



2017 MELGES 24 CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
National Yacht Club  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
September 21 – 24, 2017



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

*The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. '[NP]' means that competitors may not protest for a violation of this rule.*

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the Canadian national authority will apply
- 1.3. The current Melges 24 Class Rules will apply.
- 1.4. Racing rule(s) will be changed as follows:
  - 1.4.1. All competitors shall wear personal floatation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal floatation devices. This changes RRS 40.
  - 1.4.2. The Race Committee (RC) may use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet, but failure to make broadcasts, or failure by a competitor to hear a broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
  - 1.4.3. NOR 11 is included in the Penalty SI 16
  - 1.4.4. SI 15.2 modifies the RRS
  - 1.4.5. If there is a conflict between these SI's and the NOR then these SI's prevail.
  - 1.4.6. Other changes are noted in the Sis.
- 1.5. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at the Chart Room of the NYC.

## 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. 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 at the flag pole west of the NYC Club House.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. The social and racing schedule is as follows and is subject to change:

Date	Time	Activity
Thursday, September 21	10:00 – 20:00	Check-in and race materials pick-up, weigh-in
Friday, September 22	8:00-10:00 10:00 11:30 After racing	Check-in and race materials pick-up, weigh-in Competitor's meeting, veranda near the main docks First Warning Signal, more races to follow Daily awards, dining, entertainment
Saturday, September 23	9:00 10:30 After racing	Competitor's meeting First Warning Signal, more races to follow Daily awards, dining, entertainment
Sunday, September 24	9:00 10:30 After racing	Competitor's meeting First Warning Signal, more races to follow Final awards ceremony

5.2. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14:00.

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 shortly before a warning signal is made.

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8. CLASS FLAGS

8.1. Class flags will a Flag with M24 on it.

9. RACING AREAS

9.1. We will be sailing in or near Humber Bay which is SW of the NYC

10. THE COURSES

10.1. The courses will be windward/leeward courses as shown on Diagram A.

10.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel will display the Course designation and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

11. MARKS

- 11.1. Weather and Gate marks will be Orange inflatables, the Start mark will either be a Green inflatable or an RC boat with an orange flag, the finish mark will be a red inflatable.
- 11.2. If a change mark is used the first change will be with a Yellow inflatable and the other marks may be adjusted as appropriate.
- 11.3. A race committee vessel signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in SI 14.2.

## 12. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1. The following areas are designated as obstructions: The white marker buoys at the East and West end of the Island Airport and the runway extensions they protect are to be avoided. See diagram at SI 33.

## 13. THE START

- 13.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 13.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal boat and the starting mark.
- 13.3. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## 14. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee vessel signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee vessel to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

## 15. THE FINISH

- 15.1. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal boat and the red finishing mark.

## 16. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1. The first two sentences of Racing Rule 44.1 are changed as follows: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 when 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.
- 16.2. After a race, a boat that may have broken a RRS under Part 2, or RRS 31 while racing, may take a post-race penalty for that incident prior to a hearing. The post-race penalty shall be 30%
- 16.3. Unless the course is shortened to finish at the weather 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 rule 44.2.

## 17. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 17.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:
- 17.2. Target time for the race is 45 Minutes. [NP]
- 17.3. Time limit for the race shall be 90 minutes.
- 17.4. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 17.5. Boats failing to finish within 15 Minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1. Protest forms are available at the race office, located at NYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 18.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 18.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room or as described on the notice board, beginning as soon as possible after posting or as scheduled.
- 18.4. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.5. Breaches of SIs 11.3, 18, 21, 23, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 18.6. 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 RRS 62.2.

## 19. SCORING

- 19.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.2. When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst discardable score.

## 20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1. Life jackets are required to be worn at all times while racing. [DP]
- 20.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]

## 21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. [DP]

- 21.2. Substitution of damaged or lost 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. [DP]

## 22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 22.1. Each boat shall produce a valid Melges 24 Class Measurement Certificate before the close of registration.
- 22.2. The OA may weigh, measure, register, or inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races. During the championship, checks on conformity with the Class Rules, including measurement may be performed at any time at the discretion of the OA.
- 22.3. All sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved class measurer before arrival at the regatta.
- 22.4. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. Ashore, equipment may be inspected or measured at times specified in the class rules, the notice of race, and at any time during the regatta.

## 23. EVENT ADVERTISING

- 23.1. Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority as follows as SI 1.9. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

## 24. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 24.1. Official boats will be described at the Competitors meeting for information only.

## 25. SUPPORT BOATS

- 25.1. Support boats which include coach and spectator boats, must register at the NYC race office during the check-in period. Support boats may be required to display an identification flag supplied by the organizing authority. During racing, support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain more than 50 meters from the course area, except if asked to assist by the race committee. Support boats shall not communicate with boats that are racing. [DP]
- 25.2. Support boats shall check with the NYC race office regarding availability and location of launching and berthing at NYC.

## 26. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 26.1. Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## 27. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 27.1. Boats shall not be hauled out between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the OA. [DP]

## 28. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 28.1. Other than as provided in Class Rule C.6.3, authorizing the use of a mask and snorkel, diving equipment and plastic pools will not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.[DP]

## 29. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 29.1. Except in an emergency, 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. [DP]
- 29.2. The radio frequency used by the RC will be 69 or as posted on the notice board

## 30. PRIZES

- 30.1. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats for both open and Corinthian divisions at the end of the 2017 Melges 24 Canadian National Championship.
- 30.2. Additional prizes may be awarded by the class association.

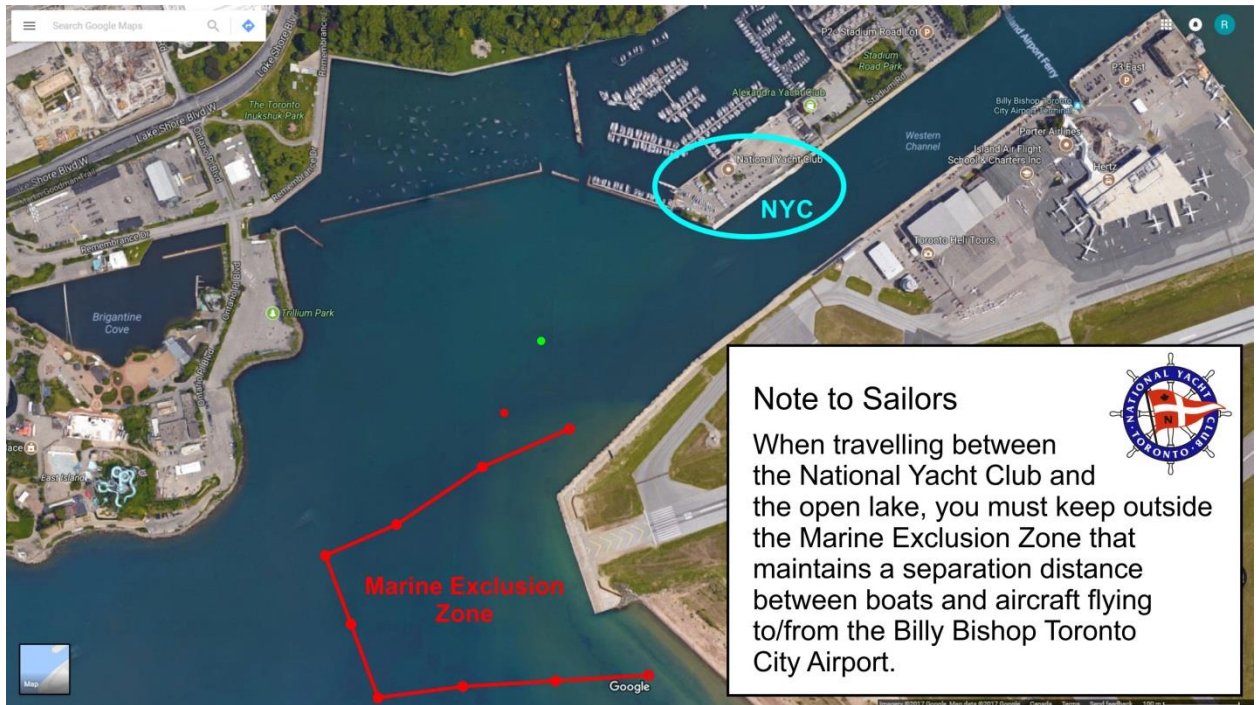
## 31. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 31.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4,
- 31.2. 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.
- 31.3. Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

## 32. INSURANCE

- 32.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

### 33. NOTICE

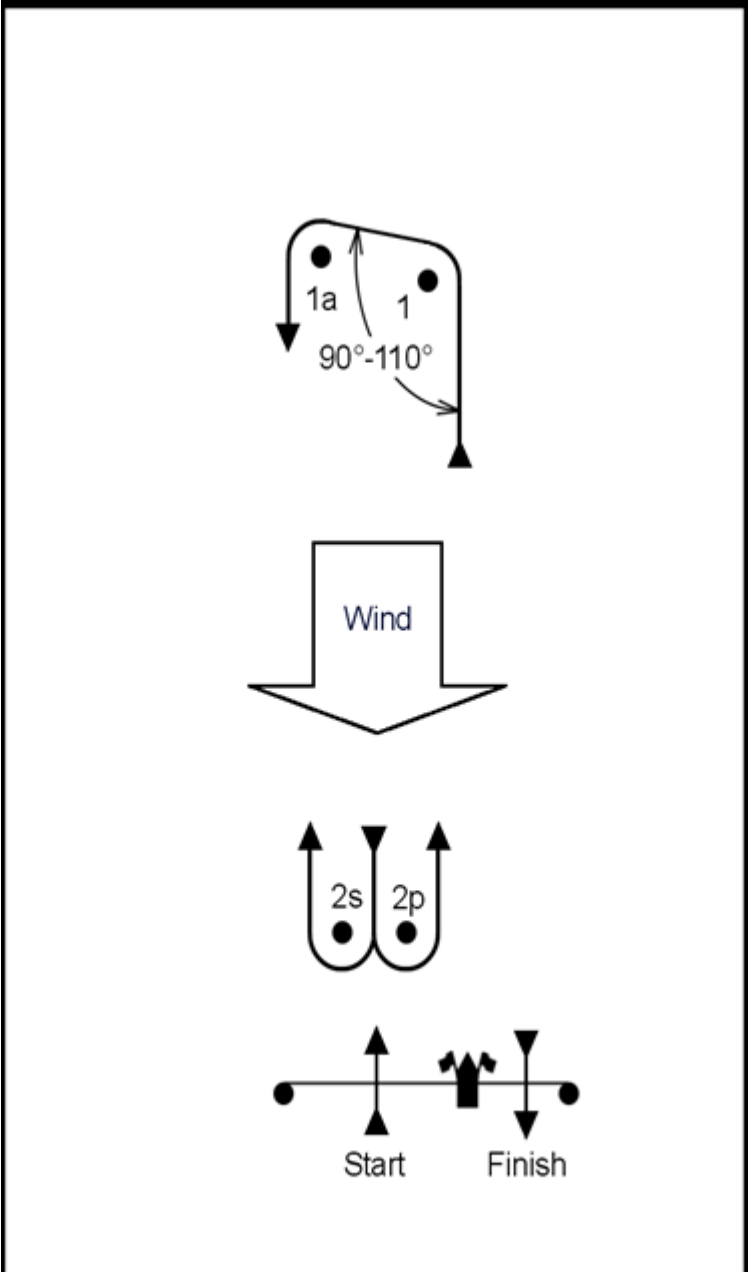


#### Note to Sailors



When travelling between the National Yacht Club and the open lake, you must keep outside the Marine Exclusion Zone that maintains a separation distance between boats and aircraft flying to/from the Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport.

COURSE



	Mark Rounding Order
	Start - 1 - 1a - 2p/2s - 1 - 1a - Finish