

2017 Leukemia Cup Regatta

Offshore Sailing Instructions

Ocean City Yacht Club

July 15-16, 2017

1) Rules

- a) The regatta will be governed by the current US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing.
- b) For the Melges 24 Class no member of the crew shall station any part of his or her torso outside the upper lifeline even if the boat does not conform to the provisions of RRS 49. This changes (RRS 49 and Melges 24 Class Rules C&.2(a) 2,3,4,5,6).
- c) All boats must have a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving.
- d) All Offshore boats must remain in the water for the entire regatta. (Melges 24 may Hallout if Harbor St. marina runs out of space).
- e) RRS Appendix V will be in effect

2) Eligibility

- a) PHRF Spinnaker and PHRF non-spinnaker with a Valid 2017 PHRF-MA certificate
- b) One Design Fleets Melges 24, J70, Lightnings

3) Notices Ashore

- a) Notices will be posted on the regatta notice board located in the Ocean City Yacht Club

4) Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- a) Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except for any changes in the schedule of races which will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect.

5) Signals Made Ashore

- a) Signals made ashore will be displayed on the OCYC flag pole.
- b) When "AP" is displayed ashore, "1" minute is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the RRS Race Signals "AP".
- c) When Code flag "L" is displayed ashore, important messages or notices for competitors have been posted.

6) Racing Areas and Classes

Circle A (Non-Spin) Located approximately 1.25 miles NE (bearing 65 Deg) of "GE" buoy (located on the Atlantic City side of "GE" off Long Port). Circle A shall use VHF Channel 71

Circle C (PHRF-Spin. J70 & Melges 24) will be located approximately 1.25 miles SW (bearing 230 deg) from "GE" buoy on the Cape May side of GE off Ocean City. Circle C shall use Channel 72

7) Schedules of Races Circles A, C and Classes and class flags

- a) Up to 5 races are planned. One race shall constitute a regatta.
 - i) FRI JUL 14 1500-1900- Check in
 - ii) SAT JUL 15 0800-0900- Saturday Check in
 - iii) SAT JUL 15 0900- Skippers meeting
 - viii) SAT JUL 15 1130- Warning signal for first race No race will start after 1500 hrs.
 - ix) SUN JUL 15 1100-Warning Signal for first race. No race will start after 1400 hrs
- Sunday JUL 15 Awards presentation at OCYC after final race.

8) Class Assignments and Class Flags

(1) Circle A	Class Flag
(a) PHRF Non-Spin	Numeral pennant 1
(2) Circle C	
(a) J70	Numeral pennant 1
(b) Melges 24	Numeral pennant 2
(c) PHRF Spinnaker	Numeral pennant 3

9) Courses all Classes (Circle A, C)

- a) Courses will be posted on the RC boat showing course and amount of legs, distance and bearing to the windward mark

Triangle courses will be designated by "T#" will be where the # is the number of legs to be sailed. Example: "T4" would be a triangle with: a weather mark 1, a wing mark 2, and a leeward mark 3. Course sailed would be: Start, 1, 2, 3, Finish

to weather, marks to port.

Windward /Leeward courses shall be designated “W#” where # equals the number of legs to be sailed. For example a “W4” would be a windward mark 1, a leeward mark 2. Course would be Start 1, 2, 1, Finish, downwind

10) Marks

- a) Inflatable marks shall be used on all courses. Change marks will different from original marks.
Circle A marks shall be orange. Change of course mark color will be Green
Circle C marks shall be yellow. Change of course mark color will be Red.
- b) A Windward offset mark may be used. If there is a windward change of course, no offset mark shall be used.

11) Start/Finish

- a) Before the Warning signal of the first race of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC Signal boat and hail her class and sail number. Before beginning of the start of a race, as a courtesy the RC may make repeated horn signals- THE RC may announce over VHF radio, the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic heading and the approximate distance to the first mark. -
 - (1) The Start Sequence will comply with RRS 26.
 - (2) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat on the starboard end and a buoy on the port end.
 - (3) Boats which are not starting shall avoid the starting area and boats which are starting.
 - (4) The race committee will attempt to identify OCS boats and to broadcast their sail numbers on the race course VHF channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hail, shall not be cause for redress, this changes Rule 62.1.
 - (5) Yachts who retire from a race or leave the sailing area shall notify the RC by VHF as soon as possible-

12) Time Limits

- a) If a yacht does not reach Mark 1 within **one hour** from her start signal or, the first boat to finish

does not finish within two hours of her start signal, the race shall be abandoned.

- b) If a yacht finishes a race within the time limit, subsequent boats in her fleet still racing who do not finish within **30 minutes** after the first boat finishes will be scored TLE.
- c) If a yacht is unreasonably delaying the completion of a race, the RC may assign an appropriate finish position for that race. This changes RRS 35 & A3.

14) Protest, alternate Penalties and Requests for Redress

- a) Protest forms and penalty acknowledgement forms are available at the protest desk. Protest filing time shall be 60 minutes after the Racing Circle RC Boat docking time.
- b) For a protest involving infringement of Part 2, a protested yacht may accept a penalty as in RRS 44.3
- c) A boat intending to protest is requested to notify and receive acknowledgment from the RC after finishing and clearing the line, giving the name and number of the boat being protested.
- d) Notices will be posted as soon as possible, but not later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit
- e) On the last day of the regatta requests for redress or requesting a reopening of a hearing shall be:
 - i) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
- f) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule RRS 62.2 & RRS 66
- g) RRS Appendix V will be in effect

15) Scoring

- a) The Low Point Scoring System (RRS A) will apply except that each yacht's total score will be the sum of all her races. No Throw outs will be allowed. This changes rule RRS A2.

16) Awards

- a) Awards for first place for each class per race.
- b) Awards for up to three places for each class for the regatta.

17) Safety Regulations

- a) All boats are required to carry all safety equipment as required by national, state, or local regulations.

- b) Boats must also be equipped as required by Class Association Rules.
- c) Radio Communications
- d) The following channels will be used for communications
 - i) Circle A VHF Channel 71
 - ii) Circle B VHF Channel 69
 - iii) Circle C VHF Channel 72
- e) A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cellular telephones.

18) Disposal of Trash or Waste

- a) Disposal of trash or waste is not permitted. Yachts observed discharging waste or trash over board may be protested by the RC.

19) Competitors Participation

- a) Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 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.