



INTERNATIONAL *MELGES*²⁴
INVITATIONAL REGATTA
NOVEMBER 11-12, 2017

DAVIS ISLAND YACHT CLUB, TAMPA, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF RACE

The International Melges²⁴ Invitational Regatta will be organized by the Davis Island Yacht Club.

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising that conforms to World Sailing Regulation 20, Advertising Code, and the Melges²⁴ Class rules is permitted.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Melges²⁴ class that meet with the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry found on the Davis Island Yacht Club website at www.diytc.org together with the required fee, so that it is received there by November 11, 2017.
- 3.3 No entries will be accepted after November 11.
- 3.4 Boats must check in at the Regatta Room on Saturday before the competitors meeting. The following must be presented at check in:
- (a) Documentation of third-party liability insurance of at least \$300,000.
 - (b) Liability waiver signed by skipper and all crew
- 3.5 Boats may be required to display bow numbers or advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

4 SAILOR CLASSIFICATION AND CORINTHIAN COMPETITION

- 4.1 The World Sailing Sailor Classification Code will apply to the Corinthian Competition. Please refer to World Sailing's Web site: www.sailing.org
- 4.2 For boats competing for the Corinthian Trophy, sailor classifications (including World Sailing Sailor ID Numbers) may be submitted by November 3 and shall be completed and faxed to 912-756-6728 or emailed to communications@usmelges24.com or may be submitted during Check-in on November 11, 0800-0900. The Corinthian Declaration Form will be posted online at usmelges24.com.

- 4.3 Sailors must be registered with World Sailing prior to this date and able to declare their Sailor ID number on the entry form.
- 4.4 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in the IMCA Championship rules.
- 4.5 Protests regarding World Sailing classification may be submitted starting November 3, and must be submitted by the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing. Such protests will be handled by the Class office, whose decision is final.

- 5 FEES** (all include FL 7% sales tax)
Entries received by October 30 \$160.
Entries November 1 or later add \$40
Non-Members of USSA or other MNA **add** \$25.

This Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the regatta, berthing for the event, trailer storage, breakfast Saturday and Sunday for all competing crew. Entry fees should be paid with your online registration. Entries will not be valid until payment is received.

6 VENUE

Races will be sailed on Hillsborough Bay south of Davis Island Yacht Club.

7 SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 11

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| 0745 | Breakfast in main dining room |
| 0800-0900 | Check in |
| 0900 | Competitors meeting |
| 1000 | First warning signal |

Sunday, October 23

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| 0800 | Breakfast in main dining room |
| 1000 | First warning signal |
| 1500 | No initial warning signal after |
| 1600 | Approximate time for Awards |

Number of races run will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee

8 MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1 The Organizers may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival.
- 8.2 Chartered or loaned boats may display National letters and sail numbers in contravention of Class Rule G3.1, in accordance with rule G3.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

10 THE COURSE

The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward, either 4 legs or 5. Offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "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."
- 11.2 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties within 3 boat lengths of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

14 LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 14.1 All boats shall be afloat by 0900 on Saturday, Nov 11.
- 14.2 Boats may be docked or rafted on the floating docks except in areas reserved for the race committee.

15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event without written permission of the protest committee.
- 15.2 Boats shall not be kept on a "hydro hoist" or other flotation devices during the regatta.

16 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 16.1 Underwater breathing apparatus 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 regatta.

- 16.2 Snorkels may be used in accordance with class rules.

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio infrastructures not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 17.2 Race information will be broadcast on VHF channel 69.

18 PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the teams finishing first through third overall and to the top Corinthian team.

19 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.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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