

# NOTICE OF RACE



2024  
**MELGES**<sup>24</sup>

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## PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

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RICHMOND YACHT CLUB • AUGUST 3-4



The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Richmond Yacht Club (RYC) in conjunction with The US Melges 24 Class Association (USM24CA)

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## **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 RS 40.1 shall apply while crew are on the water. RRS 40.2 is deleted.
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescription to RRS 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.4 The notation **[NP]** in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that *rule*. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.5 **[DP]** Melges 24 Coach and Support Boat Regulations will not be in effect.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between the notice of race and sailing instructions, the sailing instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

## **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available by July 15, 2024 and will be posted on the official regatta notice board.

## **3. COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 The official notice board will be online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27707>
- 3.2 **[DP]** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication with the race committee on US VHF marine channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors by VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- 3.4 **[DP]** From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, a boat shall not:
  - 3.4.1 Make or receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats, except in case of an emergency.
  - 3.4.2 have contact with a *support person*.

## **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Melges 24 class that meet the obligations of the class rules and, when relevant, their member national authority.
- 4.2 Entry for the 2024 Melges 24 Pacific Coast Championship will be available online at: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27707>
- 4.3 Entry is completed when all fees are paid, all crew have signed the waiver of liability, and proof of insurance has been provided.

## **5. FEES**

- 5.1 The entry fee will be:
  - a.) \$350 for entries received on or before June 30, 2024.
  - b.) \$450 for entries received on July 1, 2024 or after. This fee will apply to any boat that has not completed registration and paid entry fees in full by July 1, 2024.
- 5.2 The entry fee is refundable, less a \$75 fee, if the cancellation notification is received and acknowledged on or before July 17, 2024.
- 5.3 Entry fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the

regatta, berthing at the regatta harbor during the event, trailer storage from Wednesday prior to Monday after the event, hospitality to the events for all competing crew.

## EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND CREW WEIGH-IN

### 6. CREW LIMITATION

- 6.1 The World Sailing Sailor Classification Code (Regulation 22) will apply to teams competing for the Corinthian Trophy (see RRS 79). Classification for each sailor and the unique World Sailing sailor ID shall be indicated on the entry form if entering for the Corinthian Trophy.
- 6.2 Boats that wish to enter the Corinthian division shall submit a Corinthian Declaration Form for all crew members (<https://usmelges24.com/corinthiandeclaration>) that includes sailor classifications, World Sailing sailor ID and date of expiration to USM24CA administration no later than July 15, 2024, by emailing to [communications@usmelges24.com](mailto:communications@usmelges24.com).
- 6.3 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in the IM24CA Championship rules.
- 6.4 Protests regarding World Sailing classification may be submitted starting July 26, 2024 and must be submitted by close of registration. Such protests will be handled by the USM24CA office, whose decision is final.
- 6.5 Any boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted, may change a crew member between the closing date of Corinthian entries and the start of the regatta, by submitting the name of the new crew member with their valid World Sailing sailor ID and group number to the OA for approval by the IM24CA Championship Coordinator.

### 7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 The schedule is as follows:

DAY	DATE	TIME(s)	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday	August 2	1300 – 1500	Practice Day	Berkley Circle
Saturday	August 3	1100	First Warning Signal	Berkley Circle
		1700	No Warning Signal after this time	
Sunday	August 4	1100	First Warning Signal	Berkley Circle
		1500	No Warning Signal after this time	Richmond YC

- 7.2 A total of six (6) races are scheduled with no more than four (4) races to be sailed on any one day.
- 7.3 The OA reserves the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes.
- 7.4 Awards will be held as soon as possible after racing. If pending protest hearings would not change the top 3 results, awards will be announced before hearings are completed.

## **8. VENUE**

- 8.1 The venue host address: Richmond Yacht Club
- 8.2 The location of the racing area is in the vicinity of the Berkley Circle SF Bay. Specific details regarding the course location will be in the sailing instructions.

## **9. COURSES**

The courses will be windward-leeward with a weather offset mark and leeward gates. Course diagrams will be appended to the sailing instructions.

## **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1 Appendix V is in effect.
- 10.2 Penalties for infractions within 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 44.2.
- 10.4 The Protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violation of class rules and racing rules other than those in RRS Part 1 and Part 2 as permitted in RRS 64.2.

## **11. SCORING**

- 11.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 11.2 When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **12. SUPPORT PERSON / SUPPORT VESSEL REGULATIONS**

- 12.1 **[DP] [NP]** A *support person* agrees while on the water to monitor the race committee on the assigned VHF channel, to assist the race committee if requested, and accepts the provisions of RRS 4.1(b), Acceptance of the Rules.
- 12.2 **[DP]** Support persons and Support Vessels shall register with the race office during registration times. They shall declare which boat or boats to which they are attached. Vessels shall comply with state and local laws and regulations regarding their operation.

## **13. SAFETY**

- 13.1 **[DP]** Before the first warning signal of each day, all boats shall sail past the stern of the RC Signal Boat on starboard tack and check in by hailing their sail/bow number. They shall continue to do so until their sail/bow number is verbally acknowledged by the RC.
- 13.2 **[DP]** Any boat retiring from the race area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## **14. PRIZES**

- 14.1 Prizes will be given to the top 3 teams overall and to the top 3 Corinthian teams.
- 14.2 Other prizes from the OA will be posted on the Notice Board.

## **15. RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees

and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

## **16. MEDIA RIGHTS**

- 16.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.
- 16.2 **[DP]** Press and spectator vessels shall display any flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the Race Committee.
- 16.3 The race organizers may appoint one or more photo vessels, which will be allowed within the racecourse. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress. (This changes rule RRS 62.1)
- 16.4 **[DP]** Press and spectator vessels shall not interfere with boats racing in any way.

## **17. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 USD per event or the equivalent.

## **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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