



The Gulf Coast Sailing Club
Presents The 36th Annual
Southwest Florida Regatta



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OF NAPLES
MOTORSPORTS



2012 Porsche of Naples Cup

Southwest Florida Boat of the Year Event
PHRF event

5th Annual Naples Melges 24 Regatta

US Melges 24 CA Florida Cup Series
EVENT No. 5: Atlantic Coast Championship

1st Annual Naples Melges 20 Regatta

Saturday, March 24 – Sunday, March 25, 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

Liability Disclaimer: Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Participants in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (the 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 the injury to any participant, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each participant, or in the case of minors, each participant's parent or guardian agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such participant's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Organizing Authority (OA): Gulf Coast Sailing Club, PO Box 2121, Naples, Florida, 34106.

Regatta Headquarters (RH): Hamilton Harbor YC, 7065 Hamilton Avenue, Naples, Florida.

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 -2012, the Melges 24 class association, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. Applicable class rules of the West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Federation (WFPHRF) will apply. This is a WFPHRF BOTY event, and will be re-scored accordingly.
- 1.2 Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

- 1.3 The following RRS are to be amended; 29.1 (individual recalls), 30 (starting penalties), 35 (establishes time limits); 60.1(b) (redress), 62.1(a) (redress), and Appendix A (scoring) For Melges 24 - Rule 44.1 will be changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.
- 1.4 Class rules will apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 - Open to all Multi-hull and self-righting single-hulled enclosed cabin sailboats that conform to their class rules and hold a valid West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) rating, are assigned a rating by the OA, or are recognized one-design racing in a one design class only.
- 2.2 Melges 24 class must meet the obligations of the Melges 24 Class Rules and their National Authority. All Melges 24 crews must meet the IMCA crew weight rules. (The same crews and sails must be used throughout the entire regatta and substitutions will not be permitted without the explicit written approval of the Protest Committee).
- 2.3 - Boat owners who are not members of WFPHRF will have a WFPHRF equivalent rating not subject to appeal assigned to them by the OA for this regatta only.
- 2.4 - The Boat owner must be a member in good standing of a Sailing Club.

3. Melges 24 - SAILOR CLASSIFICATION AND CORINTHIAN COMPETITION

- 3.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply to the Corinthian Competition.
- 3.2 For entries desiring to compete for the Corinthian Trophy, a completed Corinthian Declaration Form (including ISAF Sailor ID Numbers) must be submitted by November 4, 2011, to the US Melges Class. It may be faxed to 912.756.6728 or emailed to communications@usmelges24.com. The blank form may be downloaded at usmelges24.com.
- 3.3 Sailors must be registered with ISAF prior to the deadline noted above and include each crewmember's ID Number on the form.
- 3.4 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy are posted in the IMCA Championship rules.
- 3.5 Protests regarding ISAF classification must be submitted by the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing.
- 3.6 Any crews that need to weigh in can do so Friday during registration or Saturday from 8-8:30am.

4 ENTREES AND FEES:

- 4.1 The entry fee, to participate in The Southwest Florida Porsche Cup is \$125 for members of US Sailing (USS) or \$135 for non-USS members.

FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED BY Monday, March 12^h, the entry fee is REDUCED to \$110 for members of US Sailing (USS) or \$120 for non USS members.

The entry fee includes One (1) event shirt and admission for One (1) to all weekend activities including draft beer at each event.

Additional weekend wristbands are available for purchase at \$50.00 each until March 20. Then it goes up to \$60 until after the skippers meeting.
Individually: Friday only: \$20; Saturday only: \$45; Sunday only: \$20
At the door: Friday only: \$25 Saturday only: \$50, Sunday only: \$25.

- 4.2 Entries shall be made at [Regatta Network](http://RegattaNetwork.com), which is available at www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org. Email the Liability Disclaimer, Copy of Boat Insurance, if docking at HHYC, and a copy of a WFPHRF Rating Certificate (if not in a one design class) to Randy@GulfCoastSailingClub.org
- 4.3 Entry Deadline is 2000 hours, Friday, March 23, 2012.

5. 2011 PORSCHE of NAPLES REGATTA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & RACE TIMES:

Friday, March 23

- Noon – 4:30pm Lift available for putting boats put in water (Melges 24)
5 – 7 pm Registration & Check-in at the Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club
6:30pm Skippers' meeting and light dinner at HHYC

Saturday, March 24

- 8 – 9:30 am Lift available for putting boats in water (Melges 24)
11 am First Warning Signal followed by subsequent daily races
After 6 pm 1st Day's Results sponsored by [Judy Hansen of Hansen Homes](#)
6:30 pm Dinner Buffet, Live Music and Dancing

Sunday, March 25

- 11 am First Warning Signal followed by subsequent daily races
3 – 5:30 pm Lift available for taking boats out of the water (Melges 24)
5 pm Post Race Social & Reception with Pizza and beer
5:30 pm Awards Presentation

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 6.1 Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be provided at the Skipper's Meeting.

7. MEASUREMENT – Melges24 class:

- 7.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close of registration.
- 7.2 The Organizers may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races. There will not be any initial measurement. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the regatta

8. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS – Melges24 class:

- 8.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the event without written permission of the protest committee.
- 8.2 Boats shall not be kept on a "hydro hoist" or other flotation devices during the regatta.

9. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS– Melges24 class:

- 9.1 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.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 While racing, a boat shall not receive radio nor cell-phone transmissions that are not available to all boats, except for an emergency or as required by the Sailing Instructions.

11 CLASSES and AWARDS:

- 11.1 The following classes may be formed depending upon the number of entries received: Melges 24, PHRF Spinnaker A, PHRF Spinnaker B, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, PHRF True Cruising, PHRF Multihull and one designs. Boats registering in the PHRF Spinnaker class will be assigned to either Spinnaker "A" or "B" classes based upon PHRF ratings.
- 11.2 The number of trophies awarded per class will be based on the number of boats entered in that class.
For 1 boat - 0 trophies awarded, 2 boats-1 trophy awarded, 3 boats-2 trophies awarded and 4+boats-3 trophies awarded.

12. REGISTRATION and SKIPPERS MEETING:

- 12.1 A boat shall be represented in person for registration at the Friday Skippers' Meeting, including picking up the Skipper's Bag, which shall contain the Sailing Instructions and a Class Streamer.

13. RACING AREAS in the Gulf of Mexico near the Gordon Pass of Naples, FL.

- 13.1 "Racing Area 1" is located north of Gordon Pass, near the Naples Pier.

All boats with the exception of the Melges 24 Class.

- 13.2 "Racing Area 2" is located south of Gordon Pass for the Melges 24 Class.

14. COURSES:

- 14.1 The course to be sailed, the bearing and approximate distance to the first mark will be posted on the course board displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat. Possible course layouts will be depicted in Addendum A of the Sailing Instructions.

15. SCORING:

- 15.1 One race will constitute the regatta and no score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.
- 15.2 This event will be scored using RRS Appendix "A" the low point system. Corrected times shall be calculated based on the boat's WFPHRF rating (or assigned rating, see 2.2), the distance of the course sailed, and the actual elapsed time in which the course was sailed (time on distance).
- 15.3 WFPHRF's RLC rating shall be used for all races in which less than approximately 75% of the total distance of the course requires the boats to either tack or gybe. For races of 75% or greater, the BUOY rating shall be used. If there is any doubt, the RLC rating shall be used. The PRO is solely responsible for determining which rating category is used and the decision may not be appealed through redress. This amends RRS #60.1(b).

16. DOCKAGE & STORAGE:

- 16.1 For dockage in Naples contact Gary Schwarting at 239-850-8155. Proof of boat insurance is required when requesting dockage. Limited complimentary dockage

is available HHYC for Friday & Saturday nights. Reservations must be to GCSC by March 11th.

16.2 Storage at Gary Schwarting's house after Bacardi Cup until the Porsche Cup. Contact Gary Schwarting at 239-850-8155 for details.

Marinas

HHYC – To leave your boat at HHYC prior to or after our regatta - contacting them at 239-775-0506.

Port-O-Call - 550 Port O Call Way Naples, FL 34102 (239) 774-0479

Naples City Dock – Phone 239-213-3070, fax: 239-213-3072 and email: citydock@naplesgov.com.

16. LODGING:

16.1 Gulfcoast Inn Naples

2555 Tamiami Trail N Naples, FL 34103-4408 (239) 261-6046

GCSC rate: \$89/night – call by ASAP

Mention "Porsche Cup"

Book Now! Rooms will NOT last at this rate.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please go to our website at:

<http://www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org>

or contact Randy at Randy@GulfCoastSailingClub.org

Enter online at [Regatta Network](#)

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=4682