



**Melges 24 Gold Cup
Chicago Yacht Club
June 20 - 23, 2013
Belmont Harbor, Chicago, IL**

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will not apply: 60, 63.2, and 63.4.
- 1.3 Appendix T1 will apply. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing or rule 31. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.”
- 1.4 All boats are required to carry an operating VHF marine-band radio.
- 1.5 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.

2 ADVERTISING AND BOW NUMBERS

Boats may be required to display bow stickers as advertising chosen and provided by the organizing authority. Boats may also be required to display bow numbers.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all Melges 24 boats whose owner and/or skipper is a current member of their respective national governing body.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter at the event website at www.chicagoyachtclub.org. Entries shall close at 1700, Monday, June 17. Thereafter, entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.

4 OPEN AND CORINTHIAN CLASSIFICATIONS

- 4.1 All entered boats are eligible and will be scored in the open division.
- 4.2 Additionally, a Corinthian trophy will be offered. Boats wishing to compete for the Corinthian trophy shall submit a Corinthian declaration form prior to close of registration. ISAF Sailor Classification Code and ISAF user ID numbers will be required on Corinthian declaration forms.
- 4.3 Any crew substitution by Corinthian entries during the regatta must be approved in advance by the protest committee.
- 4.4 A final list of Corinthian boats will be published after close of registration.

5 FEES

- 5.1 Required fee per boat is \$250.
- 5.2 If a late entry is accepted, a late fee of \$50 will apply.

6	SCHEDULE		
	<u>Thursday, June 20</u>		
	1400-1600	Registration, crew weigh-in and sail inspection	Belmont
	<u>Friday, June 21</u>		
	0800-1000	Registration, crew weigh-in and sail inspection	Belmont
	0900	Competitor's meeting	
	1130	First warning	
	<u>Saturday, June 22</u>		
	1100	First warning	
	<u>Sunday, June 23</u>		
	1100	First warning	
	1400	No warning after this time	
	After racing	Awards presentation	

7 MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Each boat may be asked to produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 7.2 Chartered or loaned boats may display foreign national letters and sail numbers. This changes class rule A.10.1.
- 7.3 All crews will be weighed and all sails inspected at the location and times designated in 6.1 above.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available no later than two weeks prior to racing on the official notice board at the Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station and, as a courtesy, on the Chicago Yacht Club website.

9 VENUE

Racing will take place on the open waters of Lake Michigan east of Belmont Harbor.

10 THE COURSES

Courses will be windward-leeward.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Three completed races constitute a regatta.
- 11.2 When fewer than six races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes rules 90.2 and A2.
- 11.3 When six or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall display a flag as provided by the organizing authority.

13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

All boats shall remain in the water after the first race until the conclusion of the regatta and shall berth at the Chicago Yacht Club Belmont Station docks unless otherwise authorized by the protest committee.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

	Open Division	Corinthian Division
Daily Prizes	Winner of each race	Winner of each race
Overall Prizes	Helmsman and each crew of top five boats Gold Cup Trophy to top boat	Helmsman and each crew of top three boats Gold Cup Corinthian Trophy to top boat

15 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.

16 INSURANCE

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

17 TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHY RIGHTS

As a condition to participating in the regatta, competitors grant the Chicago yacht Club, and its agents, employees, sponsors, and assigns, the irrevocable right and permission to use photographs and video footage taken of themselves and their competing boat, without notification, for use and distribution in any media whatsoever for editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information. Competitors agree to release, defend, and hold harmless the Chicago yacht Club and its agents, employees sponsors, and assigns, from and against any claims, damages or liability arising from or related to the use of the photographs and video footage.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

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