



INTERNATIONAL MELGES²⁴
2015 SOUTHEAST CHAMPIONSHIPS
 DAVIS ISLAND YACHT CLUB, TAMPA, FLORIDA

NOVEMBER 14-15, 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.3 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the west exterior wall on the lower level of the Clubhouse.

3 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 Race committee broadcasts and hails will be made over VHF channel 72.
- 3.2 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 rule 62.1(a).
- 3.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the west end of the property.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 45 minutes' in race signal AP.

6 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Hillsborough Bay approximately 1-2 miles south of the Clubhouse, as shown in Attachment I.

7 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white flag with a Melges 24 logo.

8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday
 1000 First warning signal, multiple races to follow.
Sunday
 1000 First warning, multiple races to follow. No initial warning signal after 1500 on Sunday.
Multiple races are scheduled each day, changing Notice of Race paragraph 7.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment II show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark should be left.
- 9.2 If only one leeward mark is present it shall be rounded to port.
- 9.3 The approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to the first mark will be displayed from the race committee signal boat prior to the warning signal for each race.

Course example:

5	Five legs, finishing to weather
270	Approx magnetic bearing to windward mark
1.2	1.2 nm to windward mark

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Windward and leeward marks will be yellow tetrahedrons. The offset mark will be small orange ball. Start and finish marks will be green tetrahedrons and RC vessels.
- 10.2 New marks, as provided in SI 13, will be orange tetrahedrons.

11 THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of a port end starting mark.

12 RECALLS

When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of the boats that are OCS. See also instruction 3.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the old mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

14 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
- 15.2 Boats still racing more than 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. The score will be 2 points more than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's event score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.2 One completed race is required for a regatta.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the Regatta Room. Protests shall be delivered there within 60 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks. The docking time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

- 17.2 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt in the Regatta Room.
- 17.3 Protests regarding ISAF classification may be submitted starting October 10, and must be submitted by the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing. Such protests will be handled by the Class office, whose decision is final. This changes RRS 63.1.
- 17.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 17.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

18 SAFETY

- 18.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day in which it intends to compete, each boat is requested to check in by VHF or sail by the race committee signal boat and hail its sail number.
- 18.2 A boat retiring from a race or leaving the racing area early shall promptly notify the race committee either by hail, over VHF, or by telephone to the Clubhouse at (813) 251-1158.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 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.

Attachment I – Approximate Racing Area



