



2017 MELGES 24 CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

National Yacht Club
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
September 21 – 24, 2017



NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the National Yacht Club (NYC) and the Canadian Melges 24 Class Association (CM24CA).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020.
- 1.2. The prescriptions of Sail Canada will apply.
- 1.3. The current Melges 24 Class Rules will apply.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. 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.

2. ADVERTISING

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

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Melges 24 class that meet the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority.
- 3.2. Eligible boats must register online at www.yachtscoring.com and submit the required fee no later than end of day of Thursday, September 7, 2017. Competitors shall meet eligibility requirements and comply with all Melges 24 class rules no later than Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 06:00 pm. Crew weighing must be complete before racing.
- 3.3. Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of NYC.
- 3.4. As a condition of entry, each owner or charterer and individual participating crew must sign a liability waiver. The liability waiver form must be submitted or completed online on the registration site prior to racing.
- 3.5. All competitors are required to check in at the NYC race office no later than 9:00 am, prior to the competitor's meeting on Friday, September 22, 2017. The following must be presented at check-in:
 - 3.5.1. Class measurement certificate.
 - 3.5.2. Proof of current class membership.
 - 3.5.3. Crew list.
 - 3.5.4. Support boat information.
 - 3.5.5. Signed liability waiver (skipper and crew) which can be completed at the online registration site at www.yachtscoring.com or at check-in.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. This event is open to sailors of all classifications as described in World Sailing Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code (www.sailing.org).
- 4.2. For boats competing for the Corinthian Trophy, sailors must register with World Sailing prior to Thursday, September 7, 2017, and be able to declare their World Sailing Sailor ID and Classification Group on their race entry form.
- 4.3. Details regarding the Corinthian Trophy may be found in the IM24CA Championship rules.
- 4.4. Protests regarding World Sailing classification may be submitted starting Thursday, September 7, 2017, and must be submitted by the end of protest time on the first day of racing. Such protests will be handled by the IM24CA office, whose decision is final.

5. FEES

The entry fee is \$250 (CDN) including tax if payment is received by end of day August 21, 2017. Payments received after this date will be charged a surcharge fee of \$100 (CDN) including tax. The entry fee includes launching and recovery of boats at designated times, berthing, trailer storage, invitations to all social events for the skipper and four crew. Social packages for guests will be available for purchase.

6. SCHEDULE

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

Date	Time	Activity
Thursday, September 21	10:00 – 18:00	Check-in and race materials pick-up, weigh-in
Friday, September 22	8:00-10:00	Check-in and race materials pick-up, weigh-in
	10:00	Competitor's meeting, veranda near the main docks
	11:30	First Warning Signal
Saturday, September 23	After racing	Daily awards, dining, entertainment
	9:00	Competitor's meeting
	10:30	First Warning Signal
Sunday, September 24	After racing	Daily awards, dining, entertainment
	9:00	Competitor's meeting
	10:30	First Warning Signal
	After racing	Final awards ceremony

6.2. Ten races are scheduled for the regatta.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. Each boat shall produce a valid Melges 24 Class Measurement Certificate and proof of insurance before the close of registration.
- 7.2. 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.
- 7.3. All sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved class measurer before arrival at the regatta.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The sailing instructions will be available online at www.yachtscoring.com by Thursday, September 21, 2017 and at check-in at the NYC.

9. VENUE

9.1 The race course will be the navigable waters of or near Humber Bay of Lake Ontario.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1. The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward.
- 10.2. Offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. 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.
- 11.2. 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%
- 11.3. 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.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. 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.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. Support boats shall check with the NYC race office regarding availability and location of launching and berthing at NYC.

14. BERTHING

- 14.1. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in NYC basin.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1. 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.

16. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 16.1. 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.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1. 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.

17.2. Race information will be broadcast on a designated VHF channel to be determined.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. 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.
- 18.2. Additional prizes may be awarded by the class association.

19. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 19.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.
- 19.2. 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.

20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 (CDN)

21. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 21.1. By participating in this event, all competitors automatically grant the organizers and sponsors the right to make, use and show, at any time and at their discretion, any photographs or videos of him or her produced during the period of the event without compensation.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please visit <http://melges24nationals.ca> or contact CM24CA at secretary.melges24ca@gmail.com.

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