



## 2026 Melgames Regatta

### Davis Island Yacht Club Boat of the Year Event

Davis Island Yacht Club, Tampa, Florida

May 2-3, 2026

## NOTICE OF RACE

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix V (Alternative Penalties), and the DIYC 2025-2026 Melges-24 BOTY Notice of Series.
- 1.2 The Regatta Regulations of the International Melges 24 Class Association (IM24CA) shall apply and are available at <https://www.sailing.org/classes/melges-24/#Documents>
- 1.3 Class rule C.2.1(b) is changed to Class rule J.4.3. A crew nominated or listed for this event may be different for different days only if scheduled in advance at registration. Emergency changes may be made only with written permission of the race committee.
- 1.4 [NP][DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on standard channels.
- 1.5 Race starts and finishes will be controlled by the Vakaros RaceSense System. All competitors must have Vakaros Atlas 2 with the latest update and valid RaceSense Subscription.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to Melges-24s.
- 2.2 Boats shall enter on-line at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31191> or by following the link from the Home Page. Entries close on May 1 at 1900.

### 3 FEES

- 3.1 Entry fee: \$ 150.50 (\$140.00 plus 7.5% tax).
- 3.2 Entry includes Use of crane, storage/trailer storage/mooring while at the regatta, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew, a Skipper swag bag featuring a hooded tech shirt and additional goodies, plus three-day regatta kegs, debriefs and poolside fun. Enjoy Happy Hour & Tapas on Friday and Saturday with pre-order dinners available from the bar, and breakfast available for purchase each morning, along with the Awards and prizes.
- 3.3 Additional hooded tech shirts available for \$25.00 (\$23.25 plus tax). The hooded tech shirts can be Skippers please email your shirt size to [nadia@investinginflorida.com](mailto:nadia@investinginflorida.com)

### 4 SCHEDULE

#### Friday, May 1

1600 Informal practice racing

1800 Registration downstairs poolside & Happy Hour & Opening Ceremonies

#### Saturday, May 2

0830-1000 Check-in

1000	Competitors meeting
1200	First warning signal
After racing	Happy Hour/Debrief Poolside

### Sunday, May 3

1000	First warning signal
1500	No races will start after
After racing	Awards

## **5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available only online two days before registration opens at the online event website at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/31191>.

## **6 EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION:**

- 6.1 Each boat shall verify the existence of a valid IM24CA issued measurement certificate, Including Part C: Inventory of Required and Optional Equipment. Only Equipment Inspection will be done at the event. Measurement for certification must be successfully completed prior to the event.
- 6.2 All equipment and boats are subject to inspection at any time for compliance with class rules prior to and during the event.

## **7 VENUE AND COURSES**

All will race on Drop-mark courses in Hillsborough Bay, as many races as possible depending on time and weather conditions. Courses will be described in the sailing instructions.

## **8 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 8.1 Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) will apply.
- 8.2 Class specified penalties may apply for breaking some IJCA rules. These penalties will be printed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.3 Penalties from protest hearings for breaches of rules other than those of Part 2 or RRS 31, may be less than disqualification, at the discretion of the protest committee.

## **9 SCORING**

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 The Corinthian, Mixed+ and Youth Division's shall be scored as a subdivision of the whole fleet using the competitor's actual scores, and in accordance with Regatta Regulations 28 and 33.3.

## **10 PRIZES**

- 10.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top five (5) finishing entries.
- 10.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top five (5) Corinthian finishing entries.
- 10.3 Prize will be awarded to the boat that finishes mid-fleet, score rounded if necessary.
- 10.4 If there are two or more qualifying entries in which the entire crew is comprised of mixed+ and/or crew under the age of 25 sailed boats in the regatta, a prize will be awarded for the top finishing entry.
- 10.5 Other prizes may be listed in the Sailing instructions.

## **11 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per incident of the equivalent.

## 12 LOGISTICAL SUPPORT

There are ample hotels and sailor Airbnbs available in the area. Please contact regatta chair for help with housing. First come first served.

## 13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury, illness or disease to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## 14 DOCKAGE

For dockage at DIYC before or after the event, please contact DIYC Dry Slip Coordinator Brent Bacon at [dockmaster@diyc.org](mailto:dockmaster@diyc.org) or **813-363-6935**. There are no slip reservations. First come, first serve.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chair:	Nadia Daggett	<a href="mailto:nadia@investingnflorida.com">nadia@investingnflorida.com</a>
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