



2012 MELGES²⁴ INVITATIONAL REGATTA
NOVEMBER 17 – 18, 2012

DAVIS ISLAND YACHT CLUB
 TAMPA, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF RACE

The 2012 Melges24 Invitational Regatta is organized by the Davis Island Yacht Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the rules of the *Melges²⁴* Class.
- 1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising that conforms to ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, and the *Melges²⁴* Class rules is permitted
- 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. These items will be supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority (OA) at registration.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the *Melges²⁴* Class that meet with the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority.

- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry found on the Davis Island Yacht Club website at www/diyc.org together with the required fee, which must be received by November 16, 2012.
- 3.3 No entries will be accepted after 1800 on November 16, 2012.

4. SAILOR CLASSIFICATION AND CORINTHIAN COMPETITION

- 4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply to the Corinthian Competition.
- 4.2 For entries desiring to compete for the Corinthian Trophy, a completed Corinthian Declaration Form (including ISAF Sailor ID Numbers) must be submitted by November 9, 2012 to Bob Kroetsch. It may be emailed to rlkroetsch@gmail.com. The blank form may be downloaded at usmelges24.com.
- 4.3 Sailors must be registered with ISAF prior to the deadline noted above and include each crew member's ID Number on the form.
- 4.4 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy are posted in the IMCA Championship rules.
- 4.5 Protests regarding ISAF classification must be submitted by the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing.

5. FEES

The entry fee is \$160, plus sales tax.
Discounts – the following amounts will be deducted:
Completed entry received by November 9, 2012, deduct \$15
Current members of US Sailing, deduct \$15
Current members of the Melges²⁴ Class, deduct \$30
Storage Fee's from between Nov 17/18 and Dec 15/16 (\$40/boat)
Other long term storage options available (please see Further Information for more information)

6. SCHEDULE

Friday, November 16, 2012
1600 - 1800 Registration and crew weighing
1830 Competitors' meeting and a keg of beer

Saturday, November 17, 2012
0955 First warning signal
Successive races to follow
Shrimp boil and beer to follow after racing

Sunday, November 18, 2012
0955 First warning signal
Successive races to follow
1430 No initial warning signal after
1630 Approximate time for awards ceremony and a keg of beer

Seven races are scheduled.

7. MEASUREMENT

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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and on the event web site prior to registration.

9. THE COURSE

The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward. Offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 will be changed so that the Two -Turns penalty is replaced by the One -Turn penalty.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1 A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions while racing not available to all boats except in an emergency. This includes the use of mobile phones
- 13.2 Race information will be given on VHF Channel 68.

14. PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the teams finishing first through third overall and the top Corinthian.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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

16. 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 programs.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please go to our website at: <http://www.diy.org> or contact Rob Britts at rbritts@gmail.com

