

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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**SAN FRANCISCO MELGES RACE WEEK, CALIFORNIA CUP
& MELGES 24 PRE-NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
Melges 20 & 24, and
SUMMER KEELBOAT INVITATIONAL REGATTA
J/120, Express 37, and J/105
August 18-19, 2012**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The rules of the J/120 Fleet Five and J/105 Fleet One Class Rules will be in effect for those respective classes. Also in effect will be the International Melges 24 Class Rules 2012, Bylaws and Interpretations, and the International Audi Melges 20 Class Rules.
- 1.2** Rule 40 is deleted and replaced with "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment." Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.3** RRS 44.1 is modified as follows:
For the J/105 and J/120 fleets, 'A boat may take a penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. The penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty unless she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing within the zone of a rounding, gate, or finishing mark, in which case the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. Starting marks are not rounding marks.'
For the Melges 20 and Melges 24 fleets, a One Turn Penalty always replaces the Two Turns Penalty.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located outside on the SFYC deck.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1

Saturday, August 18, 2012 - Three (3) races are scheduled
Sunday, August 19, 2012 - Two (2) races are scheduled.

- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1130 hours.
- 5.3 After the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race or sequence of races will begin soon, a radio announcement on VHF 65 and a series of short sound signals may be made from the race committee signal boat.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be standard numeric signal flags:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Flag</u>
J/120	One
Express 37	Two
J/105	Three
Melges 24	Four
Melges 20	Five

7 RACING AREA

Racing will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 **Attachment A** shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 All Marks will be inflatable buoys. See the course sheet on Attachment A.
- 9.2 There may be an Offset Mark, "o1" or "o2," set near the windward mark. If present, the offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions on Attachment A.
- 9.3 Marks GS and GP are a gate. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing gate mark to port.
- 9.4 Marks W1, W2, o1, and o2 are rounding marks, except W1 when it is the Finish Mark.

10 THE START

- 10.1** Classes may be started in any order, although in the first race each day expect that classes will be started in the order listed in sailing instruction 6 above.
- 10.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark.
- 10.3** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
This changes Rules A4 and A5.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finish line), to a new position.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of a port end red inflatable finish mark.
- 12.2** For courses 1, 3, and 6, the finishing line will be to leeward of the gate marks and will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the red inflatable mark "LF."
- 12.3** For courses 2, 4, 5, and 7, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the red inflatable weather mark "W1."

13 TIME LIMITS

Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes Rules 35 and A4.1.

14 AFTER-RACE SCORING PENALTY

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31 while *racing* may take a penalty after she is no longer racing and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving an incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% calculated as described in Rule 44.3(c), but not more than that of a DNF score. However, if she caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1** Protest forms will be available at the Regatta Table in the clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee representative at the Regatta Table within the protest time limit. The protest time limit shall be one hour after the Race Committee signal boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 15.2** For protests involving a rule of RRS Part 2, an arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing. (Refer to Attachment B.) This procedure changes Rule 63.1.
- 15.3** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.
- 15.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under Rule 61.1(b).

- 15.5** On Sunday, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes Rule 66.

16 SCORING

16.1 Five races are scheduled, of which two races must be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. No scores will be excluded.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Check in and check-out: Boats are requested to check in with the race committee by sailing by the race committee signal boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal. Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race committee on VHF 65.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18 COMMUNICATIONS

The Race Committee may use VHF channel 65 to communicate information about course selection, time to start, the class position relative to the starting time, and the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated Rule 30. Neither failure of the Race Committee to communicate the sail numbers of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress. This changes Rule 62.1.

19 PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded after the racing on Sunday, August 19, on the SFYC deck.

19.2 Unclaimed prizes will be held at the Race Council Office for a period of one month only. Call at (415) 789-5647, or email to race@sfyc.org, to be sure someone will be in the office for pickup.

Angie Lackey Olson – Regatta Chairman
Jeff Zarwell – Principal Race Officer

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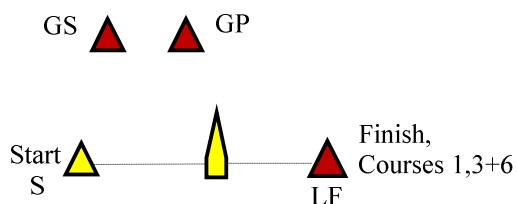
www.sfyc.org

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NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER TO STOP AT THE SFYC FRONT DESK AND PICK UP YOUR PARKING PASSES

ATTACHMENT A

2012 Summer Keelboat and Melges Race Week Courses



Marks

W1 – Windward Mark 1 (Red)

W2 – Windward Mark 2 (Yellow)

GS & GP (G) – Leeward Gate Marks (Red)

o1 – Offset Mark 1 (Red)

o2 – Offset Mark 2 (Red)

S – Starting Mark (Yellow)

LF – Leeward Finish (Red)

Courses

1 – Start – W1(p) – o1(p) – LF

2 – Start – W1(p) – o1(p) – G – Finish at W1

3 – Start – W1(p) – o1(p) – G – W1(p) – o1(p) – LF

4 – Start – W1(p) – o1(p) – G – W1(p) – o1(p) – G – Finish at W1

5 – Start – W2(p) – o2(p) – G – Finish at W1

6 – Start – W2(p) – o2(p) – G – W2(p) – o2(p) – LF

7 – Start – W2(p) – o2(p) – G – W2(p) – o2(p) – G – Finish at W1

ATTACHMENT B

PROTEST ARBITRATION

- B1. An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of Part 2. One representative of each party, who was on board at the time of the incident, will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be permitted. Note that an arbitration meeting will be terminated or not held if: (1) all the parties to a protest are not represented, (2) a boat may have caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or (3) the arbitrator deems the incident inappropriate for arbitration.
- B2. After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will offer one of the following opinions:
- (a) The protest committee would find the protest is invalid. Subject to acceptance by the protested party, the arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (b) The protest committee would find that no boat broke a rule. Subject to acceptance by the protested party, the arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (c) The protest committee would find that one or more boats represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of Part 2. The arbitrator will offer each (both) boat(s) the option to accept an After-Race Scoring Penalty (ARSP) as described in the Sailing Instructions (SI 14), or to retire. Subject to acceptance by the protested party, the arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
 - (d) A protest hearing is appropriate.
- B3. The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any boat that accepted an ARSP as described in the Sailing Instructions (SI 14) will not be penalized further as a result of the protest hearing, unless the protest committee concludes that the boat caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or Rule 31.
- B4. If a protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held, and the protest cannot be the subject of a request for redress or appeal. This changes Rule 63.1.