



INTERNATIONAL MELGES²⁴
2009 ATLANTIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP
NOVEMBER 20-22, 2009

DAVIS ISLAND YACHT CLUB
TAMPA, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF RACE

The International Melges²⁴ Atlantic Coast Championship will be organized by the Davis Island Yacht Club, in cooperation with The United States Melges²⁴ Class Association and the International Melges²⁴ Class Association.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

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

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Championship is open to all boats of the Melges²⁴ class that meet with the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority, including current membership.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry found on the Davis Island Yacht Club website at www.diy.org together with the required fee, so that it is received there by November 20, 2009.
- 3.3 No entries will be accepted after 1900 on November 20, 2009.

4. SAILOR CLASSIFICATION AND CORINTHIAN COMPETITION

- 4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply to the Corinthian Competition.

Please refer to ISAF's Web site:

www.sailing.org

- 4.2 For boats competing for the Corinthian Trophy, sailor classifications (including ISAF User ID Numbers) must be submitted by November 6, 2009 and shall be completed and faxed to +1(912)756-6728 or emailed to communications@usmelges24.com. The Corinthian Declaration Form will be posted online at usmelges24.com.
- 4.3 Corinthian entries is defined in 4.2.
- 4.4 Sailors must be registered with ISAF prior to this date and be able to declare their User ID number on the entry form.
- 4.5 Late entries may not compete for this trophy.
- 4.6 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in the IMCA Championship rules.
- 4.7 Protests regarding ISAF classification must be submitted by the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing for the championship.

5. FEES

Entries received by Nov. 2	\$205
Entries received Nov. 3 – 12	\$245
Entries received Nov. 13 – 20	\$285

This Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the Championship, berthing for the event, trailer storage and complimentary tickets to the principal events for all competing crew. Entry fees should be paid with your online registration. Entries will not be valid until payment is received.

6. SCHEDULE

Friday, November 20

- 1200-1900 Registration and crew weighing
- 1400 Practice racing with Race Committee
- 1830 Opening Ceremony
- 1900 Competitors meeting

Saturday, November 21

- 0700-0800 Registration and crew weighing
- 0955 First warning signal
- 1800 Regatta dinner

Sunday, November 22

- 0955 First warning signal
- 1400 No initial warning signal after
- 1600 Approximate time for Awards Ceremony

Seven races are scheduled.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close of registration.
- 7.2 The Organizers may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races. THERE WILL BE NO INITIAL MEASUREMENT. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the Regatta.
- 7.3 Chartered or loaned boats may display National letters and sail numbers in contravention of Class Rule B3.1, in accordance with rule G3.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

9. THE COURSE

The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward. Offset marks and leeward gates will be used.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 will be changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 12.1 All boats shall be afloat by 0900 hours on Saturday, November 21.
- 12.2 Bow numbers, if used, will be assigned.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

14. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) 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.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 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 given on VHF Channel 68.

16. PRIZES

The prizes will be given to the teams finishing first through third overall and to the top three Corinthian teams.

17. 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.

18. INSURANCE

Each boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please go to our website at: <http://www.diy.org>