



MELGES²⁴ **2017 NorAm Championship**

July 19-22, 2017

Organizing Authority:

The Columbia Gorge Racing Association (CGRA)
Cascade Locks, Oregon

In cooperation with:

The United States Melges²⁴ Class Association (USM24CA)
The Canadian Melges²⁴ Class Association (CANM24CA)

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), applicable Melges²⁴ class rules and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 RRS Rule 40 is changed as follows: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices (code flag Y need not be displayed)."

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising in accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code and applicable Melges²⁴ class rules shall be permitted.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open only to Melges²⁴ class boats that meet the obligations of applicable Melges²⁴ class rules, including class membership.
- 3.2 Eligible competitors shall enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment found on the CGRA website www.cgra.org.
- 3.3 All participants (or their parent/guardian if under age 18) will be required to agree to and sign a waiver of liability as a condition of eligibility. This waiver may be completed either during online registration or at the event check-in.
- 3.4 All competitors are required to check in at the CGRA race office no later than 9:00 am prior to the competitors' meeting on Wednesday morning (July 19). Boats must be registered and checked in prior to participating in practice racing on Tuesday (July 18). The following must be completed at time of check-in:
 - 3.4.1 Class measurement certificate
 - 3.4.2 Proof of current class membership
 - 3.4.3 Crew information form
 - 3.4.4 Support boat information form (pick up flag)
 - 3.4.5 Signed declaration of liability insurance
 - 3.4.6 Signed liability waiver (skipper and crew)

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 This event is open to sailors of all classifications as described in World Sailing Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code (see: www.sailing.org).
- 4.2 For boats competing for the Corinthian Trophy, sailor classifications, including World Sailing sailor ID numbers, must be submitted to that boat's national class association no later than Monday, July 10, 2017.
- 4.3 Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member between the closing date of entries and the start of the regatta, the name of the new crew member with their valid World Sailing sailor ID and group number shall be submitted to the CGRA race office.
- 4.4 Sailors must register with World Sailing prior to July 10, 2017 and be able to declare their World Sailing sailor classification ID number on their race entry form.
- 4.5 Details regarding the Corinthian Trophy may be found in the Melges²⁴ class rules.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$550.00 (USD); however, for entries completed with payment before May 5, 2017, the entry fee is \$450.00 (USD).
- 5.2 Entry fees include berthing during the regatta, regatta souvenir, post-racing refreshments, and regatta banquet tickets for skippers and crew members of all registered boats. Additional regatta banquet tickets may be purchased at the time of registration. Note; there will be a \$5.00 per day fee (payable to CGRA) for parking trailers in the Marine Park.
- 5.3 CGRA Members (Intermediate or Pro) are eligible for a discount of \$5.00.
- 5.4 Entry fees must be paid at the time of online registration at CGRA's website (www.cgra.org). Entries will not be valid until payment is received. Registration and full payment of the entry fee must be completed prior to check-in.

6. SCHEDULE

Monday, July 17 and Tuesday, July 18	0900-1700	Registration at CGRA race office Registration and crew weigh-in
Tuesday, July 18	1400-1600	Practice racing
Wednesday, July 19	0830-1000 1000 1200 1800	Check-in at CGRA race office Competitors meeting First race warning Welcome banquet in marine park
Thursday through Saturday (July 20-22)	1100	First race warning
Friday, July 21	1800	Regatta banquet in marine park
Saturday, July 22	1100 1500 1800	First race warning No warning signal after this time Awards presentation
Sunday, July 23		Travel day; no activities planned

NOTE: No more than three races per day will be scheduled unless otherwise determined necessary by the race committee for completion of the regatta.

7. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 All boats shall comply with the current Melges²⁴ class rules and specifications. Each boat shall present a valid measurement certificate at the time of check-in. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved class measurer prior to check-in.
- 7.2 Spot checks may be performed on any boat by the principle race officer's designee at any time during the event.
- 7.3 A boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention with Melges²⁴ class rules.

NOTE: There will not be any sail measurement or certification at the regatta site.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and on the CGRA website beginning on Monday, July 10, 2017.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The race course will be on the Columbia River adjacent to the Cascade Locks, Oregon, Marine Park (see Attachment A); provided that the race committee may, depending on conditions, set part or all of the course to the east (up river) of the area depicted in Attachment A.
- 9.2 The boat ramp at Cascade Locks is at the west end of the Cascade Locks Marine Park (enter the Marine Park, pass under the railroad tracks, turn left to

stay on SW Portage Road; you will pass the campground and the Port office, then turn right to go down to the ramp area). See the following web site: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zWAo1hTrD4YY.kKRvULartNik&ie=UTF8&t=h&oe=UTF8&msa=0>. There are also boat ramp facilities at Stevenson, Washington, across the river from Cascade Locks. See: (<http://www.portofskamania.org/cascadeBoatRamp.htm>).

NOTE: There are no crane launch facilities at either location.

10. COURSES

The courses will be around buoys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions. Courses will be windward/leeward using offset windward marks and leeward gate marks, subject to conditions as determined by the race committee.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.2 The race committee will attempt to complete as many races as conditions allow. A minimum of three completed races are required to constitute a regatta.

12. PENALTIES

- 12.1 The first two sentences of RRS Rule 44.1 are changed as follows: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 when *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."
- 12.2 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone 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 Rule 44.2.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Support boats, which include coach and spectator boats, must register at the CGRA race office during the check-in period. During racing, support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain more than 50 yards from the course area, except when asked to assist by the race committee. During a race day, support boats shall not communicate with a boat that is racing or intending to race, and until that boat has completed the last race of the day.
- 13.2 Support boats shall check with the CGRA race office regarding availability and location of berthing in the Cascade Locks Marine Park Marina. It may be necessary for support boats to be kept on their trailers in lieu of moorage berths.
- 13.3 Additional rules for support boats shall be provided at the time of check in with the CGRA race office.

14. LAUNCHING, BERTHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 14.1 All boats intending to race shall be afloat by 9:00 am on Wednesday, July 19.
- 14.2 Boats shall be kept in the designated areas of the Cascade Locks Marine Park or as otherwise assigned by the CGRA race office. Specific berths may be assigned at check-in.
- 14.3 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without the prior written permission of the race committee; provided that CGRA may implement a procedure approved by the race committee for storage of boats on their trailers in lieu of moorage berths as deemed necessary by CGRA based upon availability of moorage facilities and the number of boats registered.
- 14.4 Boats shall not be kept on a hydro-hoist or other flotation device during the regatta.
- 14.5 Underwater breathing apparatus, including snorkels, and plastic pools or their equivalent, shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal for the first race and the end of the regatta.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 Except in an 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.
- 15.2 Race information will be broadcast on VHF channel 68 or as otherwise described in the Sailing Instructions or specified during the competitors meeting prior to racing.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be given to the top 3 Overall and to the top 3 Corinthian teams.
- 16.2 Additional prizes will go to the top youth teams, top women's team, oldest team, and furthest traveled

17. SAFETY

- 17.1 Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the [U.S. Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980](#).
- 17.2 Boats that fail to comply promptly with signals from a race committee boat to alter course, or that receive a 5-blast warning (5 short sounds) from a stand-on vessel, will be subject to protest and possible disqualification.

18. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 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.
- 18.2 Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

- 18.3 Competitors are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and to abide by the Marine Park Rules which will be posted on CGRA's web site and are available from the CGRA race office.

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent.
- 19.2 Competitors shall supply a signed declaration of insurance to CGRA on request.

20. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, all competitors automatically grant the organizers and sponsors the right to make, use and show, at any time and at their discretion, any photographs or videos of him or her produced during the period of the event without compensation.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1 Additional useful information regarding accommodations, travel, boat charters and area recreation is available online at <http://cgra.org/visitorinfo.htm>.
- 21.2 For more information regarding the regatta, please contact:
CGRA Event Manager: Susan Winner susan@cgra.org

The logo for the United States Maritime Council of America (USMCA). It features the letters 'USMCA' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'U' is blue, the 'S' is red, and the 'MCA' is black.

Attachment A: Racing Area

