

INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 CLASS 2011 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

May 11 - 21, 2011
Corpus Christi Yacht Club
Corpus Christi Texas USA

The International Melges 24 2011 World Championship will be organized by the **Corpus Christi Yacht Club**, in co-operation with **The United States Melges 24 Class Association** and the **International Melges 24 Class Association**.

Notice of Race

1. RULES.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The US SAILING prescriptions to Rules 40, 61.4, 68, 76.1, 88.2 and added Rules 76.3, 82 will apply and are stated in Paragraph 25.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 Part 5, Section B of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, as well as Rules 44.1 and 63.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions (SIs) to permit Protest Arbitration.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and sponsors advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4. These items will be supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority (OA) at registration.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Championship is open to all boats of the Melges 24 class that meet with the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority, in the case that a National Authority exists.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and pay the required fee on line via www.melgesworlds.com by March 11, 2011.
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted subject to a 30% surcharge.
- 3.4 No entries will be accepted after April 11, 2011.
- 3.5 The OA will acknowledge complete entries upon receipt via email and post on the official event web site at www.melgesworlds.com

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply to teams in the Corinthian Trophy. Please refer to ISAF's Web site: www.sailing.org
- 4.2 Indicate classification for each sailor on the entry form if entering for the Corinthian Trophy and the unique ISAF ID Number
- 4.3 The closing date for the registration of Corinthian entries shall be April 11, 2011
- 4.4 Sailors must hold a valid classification prior to this date that does not expire until after the final day of the regatta and be able to declare their ISAF ID number on the entry form.
- 4.5 Late entries cannot be considered for this trophy.
- 4.6 Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member between the closing date of the entry and the start of the regatta, the name of the new crew member with their valid ISAF ID number must be submitted to the OA for approval by the Chairman of the Jury and the Class Race Coordinator.
- 4.7 Full details of the Corinthian Trophy can be found in IMCA Championship rules.
- 4.8 A representative of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission may be present during registration and may carry out spot checks. Registration of a boat is not complete until the spot checks are completed.
- 4.9 The Classification Protest Time Limit is the end of protest time on the first day of racing.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee will be \$950 This Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the Regatta at designated times, berthing for the event, trailer storage and tickets to the principal events for all competing crew.
- 5.2 Entry fees shall be paid online via www.melgesworlds.com by completing details on Entry Form. Entries will not be valid until payment is received and confirmed by the OA.

6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 6.1 If there are more than 100 boats registered then the Race Committee (RC) may decide to divide fleet in two, for a qualifying and final series.
- 6.2 If a Qualifying Series and Final Series are held, the following will apply:
 - 6.2.1 Maximum of three (3) races a day may be sailed with a maximum of twelve (12) races for the regatta.
 - 6.2.2 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series of a maximum of six (6) races followed by a final series of a maximum of six (6) races.
 - 6.2.3 For the qualifying series, the RC will divide the competitors into four (4) groups of as nearly equal size as possible, which will sail in alternating combinations.
 - 6.2.4 Based on the results of the qualifying series, the fleet will be divided into a Gold Fleet and a Silver Fleet for the finals.
 - 6.2.5 Competitors will be informed in which group they will sail their qualifying series by the close of registration.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1

Day	Date	Event	Time
Wednesday	May 11	Registration & Measurement	1000-1700
Thursday	May 12	Registration & Measurement	1000-1700
Friday	May 13	Registration & Measurement	1000-1700
Saturday	May 14	Registration & Measurement Pre Worlds Regatta	0830-1700 Warning at 1100
Sunday	May 15	Registration & Measurement Pre Worlds Regatta Competitors Meeting @ CCYC Opening Ceremonies @ CCYC All Boats Afloat	0830-1600 Warning at 1100 1730 1800-2000 1800
Monday	May 16	Racing Social Daily Awards @ CCYC	Warning signal at 1100 1800
Tuesday	May 17	Racing Social Daily Awards @ CCYC	Warning signal at 1100 1800
Wednesday	May 18	Racing Social Texas State Aquarium	Warning signal at 1100 TBA
Thursday	May 19	Racing Social Wed and Thurs Daily Awards @ CCYC	Warning signal at 1100 1800
Friday	May 20	Racing Social Daily Awards @ CCYC	Warning signal at 1100 1800
Saturday	May 21	Racing Closing Banquet @ Omni Bayfront Hotel Awards Presentation @ Omni Bayfront Hotel	Warning signal at 1100 No warning signal after 1430 Target Time 1830

7.2 Twelve (12) Races are scheduled for the 2011 World Championship.

7.3 The OA and/or the RC reserve the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes.

8. MEASUREMENTS

8.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close of registration as specified in 7.1 above.

8.2 The OA may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.

8.3 Registration of sails and limitation stamping will take place during periods stated in 7.1 above.

THERE WILL BE NO FACILITIES FOR INITIAL SAIL MEASUREMENT. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the Regatta.

8.4 In accordance with rule G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the Class Rules.

8.5 During the regatta checks on conformity with class rules, including measurement requirements may be performed at any time

8.6 A boat will provide a minimum of two (2) people to facilitate measurement.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.
- 9.2 They will be posted on the event web site at www.melgesworlds.com when available.

10. VENUE

- 10.1 Attachment 'A' shows the location of Corpus Christi YC, regatta harbor, boat park, measurement and launching facilities
- 10.2 Attachment 'B' shows the location of the racing areas.

11. THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration with fleet racing. Spreader/offset marks and leeward gates shall be used.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2 Rule 'Appendix P' (Special Procedures for Rule 42) shall apply.
- 12.3 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in Rule 70.5.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3 When six (6) to twelve (12) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Support boats shall be identified as decided by the OA.
- 14.2 The IMCA Coach and Support boat appendix shall be in operation and is attached as Attachment C to this NOR.

15. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

15.1 Cranes will be available at the following times:

Day	Date	Event	Time
Wednesday	May 11	Cranes available	1000-1800
Thursday	May 12	Cranes available	1000-1800
Friday	May 13	Cranes available	1000-1800
Saturday	May 14	Cranes available	1000-1800
Sunday	May 15	Cranes available	1000-1800
Saturday	May 21	Crane available Ramp Retrieval available	1500-1730
Sunday	May 22	Cranes available Ramp Retrieval available	0800- 1700

*Cranes outside these hours will be subject to additional charge.

15.2 All boats are to be afloat by 1800 hours on Sunday May 15, 2011.

15.3 Boats shall be kept in the assigned slip in the harbor. Fenders and mooring lines will be required.

15.4 Bow numbers will establish the priority or order of berthing assignments, haul out order, and other items at the discretion of the OA.

16. 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 RC.

17. 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.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 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.

18.2 Race information will be given on VHF Channel 72.

19. PRIZES

Single Fleet	Open Division	Corinthian Division
Daily Prizes	Winner of each individual race	Winner of each individual race
Overall Prizes	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top eight boats	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top six boats

19.2 Split Fleet

Split Fleet	Open Division		Corinthian Division	
Daily Prizes – Race 7 – 12	Winner of each individual race in gold fleet	Winner of each individual race in silver fleet	Winner of each individual race in gold fleet	Winner of each individual race in silver fleet
Overall Prizes	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top five boats in the gold fleet	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top five boats in the silver fleet	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top three Corinthian boats in the gold fleet	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top three Corinthian boats in the silver fleet

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with adequate coverage.

22. TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

23. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

23.1 The OA may change the Notice of Race; see Rule 89.2(a). Any such changes will be posted on the regatta web site, www.melgesworlds.com

24. FURTHER INFORMATION and KEY CONTACTS

24.1 For further information about the 2011 World Championship please contact:

- Event Web Site www.melgesworlds.com

- REGATTA COORDINATOR

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- 24.2 Social calendar together with tourist information, accommodation availability and other details will be posted on the website when available. Event Web Site
www.melgesworlds.com

25. US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

- 25.1 Rule 40 – US SAILING prescribes that every boat shall carry life saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area. See www.ussailing.org/rules/pfd for more information.
- 25.2 Rule 62.4 US SAILING prescribes that no fee shall be charged for protest or request for redress.
- 25.3. Rule 68 – US SAILING prescribes that:
- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
 - (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
 - (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of ‘assumption of risk’ for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.
- 25.4. Rule 76.1 – US SAILING prescribes that an OA or RC shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.
- 25.5. Rule 88.2 – US SAILING prescribes that SIs shall not change or delete Rules 61.4 or 76.3, Appendix F, or its prescriptions to Rules 40, 68 or 76.1. However, for an international event the prescription to Rule 40 may be deleted.
- 25.6. Rule 76.3 – US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the Protest Committee under Rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6.

**NOTICE OF RACE
ATTACHMENT - A
VENUE – Harbor and Clubhouse**



NOTICE OF RACE ATTACHMENT - B VENUE- RACING AREA



Scale 1"=approximately 1NM

NOTICE OF RACE
ATTACHMENT - C
COACH, SUPPORT, PRESS & SPECTATOR BOATS

COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

1. Coach and support boats shall register with the race office during registration. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to.
2. Coach and support boats shall display a flag, or other identification symbol, as may be required by the RC.
3. No coach boat or support boat shall pass information in any way to a boat that is racing. Rule 41. Infringements of this will be taken very seriously.
4. Coach and support boats shall communicate only with the boats they are registered to, and only by means of voice between races. Closed VHF or mobile telephone communication is prohibited.
5. All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to the racing area under their own power.
6. There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment until after the finish of the last race of the day between Melges 24's and their coach or support boats.
7. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside their Melges 24's until after the finish of the last race of the day.
8. Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing.
9. Any coach or support boat that interferes with another competitor or the racing in any way, including creating excess wash, or hinders an official boat carrying out its duties shall have the competitor(s) to which they are attached, liable to a penalty at the discretion of the Jury.
10. Any competitor may protest under this attachment.
11. The penalty given by the Jury is at their discretion, but shall be applied to the overall score and therefore not discarded.

PRESS AND SPECTATOR BOATS

1. All Press and official spectator boats shall be registered by the OA during registration.
2. Press and spectator boats shall display any flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the OA or RC.
3. The race organizers may appoint one or more photo boats, which will be allowed within the race course. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress.
4. Press and spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in anyway and shall stay at a distance outside the racecourse where their wake causes no problem.