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MELGES²⁴



Canadian National Championship

Stage 1 of the North American Tour

Hosted by the Kelowna Yacht Club (KYC)

June 24-26, 2016

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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)***.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of SAIL CANADA will apply.
- 1.3. The International **MELGES²⁴** class rules will apply.
 - 1.3.1. Under rule 87, Class rule H3 is changed to require initial weigh-in only.
- 1.4. All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.
- 1.5. In all rules governing this regatta;
 - 1.5.1 [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury; and
 - 1.5.2. [NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located next to the registration desk in the atrium on the lower level of the KYC clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the waterfront side of the club house.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 30 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Schedule

Date	Event	Time
Thursday, June 23	At KYC - Registration, weigh-in, launching, Melges Speedcamp tuning/training/debrief	0900 - 2100
	Practice Race	1300
Friday, June 24	KYC - Final registration & weigh-in, launching	0800 - 0900
	KYC - All boats afloat & Competitors Meeting	0900
	First warning for day one racing	1030
	KYC Commodores Dock - Commodores Dock BBQ	1830 estimated
Saturday, June 25	First warning for day two racing	1000
	Dinner at KYC Members Lounge	1900 estimated
Sunday, June 26	First warning for day three racing	1000
	Final warning signal limit	1500
	KYC Commodores Dock - Awards & Closing Ceremony	Asap after racing concluded

- 5.2. Twelve (12) races are scheduled for the regatta.
- 5.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least 4 minutes before a warning signal is made.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be as follows:



7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1. Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas.
- 7.2. The primary racing area will be the waterfront off the shores of downtown Kelowna, ranging from the bridge to Bear Creek.
- 7.3. Two alternate racing areas may be used - Bear Creek to Lake Okanagan Resort; or South of the bridge to Green Bay.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark shall be left.
- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.3. Courses will not be shortened. This changes rule 32.
- 8.4. If only one leeward mark is present it shall be left to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Marks 1, 2S and 2P will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. Mark 1a will be a red ball.
- 9.3. The starting and finishing marks will be race committee vessels.
- 9.4. New mark, as provided in Instruction 11.1, will be a green tetrahedron.
- 9.5. A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.2.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 10.4. If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed, or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.
- 10.5. When an individual recall is signalled, the race committee will attempt to hail the bow numbers of the boats that are OCS over VHF channel 9. See also instruction 24.2.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the finishing marks.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. Rule 44.1 is changed so that a boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 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.
- 13.2. Rule 44.1 is changed to permit a boat that has broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 to take a penalty after racing but prior to any protest hearing. Her penalty shall be a scoring penalty as calculated in rule 44.3(c) equal to 30% of the number of entries in the championship. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Protest forms are available at the jury desk located in the atrium on the lower level of the KYC clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2. The time limit is 45 minutes after the Signals boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protest will be heard in their approximate order of receipt in the Jury Room.
- 15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered;
 - (a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16. ARBITRATION

16.1 For a protest between two boats alleging a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31, an arbitration meeting may be held prior to any protest hearing.

16.2 One representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be permitted.

16.3 The arbitrator will advise on whether:

- (a) One or both boats should take a penalty;
- (b) The protest should be withdrawn; or
- (c) The protest should go to the protest committee for a hearing.

16.4 When a boat accepts a penalty or the arbitrator advises that the protest should be withdrawn, the arbitrator will allow the protest to be withdrawn. This changes rule 63.1.

16.5 When a protest is withdrawn, it will not be reopened or made the subject of a request for redress.

16.6 The penalty is to be calculated according to instruction 13.2.

17. SCORING

17.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute the championship.

17.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.3. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst discardable score.

18. [DP][NP] SAFETY

18.1. Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day in which it intends to compete, each boat is requested to check in by sailing by the race committee signal boat and hailing its sail number.

18.2. A boat retiring from a race or leaving the race area early shall promptly notify the race committee by hail or over VHF channel 9. Failure to do so may be grounds for protest.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1. Substitution or deletion of competitors will not be allowed without prior written permission of the race committee.

19.2. Substitution of lost or damaged equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21. [NP] EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority, along with bow numbers. Description of the placement of event advertising and bow numbers will be supplied in the skipper's package at registration.

22. [DP][NP] TRASH DISPOSAL

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans, lakes, and coastal waters. See rule 55. Trash must be contained on board and disposed of appropriately when back ashore.

23. [NP] HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

24. [NP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

24.1. Race committee broadcasts and hails will be made over VHF channel 9.

24.2. Race committee broadcasts regarding its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, recalls, etc., are a courtesy only. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast, shall not be considered grounds for redress.

24.3. 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.

25. PRIZES

25.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams overall in each of the open and Corinthian entry groups.

25.2. Additional prizes may be awarded by the organizing authority.

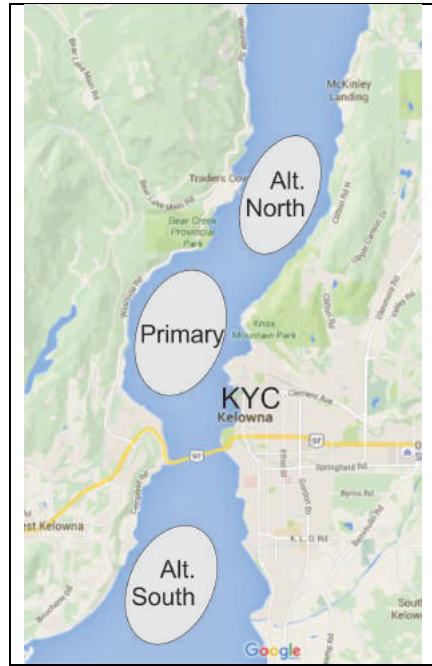
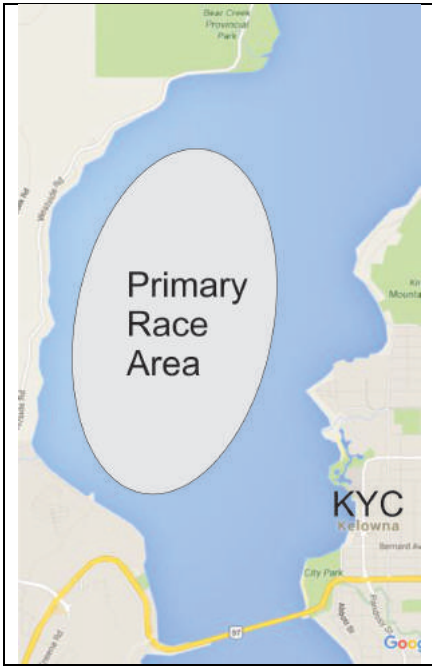
26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Competitors accept full responsibility for their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, or after the regatta. Competitors are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner at all times and to abide by the KYC rules.

27. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000(CDN) per incident or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to provide proof of insurance upon request.

ATTACHMENT A - Primary and Alternate Racing Course Areas



ATTACHMENT B - Course Layout

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Course LA1</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Start - 1 - 1a - Finish</p>	<p>A diagram showing a start point (orange dot) on the left. A line goes up and right to a marker '1' (orange triangle). From marker '1', the line goes up and left to a marker '1a' (orange dot). From marker '1a', the line goes down and left, then turns right to end at the start point.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Course LA2</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish</p>	<p>A diagram showing two loops. The left loop has a marker '2s' (orange triangle) at its bottom. The right loop has a marker '2p' (orange triangle) at its bottom. Arrows indicate the direction of travel for each loop.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Course LA3</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish</p>	<p>A diagram showing a start/finish line (dashed line with two black shapes) at the bottom. Above it are two loops, one with marker '2s' (orange triangle) and one with marker '2p' (orange triangle). Dashed arrows indicate the direction of travel for the loops.</p>