



**SEPTEMBER 5 - 7, 2025
NOTICE OF RACE**

The **South Port Sailing Club (SPSC)**, with the **Canadian Melges 24 Class Association (CM24CA)**, are the Organizing Authority (OA) for the 2025 Canadian Melges 24 Championship.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*. *The 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing* will apply, available at [World Sailing](#).
 - 1.1.1. Appendix T Arbitration applies.
 - 1.1.2. Appendix P applies as modified by NOR 14.4 below.
- 1.2. Sail Canada Prescriptions apply, available at [Sail Canada Prescriptions](#).
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing apply, available at [www.Sailing.org](#).
- 1.4. International Melges 24 Class Rules apply, available at <https://www.sailing.org/classes/melges-24#Documents>
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages, the text written in its original English Document will prevail.
- 1.6. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.7. IM24CA Coach and Support Boat Regulations shall apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after August 30th, 2025, online at [Yachtscoring.com](#).

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The on-line official notice board is located at [Yachtscoring.com](#).
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 68 to 72.
- 3.3. Use of VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee (RC) to competitors on a channel to be identified in the Sailing Instructions. The RC will attempt to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, to transmit a hail, the order of hails, or to receive other communications to the fleet, shall not be grounds for redress.
- 3.4. [DP][While racing][From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day], except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Championship 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.
- 4.2. The owner and helmsperson shall be a current member of their National Class Association in accordance with Class Rule B.2.1.
- 4.3. The World Sailor Classification Code will apply to Melges 24 teams competing in the Corinthian division (see RRS 79). For boats competing for the Corinthian Trophy, sailors must register with World Sailing prior to July 1, 2025, and be able to declare their World Sailing Sailor ID and Classification Group on their race entry form. Details regarding the Corinthian Trophy may be found in the IM24CA Championship rules. Protests regarding World Sailing classification must be submitted by the end of protest time on the first day of racing. Such protests are heard by the protest committee/jury, and the decision of the committee/jury is bound by the opinion or reply of the Class Authority. Full details for the Corinthian Division are available at IM24CA Corinthian Division.
- 4.4. Any crew categorized as Group 3 shall be a current full member of their Melges 24 National Class Association, in accordance with Class Rule B.2.2.

- 4.5. Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration at *Yachtscoring.com* and paying all required fees by August 30, 2025.
- 4.6. Registration closes at 0000Hrs on July 2, 2025. Entries with late fees may be accepted after this date at the sole discretion of the OA and may only compete in the Open Division.
- 4.7. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.8. All competitors are required to check-in at the SPSC Race Office between 1200 and 1700 on Thursday September 4. The following must be presented at check-in:
 - a. Class measurement certificate
 - b. Proof of current class membership for owner and helmsperson
 - c. Crew list with full names. (loaded to *Yachtscoring.com*)
 - d. Support boat information, if applicable.
 - e. Signed liability waiver (skipper and crew) which can be completed at the online registration site at *Yachtscoring.com*.
 - f. Skipper and crew members for weigh-in.
- 4.9. When registering, each competitor will be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property incurred in conjunction with the Championship regatta, on the property of the South Port Sailing Club, or on the water, or during participation in any individual race of the Championship regatta, or from the actions of its officers, the protest committee, the technical committee, the race management team and any sponsors of the Championship regatta and their members, officers, governors and agents, and from liability for such damage or injury.
- 4.10. As part of registration, all crew shall be registered and identified in any entry list, scratch sheet, and result listing where the helmsperson, skipper or owner is identified.

5. FEES

- 5.1. All entry fees shall be paid at the time of registration via Yachtscoring.com.
- 5.2. Entry fees are non-refundable. The OA may refund as much as possible depending on the circumstances.
- 5.3. The basic entry fee is \$510 CDN per boat.
 - a. A late fee of \$100 CDN will be added for registrations after June 1, 2025.
 - b. An additional late fee of \$100 CDN is added for registrations after August 1, 2025.
- 5.4. The entry fee covers:
 - a. Friday and Saturday SPSC dinner tickets for four-person boat crew
 - b. SPSC launching and haul-out as well as on-water mooring during the event.
 - c. Full guest privileges at the South Port Sailing Club.
- 5.5. Additional dinner tickets for the SPSC dinners may be purchased online or at check-in for \$35 CDN each.

6. CREW RESTRICTIONS

- 6.1. The crew shall consist of a minimum of three (3) to a maximum of six (6) persons.
- 6.2. Replacement Crew: Helm and crew may be substituted during the series only for good and sufficient reason, and if approved by the RC & OA. If a substitution is applied for, that substitute must weigh within +/- 10% of the original crew member.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

8. SCHEDULE

Regatta officially opens at SPSC with support at local US-based YC's				
			At SPSC	Competitors at local US-based YC's
Thurs	4 Sept	1200-1700	Competitor Check-in at SPSC race office	
		1700-2000	boat crane launching, BYOB party, camping sites setup	Boat launching
Fri	5 Sept	1000-1200	Final registration, and launching	
		1200	All boats afloat and welcoming meeting	All boats afloat
		1300	Harbour signal	Harbour signal
		1400	On racecourse - First Warning signal for Day One	
		1700	On racecourse - no Warning signals after this time	
		After racing	BBQ dinners with tickets and campfire	
Sat	6 Sept	1000	On racecourse - First Warning for Day Two	
		1600	On racecourse - no Warning signals after this time	
		After racing	BYOB party	
Sun	7 Sept	1000	On racecourse - First Warning for Day Three	
		1300	On racecourse - no Warning signals after this time	
		After racing	Haul-out and de-rigging	Haul-out and de-rigging
		1500	Awards ceremony & event wrap-up	Ceremony joined via VC
			Safe trip home!	

8.1. The number of races scheduled shall be up to 15 (~5 per day).

9. EQUIPMENT and INSPECTION

- 9.1. Each boat shall hold and produce a valid Measurement Certificate at registration. Boats, sails, and equipment may be measured and inspected at any time in accordance with the current Melges 24 Class Rules.
- 9.2. Sails shall carry a Class Association Sail Label.
- 9.3. Competitors are advised that the Chief Measurer or a designated representative may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment on or off the water during the Championship.
- 9.4. Sails: Not more than 1 mainsail, 1 headsail and 2 spinnakers shall be carried aboard; Not more than 1 mainsail, 1 headsail and 2 spinnakers shall be presented for registration and used during an event, except when a sail has been lost or damaged beyond repair.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. The South Port Sailing Club is located at 210 Brighton Rd, Tecumseh Ontario.
- 10.2. Racing areas will be the south-western areas of Lake St Clair. A chart of the racing area will be included in the SI's.
- 10.3. Protests will be heard on-site at SPSC.
- 10.4. Where a party to a Protest Committee hearing cannot be on-site at SPSC, the hearing will be virtual. Off-site participants in any hearings (parties, party representatives and witnesses) must have access to a device that has internet accessibility with audio and video capability. Offsite participants must use audio and video to appear before the protest committee unless advised otherwise by the protest committee.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The courses shall be a windward/leeward configuration, in accordance with the IM24CA Championship Rules and IM24CA Event Regulations.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. The first two sentences of RRS44.1 are changed to read: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when they may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing, RRS 31, or Class Rule C.11". This changes RRS 44.21.
- 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 RRS44.2.

- 12.3. If a member of the Jury witnesses a breach of RRS Part 2, RRS31 or Class Rule C.11, they may indicate their observation by making a long sound (whistle) and waving a red flag. The boat may 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. RRSP2.3 will not apply and RRSP2.2 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 Appendix P.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Scoring will be per Appendix A, as modified so that:
- 13.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores.
- 13.3. When more than five and fewer than ten races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score.
- 13.4. When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst two scores.
- 13.5. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Support and coach boats must register with the OA during the registration hours and shall comply with "IM24CA STANDARD COACH AND SUPPORT BOAT APPENDIX C ver 3.0 22102023" available at www.melges24.com.
- 14.2. [DP][NP] The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support or coach boat.
- 14.3. Support and coach boats must monitor the VHF channel being used by to communicate to boats, as identified in the Sailing Instructions, and are required to respond if hailed by the RC or Judges..

15. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 15.1. A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of class rules, provided that the OA or RC has approved their sail identification before the first race.

16. BERTHING

- 16.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the SPSC harbour.

17. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 17.1. The boats shall remain in the water during the event. If haul-out is required, prior written permission to do so during the Championship regatta, must be obtained from the Technical Committee.

18. CLEANING OF BOATS

- 18.1. There will be no undue restrictions on cleaning of boats. Underwater breathing apparatus (excluding snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.
- 18.2. People are not allowed in the water at marinas due to concerns over stray electrical currents.

19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1. RRS 3 Decision to Race states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.** 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 Championship regatta.
- 19.2. Safety of the boat and crew is the sole responsibility of the owner and skipper. All competitors shall comply with the boating safety regulations as issued by the government of their registry. It is recommended that competitors wear PFDs at all times while racing. When considering the safety of their vessels, all owners/skippers are advised to review World Sailing 2020-2021 Offshore Special Regulations (generally, and specifically Appendix B).

- 19.3. Competitors, including without limiting the foregoing, the owner and operators of each vessel, agree to indemnify the South Port Sailing Club, Canadian Melges 24 Class Association, and Championship regatta organizers for any claims by or on behalf of any competitor, support personnel, participant, operator or crew members resulting from participation in or viewing the regatta.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and sufficient third-party liability insurance. A copy of insurance company documents establishing that such coverage is current shall be produced if requested by the OA.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for both Open and Corinthian Divisions at the completion of the regatta.
- 21.2. 1st place boats overall in the Open and Corinthian Divisions will be awarded the Melges 24 Canadian Championship perpetual trophies, respectively. These perpetual trophies shall remain at the hosting club until the next championship and will remain the property of the CM24CA. It will be the responsibility of the host club to see that the trophies are cared for and in the hands of the next OA by the start of the next Championship.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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