



MELGAMES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in a sailing instruction is defined in the RRS Introduction.

1 RULES

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix T (Arbitration).

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices will be posted on the official notice board on the lower level on the western wall.
- 2.2 The race committee will use VHF channel 72 to communicate with boats on the water.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted prior to 0930 on the day it will take effect. When flag AP is displayed ashore, changes may be posted before flag AP is removed.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located west of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 COURSES

- 5.1 Course is described in Attachment A.
- 5.2 The approximate magnetic bearing and distance to the first mark will also be displayed.

6 MARKS

- 6.1 Marks 1 and 2 will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 6.2 Mark 1a will be a small orange ball.

7 CLASS FLAG, FIRST WARNING TIMES

- 7.1 The class flag will be the Melges-24 flag.
- 7.2 The first warning signal on Saturday will be 1100, and on Sunday 1000.

8 THE START

- 8.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of Mark 2.
- 8.2 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of the boats that are OCS. See also SI 16.2.
- 8.3 Boats may not start more than 5 minutes after their starting signal.

11 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel and the course side of Mark 2.

12 TIME LIMIT

12.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.

12.2 Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 SCORING AND PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Arbitration may be offered for protests regarding rules of Part 2 or RRS 31.

13.2 A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.

13.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Hearing request forms are available from the Fleet Captain's office.

14.2 The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the race committee finish vessel docks.

15 SAFETY

15.1 [DP] A boat that retires from the racing area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

15.2 [DP] The COLREGs always apply between boats racing and vessels not racing. A boat shall not obstruct a commercial vessel.

16 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

16.1 [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall neither make nor receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats.

16.2 Race committee broadcasts concerning its intention, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, recalls, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast will not be considered an improper action or omission under RRS 62.1(a).

Attachment A – Course

