



INTERNATIONAL MELGES²⁴
2014 US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
NOVEMBER 14-16, 2014

DAVIS ISLAND YACHT CLUB, TAMPA, FLORIDA

NOTICE OF RACE

Updated 10/29/2014 to include Amendments 1, 2 and 3

The International Melges²⁴ US National Championship will be organized by the Davis Island Yacht Club, in cooperation with The United States Melges²⁴ Class Association and the International Melges²⁴ Class Association.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Attention is called to Class Rules C.2.1(b) and (d), C.2.2 and C.10.2(b): (*NOR Amendment # 2*)
- C.2.1 LIMITATIONS**
(b) No **crew** member shall be substituted during an event of less than 7 consecutive days, unless prior written permission has been granted by the Race Committee.
(d) The number of **crew** shall not change during a regatta unless written permission has been granted by the Race Committee.
- C.2.2 WEIGHTS**
The maximum total weight of the crew dressed in underwear is 375kg (825 lbs).
- C.10.2 LIMITATIONS**
(b) Not more than 1 mainsail, 1 headsail and 2 spinnakers shall be presented for registration and used during an event of less than 8 consecutive days, except when a **sail** has been lost or damaged beyond repair.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising that conforms to ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, and the Melges²⁴ Class rules is permitted.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Championship is open to all boats of the Melges²⁴ class that meet with the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority, including current Class membership.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry found on the Davis Island Yacht Club website at www.diytc.org together with the required fee, so that it is received there by November 6.

- 3.3 No entries will be accepted after November 6. Late fees will apply to entries received or paid after June 30.
- 3.4 Boats must check in at the Regatta Room on Thursday 1400-1900 or Friday 0700-0800. (*NOR Amendment # 3*)
The following must be presented at check in:
(a) Class measurement certificate
(b) Proof of current Class membership
(c) Crew list
(d) Support boat information
(e) Documentation of third-party liability insurance of at least \$300,000.
(f) Liability waiver signed by skipper and all crew
- 3.5 Boats will be required to display bow numbers supplied by the organizing authority.
- 3.6 Competitors give absolute right and permission for images and video of themselves and their boat to be published for commercial purposes by the organizing authority and sponsor and their licensees and may be required to sign a release.
- ## 4 SAILOR CLASSIFICATION AND CORINTHIAN COMPETITION
- 4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply to the Corinthian Competition. Please refer to ISAF's Web site: www.sailing.org
- 4.2 For boats competing for the Corinthian Trophy, sailor classifications (including ISAF Sailor ID Numbers) must be submitted by November 10 and shall be completed and faxed to 912-756-6728 or emailed to communications@usmelges24.com. The Corinthian Declaration Form will be posted online at usmelges24.com.
- 4.3 Sailors must be registered with ISAF prior to this date and be able to declare their Sailor ID number on the entry form.

- 4.4 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in the IMCA Championship rules.
- 4.5 Protests regarding ISAF classification may be submitted starting November 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.

5 FEES (all include FL 7% sales tax)

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| Entries received by June 30 | \$215.00 |
| Entries received July 1 – August 31 | \$255.00 |
| Entries received Sept 1 – Nov 6 | \$305.00 |
| Additional social packages | \$ 32.00 |
| Members of USSA or other MNA | deduct \$11.00 |

This Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the Championship, berthing for the event, trailer storage and complimentary tickets to the principal events for all competing crew. Entry fees should be paid with your online registration. Entries will not be valid until payment is received.

6 VENUE

Races will be sailed on Hillsborough Bay south of Davis Island Yacht Club.

7 SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 13

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| 1400-1900 | Check in |
| 1400 | Practice racing |
| 1800 | Free keg and hors d'ouerves |
| 1900 | Competitors meeting |

Friday, November 14

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| 0700-0800 | Check in |
| 0800-0900 | Breakfast buffet |
| 1000 | First warning signal |
| 1700 | Free keg and hors d'ouerves |

Saturday, November 15

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| 0800-0900 | Breakfast buffet |
| 1000 | First warning signal |
| 1700 | Free keg following racing |
| 1900 | Regatta dinner |

Sunday, November 16

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| 0800-0900 | Breakfast buffet |
| 1000 | First warning signal |
| 1500 | No initial warning signal after |
| 1530 | Free keg & pizza following racing |
| 1600 | Approximate time for Awards |

The number of races will be determined by the race committee. (NOR Amendment # 2)

8 MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close of registration.
- 8.2 The Organizers may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival.
- 8.3 Chartered or loaned boats may display National letters and sail numbers in contravention of Class Rule G3.1, in accordance with rule G3.

9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and on the event website by Nov. 11.

10 THE COURSE

The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward, either 4 legs or 5. Offset marks and leeward gates will be used.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

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."

12 SCORING

- 12.1 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.

13 SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Support boats, including coach and spectator boats, must register at check in.
- 13.2 Support boats may not communicate with or be within 100 meters of boats that are racing.
- 13.3 Support boats shall be prepared to communicate with the race committee over VHF, and act as safety boats when requested.

14 LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 14.1 All boats shall be afloat by 0900 on Friday, Nov. 14.
- 14.2 Boats may be docked or rafted on the floating docks except in areas reserved for the race committee.

15 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

16 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 16.1 Underwater breathing apparatus 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.
- 16.2 Snorkels may be used in accordance with class rules. (NOR Amendment #1)

17 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 Race information will be broadcast on VHF channel 72.

18 PRIZES

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

19 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.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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