

2017 Melges 24 Regatta
September 16-17, 2017
Santa Cruz Yacht Club
Santa Cruz, CA
Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1. This series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. The following Class Rules are in effect: International Melges 24 Class Rules 2016.
- 1.3. The first sentence of RRS 40 is changed so that competitors shall comply with the obligations of RRS 40 (wear a PFD) whether or not the race committee displays flag Y with one sound.

2. Notice To Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the northeast window of the clubhouse upper level and may be posted on-line at the Regatta Network event site.
- 2.2. On the water the Race Committee may use VHF channel 68 for communication.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted before 1145 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SCYC Clubhouse flagpole.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signals AP.

5. Schedule

Friday September 15 th	1700-1800	Registration & check in SCYC regatta shed
Saturday September 16 th	0930-1100	Check in at SCYC regatta shed
	1100	Competitors meeting SCYC lower deck
	1255	Warning signal for the first race. Four races scheduled
	After Racing	Pizza and No Host Bar at SCYC Clubhouse
Sunday September 17 th	1230	Warning Signal. Three races scheduled
	1500	No Warning Signal after this time
	After Racing	Awards SCYC upper deck

6. Class Flags - The class flag is white with Melges 24 in black.

7. Racing Area

The racing area will be within three miles of Walton Lighthouse at Santa Cruz Harbor.

8. Marks

- 8.1. Mark 1 is orange and mark 2 is yellow. Both are inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 8.2. Mark NB is an unmarked yellow ball, approximate location is: N36° 56.58' W122° 03.67'
- 8.3. Marks 1, 2, and NB are rounding marks.

9. The Start

- 9.1. The starting line may be between an inflatable red ball and an orange flag displayed from a staff aboard the Signal Boat.
- 9.2. The starting line alternatively may be between mark "S" located at and an orange flag displayed from a staff aboard the Signal Boat. Mark "S" is a fixed yellow ball located at N36° 57.03' W121° 59.66'
- 9.3. The race committee may hail, on VHF channel 68, the sail number or other identifying feature of any boat that was on the course side of the starting line at the start signal. The failure of a hail, the failure of a boat to hear a hail, or the order of the hail(s) shall not be the ground for a boat to request redress. The changes RRS 62.1.

10. Checkout

- 10.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

11. The Finish

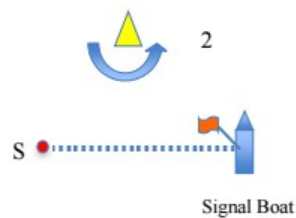
- 11.1. The finishing line will be between a temporary inflatable red ball, or mark S, depending on start locations and an orange flag displayed from a staff aboard the signal boat.
- 11.2. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby boats to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

12. The Courses

- 9.1. The diagram and table below shows the courses, relative positions of the marks and the order in which marks shall be passed.
- 9.2. Marks 1, 2, and NB are always left to port.
- 9.3. The course to be sailed will be indicated by the display of a number pennant flown from the staff of the signal boat.

Course diagram is not to scale

Course	Mark Rounding Order
1	Start -> 1 -> Finish
2	Start -> 1 -> 2 -> 1 -> Finish
3	Start -> 1 -> 2 -> 1 -> 2 -> 1 -> Finish
4	Start -> NB -> Finish





13. Penalty System - RRS rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress

14.1. Protest Forms are available at the SCYC Regatta Shed and Clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the clubhouse bar within the time limit.

14.2. The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the signal boat has arrived at her berth in Santa Cruz Harbor. The protest filing time limit will be posted on the official notice board.

14.3. Notices will be posted no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest filing time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties.

15. Scoring

15.1. Two (2) races are required to constitute a series.

15.2. When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

15.3. When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes rule A2.