

**DUCK ISLAND YACHT CLUB
MELGES 24 NORTHEAST DISTRICT REGATTA
NOTICE OF RACE
OCTOBER 6-7, 2012
Westbrook, CT**

RULES: This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, and by the Sailing Instructions. All boats must carry a VHF radio able to transmit and receive on channel 69.

ELIGIBILITY: This regatta is open to all Melges 24s, and governed by the Melges 24 class rules and the RRS 2009-2012 with the exception no weigh ins will be done, but please respect the weight limit of the class.

ENTRIES: Eligible boats may enter at www.Yachtscoring.com website, DIYC melges 24 Regatta. Close of entries is Saturday 10/6/12, 9 a.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$160.00, this includes 4 tickets for Dinner party Saturday night, and Awards ceremony Sunday after racing. Additional Party tickets available in advance for \$15.00 per person.

LOGISTICS: Launching and hauling services will be provided by DIYC . Boats will have the option to dry sail. Any boats competing in the regatta can drop their boat off 2 weeks prior to the event and leave them 2 weeks after with no additional charge. Please contact Todd McKenzie (203-627-0321) or Greg Latz for arrangements.

INSTRUCTIONS: Sailing Instructions will be available upon check in and a limited amount available on the water. Unofficial sailing instructions will be online at www.diy.com until registration.

SCHEDULE: There will be a skippers meeting at 1000 hours on Saturday, 10/6/12 located on the deck at DIYC.

The first warning signal will be at 1200 hours on Saturday, 10/6/12.

The first warning signal will be at 1000 hours on Sunday, 10/7/12 with no warning signal will be made after 1400hours.

Multiple races are scheduled for each day.

RACE AREA: The race area will be in the vicinity of Duck Island Roads in Long Island Sound.

COURSES: All courses will be windward/leeward with port roundings, offset mark will be used at the windward mark.

SCORING: The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the RRS will be used with the exception that each competitor may discard one race for every seven sailed. One race constitutes a regatta.

PRIZES: Daily ,overall and Northeast Championship regatta trophies will be awarded after racing on Sunday. Qualifying for N.E. Championship trophy is overall best scoring for a minimum of two qualifying events.

Accommodations: Super 8 motel, rte. 166 Old Saybrook,CT . Exit 66 off I-95. Some housing is still available, contact Todd McKenzie for details.

INFORMATION: For additional information please contact *Greg Latz (203-988-6912)* or *Todd McKenzie(203-627-0321)* Information can also be located at www.diy.com.

DUCK ISLAND YACHT CLUB
MELGES 24 NORTHEAST DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
OCTOBER 6-7, 2012

1. RULES

This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012, and the applicable one design rules as defined by the class association, except as any that are altered by the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

2. ENTRIES

Entrants must have completed registration and paid all fees with the regatta organizing authority before becoming official competitors.

3. REGISTRATION

All entrants must be registered by 0900 hours on Saturday, October 6.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Will be posted on the Official Regatta Notice Board located beneath the deck of Duck Island Yacht Club.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Will be posted by 1000 hours on Saturday, 10/6/12 and 0800 hours on Sunday, 10/7/12. Any change to the racing schedule will be posted by 2100 hours the day before the change takes place.

6. SAFETY

All competing boats **MUST** carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving communications on channel 69.

Any boat that retires from a race or for the day must notify the Race Committee (RC) signal boat (Sitting Duck) either by hail or on channel 69. Failure to do so may result in that boat being scored a DSQ for that or all remaining races.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

7.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at Duck Island Yacht Club

7.2 When the "AP" flag, Answering Pennant, is displayed ashore the time for the first warning signal will be displayed on the official notice board and broadcast on channel 69 prior to the lowering of the "AP". The time of the first warning will not be less than 1 (one) hour after the lower of the "AP".

7.3 Code Flag "L", Lima, indicates a notice to competitors or a change to the sailing instructions has been posted.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Multiple races are scheduled for both days. Code Flag "R", Romeo, flying from the signal boat upon finishing indicates the RC's intention to continue racing.

Saturday, 10/6/12 the first warning signal will be 1200 hours.

Sunday, 10/7/12 the first warning signal will be 1000 hours. No races will be started after 1400 hours.

9. CHECKING IN

Prior to the first warning signal of the first race both days all boats shall sail behind the stern of the signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC.

10. MARKS

10.1 All turning marks will be orange tetrahedrons.

10.2 The offset mark will be an orange cylindrical mark.

10.3 Change of course marks, when used in accordance with RRS 33 and SI 16, will be a yellow tetrahedron for the first change, an orange tetrahedron for the second change, a yellow tetrahedron for the third change, and so on.

11. STARTING LINE

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a nearby inflatable mark located on the port side of the signal boat in relation to the first mark to be rounded.

12. FINISH LINE

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and an inflatable mark located on the starboard side of the signal boat in relation to the last mark rounded.

Boats that are not finishing may not cross the finish line while racing unless they are finishing. Any boat crossing the finish line on an upwind or downwind leg may be scored a DSQ.

13. COURSES

All courses will be windward/leeward with all turning marks left to port. Courses will be displayed on the course board located on top of the signal boat before every race. RC will attempt to announce the course on channel 69 prior to the start of every race. Approximate range and bearing to the windward mark will be displayed and announced. Courses are defined as per the course diagrams in Appendix A.

14. STARTS

The starts will be in accordance with RRS 26. The warning signal will be a Melges class flag.

15. RECALLS

RC will attempt to broadcast over channel 69 all boats that are OCS. Delay or failure to broadcast an individual sail number shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.

16. CHANGES OF COURSE AFTER THE START

A change of course after the start will be in accordance with RRS 33, although the new mark may not be in position when boats are rounding the previous mark.

17. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for all races will be 120 minutes. Boats finishing more the 30 minutes after the first finisher will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired).

18. SUBSEQUENT RACES

If a subsequent race is to be sailed, the Signal Boat will display code flag "R" Romeo at the finish.

19. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A of the RRS, will be used with the exception that each competitor may discard 1 race for every 7 sailed (this modifies RRS A2).

20. ALTERNATE PENALTIES

Rule 44 of the RRS applies with the exception that 44.2 is amended to require a boat that has accepted and done their penalty circles advise the signal boat on channel 69 after finishing and await acknowledgment from the signal boat.

21. PROTESTS

21.1 Protests shall be written in accordance with RRS 61 except that a protesting boat is required to notify the RC signal boat of her intention to protest and the boat(s) being protested. This shall be done upon finishing by hailing the signal boat on channel 69 and await acknowledgement.

21.2 Protest shall be written on forms available at Duck Island Yacht Club and lodged within one hour of the berthing of the signal boat.

21.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt at Duck Island Yacht Club.

APPENDIX A:

COURSE A: W,O,L,F

COURSE B: W,O,L, W,O, L, F

W- windward

O- offset

L- leeward

F- finish