modifies Rule 60.1 RRS).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.3. The following rules will be changed in accordance with RRS 86.1(b).
 - 1.3.1. RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed as defined in NOR 11.1 and 11.2.
 - 1.3.2. 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 requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1. The sailing instructions will provide more detail on the procedure.

2. ADVERTISING [NP]

- 2.1. Advertising will conform to World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display sponsors' advertising for the duration of the event chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies [DP].
- 2.3. Boats will be required to display bow numbers per Class Rule H3.7.

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.
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/> and paying the appropriate entry fee no later than November 13, 2020.
- 3.3. Entry fee refunds may be granted at the discretion of the OA. An administrative fee of \$20 will be applied to all cancellations.

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.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The Entry Fee will be:
 - 5.1.1. **\$175** up to 10-30-20.
 - 5.1.2. **\$185** from 10-31-20 to 11-06-20.
 - 5.1.3. **\$200** from 11-7-20 onwards.
- 5.2. Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the Regatta at designated times, berthing at the regatta harbour for the dates of the event, trailer storage, hospitality to the events for all competing crew.
- 5.3. Payment of entry fees may be made by observing the guidelines for online registration.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1.

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME(s)
Friday	11-13-20	Registration -- Measurement	1600-2000
		Competitors Meeting Quantum Sails, Local knowledge clinic to follow	1800
Saturday	11-14-20	Registration - Measurement	0800-1000
		First Warning Signal	1055
		Party	1800
Sunday	11-15-20	First Warning Signal	0955
		Awards	ASAP after races

- 6.2. Ten races are scheduled for the regatta.
- 6.3. The Race Committee shall attempt to complete 5 race per day.
- 6.4. The OA reserves the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close of registration. Documents may be submitted before registration to the OA.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and will be posted on the event web site at <https://www.yachtscoring.com/> no later than 0800hrs on 11-13-20.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. On Mobile Bay south of the Dog River.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward. Offset marks and leeward gates will be used.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. 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."
- 11.2. 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. SCORING

- 12.1. One (1) race is to be completed to constitute the Regatta.
- 12.2. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes Appendix A.

13. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING [NP] [DP]

- 13.1. All boats shall be afloat by 1100 hours on 11-14-20.
- 13.2. Boats shall be left in the water rafted in transient space or available slips assigned by the dockmaster. Plenty of trailer space is available on site.

14. RADIO/DATA COMMUNICATION, USE OF DRONES [DP]

- 14.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio/data transmissions while racing nor receive radio/data communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other mobile devices [DP].
- 14.2. Race information will be given on a designated VHF Channel, which will be described in the Sailing Instructions [DP].
- 14.3. No drones are allowed closer than 300 m from racing area from the Warning Signal for a race and after the last boat has finished the race. As a penalty for breaching this rule the protest committee may impose a discretionary penalty (DPI) to all boats associated with the owner/operator of the drone. This does not apply to OA drones.

15. PRIZES

15.1.

Single Fleet	Open Division & each Region (ACC & GCC) Division	Corinthian Division
	Top three places if minimum of 5 boats in the division.	Top place in class & each region.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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.
- 16.2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledges that:
- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
- 16.3. 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.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent.

18. TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHERS RIGHTS

- 18.1. 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.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1. For further information, please consult the event web site or any of the key contacts listed below. We will be happy to assist with housing referrals, camping, etc.

20. KEY CONTACTS

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ATTACHMENT A - COACH, SUPPORT, PRESS & SPECTATOR BOATS [DP]

COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS: *updated 2019*

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. Infringements of this will be taken very seriously.
4. All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to the racing area under their **own power**.
5. 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.
6. Coach and support boats shall keep 100 meters from the course diamond (including laylines) from the time the racers leave the dock until completion of the final race of the day.
7. Any coach or support boat that interferes with another competitor or the racing in any way, including creating excess wash, or hindering an official boat carrying out its duties, shall have the competitor(s) to which they are attached, liable to a penalty at the discretion of the jury.
8. Any competitor may protest under the rules in this attachment.
9. The penalty given by the jury is at their discretion.
10. Coach and support boat personnel shall not communicate with competitors (by any means) from the warning signal of the first race of the day until the competitor has finished the last race of the day.

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.