



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

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta 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 competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. This changes rule 40.

### 2 BOW NUMBERS AND BOW STICKERS

- 2.1 Bow numbers may be provided at registration.
- 2.2 Bow numbers, if supplied, shall be displayed on both sides of the hull with the leading edge of the forward number no more than six inches aft of the bow and the top of the number approximately two inches below the sheerline.
- 2.3 Bow stickers may be provided by the organizing authority and shall be placed immediately aft of the bow numbers.

### 3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station and, as a courtesy, on the event website at [www.chicagoyachtclub.org](http://www.chicagoyachtclub.org).

### 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the staff at the east end of the Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station. In addition, signals made ashore may be distributed to the email or text address listed in the boat's entry form.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “no less than 60 minutes” in the race signal AP.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

### 6.1 Dates of racing:

#### Friday, June 21

0900 Competitor's meeting

1130 First warning

#### Saturday, June 22

1100 First warning

#### Sunday, June 23

1100 First warning

1400 No warning after this time

6.2 Up to five races may be sailed each day with a maximum of ten completed races for the regatta.

6.3 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today."

## 7 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the Melges 24 class flag.

## 8 RACING AREA

The racing area is located in Lake Michigan approximately two miles east of Belmont Harbor.

## 9 THE COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing to mark 1, the approximate distance to mark 1, and the number of legs to be sailed.

9.3 Mark 1a will be an offset. In the event that the offset is not in place, the single windward mark shall be left to port.

9.4 Mark 2 will be a gate. In the event that the gate is not in place, the single leeward mark shall be rounded to port.

## 10 MARKS

10.1 Marks, except the start and finish marks, will be orange inflatables.

10.2 The starting mark will be a green inflatable.

10.3 The finishing mark for downwind finishes will be a white inflatable. The finishing mark for upwind finishes will be the active weather mark.

10.4 New marks, as provided in instruction 12, will be yellow for the first change. Subsequent changes will alternate orange and yellow marks.

## 11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of a green inflatable at the port end.

11.2 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line in violation of her preparatory signal and she is identified, the race committee may broadcast her sail number or bow number on the designated hailing channel. Failure to do so, the order of hails, or the timeliness of hail or hails will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 12.2 Offset marks will not be set on a changed leg of the course.
- 12.3 Race committee may change the course by five degrees or less without signaling. The changed leg will continue to use the active mark and offset mark. This changes rule 33(a).

## 13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will between be a race committee boat displaying a blue flag and the port end finishing mark.

## 14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 If no boat has passed mark 1 within forty-five minutes or if no boat has finished within two hours, then the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). See instruction 16.4. The race committee boat at the finish line will lower the blue flag with a long sound signal when the 20 minute period expires. This changes rules 35 and A11.

## 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the race committee office at the Chicago Yacht Club, Belmont Station.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes from the docking time of the race committee finish line boat.
- 15.3 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or earlier, or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that last day. This changes rule 66.
- 15.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## 16 SCORING

- 16.1 Three races constitute a regatta.
- 16.2 When fewer than six races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes rules and A2.
- 16.3 When six or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points without a hearing, except that she shall not be scored worse than last place. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable.
- 17.2 VHF channel 68 will be the designated channel for courtesy broadcasts. The race committee may change the designated channel by posting the change on a signboard on the signal boat prior to the warning signal for any race.

**18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

No crew member shall be substituted during the regatta, unless prior written permission has been granted by the protest committee. This changes class rule C.2.1 (b).

**19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the class measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**20 EVENT ADVERTISING**

A boat may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

**21 SUPPORT BOATS**

Coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the first preparatory signal of the day until all boats have finished or retired from the final race of the day.

**22 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the protest committee.

**23 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

23.1 Each boat shall carry a working VHF radio.

23.2 Except in 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 and other electronic devices.

**25 COURTESY BROADCASTS .**

Errors or omissions in courtesy broadcasts will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

**26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entire at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept an liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

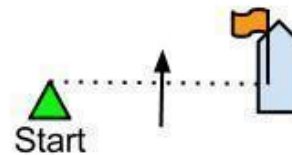
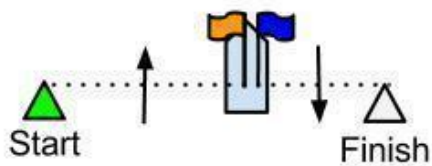
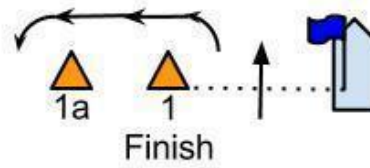
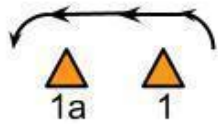
**27 INSURANCE**

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

**28 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as stated in the notice of race.

# ADDENDUM A COURSES



4 Legs	6 Legs	3 Legs	5 Legs
Marks shall be rounded in the order of: Start, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 1a Finish.	Marks shall be rounded in the order of: Start, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 1a, Finish.	Marks shall be rounded in the order of: Start, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, Finish.	Marks shall be rounded in the order of: Start, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, 1, 1a, 2p/2s, Finish.