

THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(NoR attached at end of these sailing instructions)

1 RULES

See NoR 1.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole on the SFYC lawn.

3.2 When AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 70 minutes' in race signal AP.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1

Monday, Aug 19	1300	First Warning - Practice Race
Tuesday, Aug 20	1125	First Warning - 2 races scheduled
Wednesday, Aug 21	1125	First Warning - 3 races scheduled
Thursday, Aug 22	1125	First Warning - 2 races scheduled
Friday, Aug 23	1125	First Warning - 3 races scheduled
Saturday, Aug 24	1125	First Warning - 2 races scheduled

4.2 No Warning Signal will be made after 1500 hours on Saturday. In the case of one or more general recalls when the initial Warning Signal was made prior to 1500 hours, the race committee may display subsequent Warning Signals after that time. This exception will not apply for a race that is postponed or abandoned before the starting signal.

5. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a white background with black 'M24' on it, or numeral pennant 1.

6. COURSES

6.1 Attachment A shows the course configuration, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

6.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by displaying numerical placards on both sides of the race committee signal vessel. This information may also be transmitted by VHF.

- 6.3 The race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing and distance from the starting line to Mark 1 on a digital-style number board. This information may also be transmitted by VHF.
- 6.4 Boats shall sail between the gate marks (Marks 3S and 3P) from the direction of the previous mark and round either mark. If one of the gate marks is missing boats shall leave the remaining mark to port.
- 6.5 If Mark 2 is missing it shall be disregarded.

7. MARKS

- 7.1 Marks 1, 3P and 3S will be 8-foot red conical buoys. Mark 2 will be a 4-foot red conical buoy.
- 7.2 New marks, in a course change, will be 8-foot yellow conical buoys.

8. THE START

- 8.1 The starting line marks will consist of two race committee vessels: a port end line vessel and a starboard end signal vessel. The starting line will be between the staffs displaying an orange flag on each vessel. The port end line boat may be replaced by a yellow conical buoy, in which case the course side of the buoy will be that end of the starting line.
- 8.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 8.3 A race committee vessel stationed near Mark 1 will display the bow numbers of boats that have violated RRS 30.3 or 30.4. Other race committee vessels may also be used along the first windward leg for such display. Boats identified under this instruction shall promptly leave the racecourse and not interfere with boats still racing. Boats failing to do so shall be scored DNE without a hearing.
- 8.4 The race committee will attempt to notify OCS, UFD and BFD boats by bow number or sail number by radio on VHF Channel USA 65A. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.5 Individual and General Recall flags may also be displayed by the race committee pin end line vessel.

9. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark (or finishing line) may not yet be in the position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. This changes RRS 33. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

10. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the staffs or halyards displaying blue flags on the race committee vessels at each end of the line. The port end race committee vessel may be replaced by a green conical buoy, in which case the course side of the buoy will be that end of the finishing line.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 See NoR 12.
- 11.2 The Jury may be positioned anywhere in the course area to observe conditions and the competition. Their position at any time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- 11.3 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 shall request acknowledgment of this using the Event App and their Sailor Account to make a “Request” before the end of the protest time limit. Each such request shall include 1) the boat name, 2) race number, 3) location of the incident, and 4) the alternative penalty taken. The absence of a completed acknowledgement form will be considered as a penalty not taken in a hearing.

12. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 12.1 The target time for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 60 minutes. Failure to meet this target time shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
- 12.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4.1 and A.5.

13. HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1 The protest time limit is one hour after the race committee signal vessel docks, as determined by the PRO. This time will be posted online and on the official notice board.
- 13.2 Hearing Requests shall be delivered through the Event App by logging into the Sailor Account, within the time limit.
- 13.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Notices will be placed on the Jury Notice Board, located at the bottom of the stairs inside the SFYC Cove House. Hearings will be held upstairs in the SFYC Cove House Library.
- 13.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or Jury will be posted on the Jury Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b)
- 13.5 A list of boats that have been scored OCS, UFD, and/or BFD will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 13.6 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

- 14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 14.2 Boats not leaving the harbor for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the OA.
- 14.3 At all times while in the racing area, each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device, except briefly, while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wetsuits and drysuits are not personal flotation devices.

15. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 15.1 Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the Technical Committee.
- 15.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the technical committee. Requests for substitution shall be made via the Event App as a Request.

16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

[DP] On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the race committee or technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection. When ashore on race days, equipment may be inspected or measured at the discretion of the race committee or technical committee.

17. OFFICIAL VESSELS

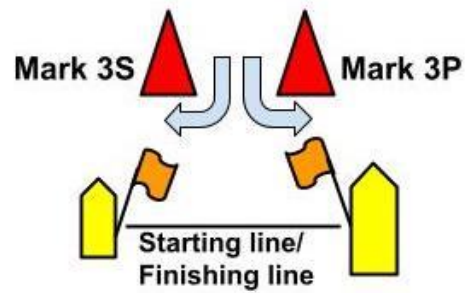
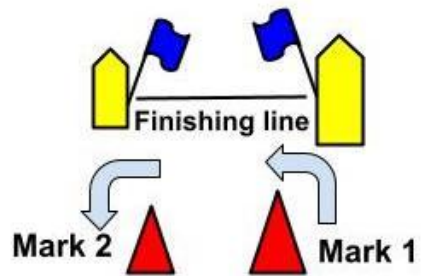
Official vessels will be marked as follows:
Jury vessels - black and white stripe flag
Media vessels - green numbered flag

Race Committee vessels - yellow numbered flag

18. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

Competitors grant the OA and the International Melges 24 Class Association the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for press information; in this respect, either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

Attachment A – Courses



Course 4

Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 1 – 2 – Finish Downwind

Course 5

Start – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – Finish Upwind

----- end of sailing instructions -----



NOTICE OF RACE

Amendment 1 - 5/8/24

Organizing Authority: The San Francisco Yacht Club, in conjunction with the International Melges 24 Class Association (IM24CA)

1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The US Sailing Prescriptions to the RRS that apply are stated in full in NoR Attachment A.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing apply.
- 1.4 The Rules and Regulations of the IM24CA apply.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix P will apply as changed in NoR 12.1.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.7 Rule 40.1 will apply.
- 1.8 The World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code will apply for competitors competing for the Corinthian Trophy, in accordance with the [IM24CA Championship Rules](#).
- 1.9 The International Jury may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violation of the Class Rules and Racing Rules other than those of Part 2.
- 1.10 The organizing authority may provide and require boats to carry live tracking devices to be detailed in the sailing instructions. If so, boats shall not view tracking data while racing.
- 1.11 If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the event website after August 4.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board will be online at: <https://2024worlds.melges24.com>
- 3.2 Hearing information, requests and related notices will be posted online on the hearing platform at: <https://2024worlds.melges24.com>
- 3.2 The race committee will use VHF radio channel USA 65A to communicate to the fleet. Failure in broadcasting or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1. The sailing instructions will provide more details about communications.
- 3.3 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, or when retiring from a race, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Event is open to all boats of the Melges 24 class that meet the obligations of the Class Rules and when relevant, their Member National Authority.
- 4.2 Competitors shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code which requires that all competitors (helmspersons and all other crew) shall be members of their Member National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations. The Yacht Club or organization name and membership details shall be stated when entering.
- 4.3 Class Rule B.2.2 applies: Any crew member competing in a Melges 24 event that has been categorized as a Group 3 sailor must be a current full member of the NCA or, where there is no NCA in their country, a member of ICA or an NCA nominated by ICA.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration, when available at <https://2024worlds.melges24.com>.
- 4.5 No entries will be accepted after July 31.
- 4.6 Only boats that have completed all registration and measurement requirements before 1700 hours on August 19 will be allowed to compete.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The early entry fee is \$1850 when registered and paid before March 31. Registration after March 31 and until June 1 is \$1950. After June 1 the late entry fee is \$2350. Completed entry includes payment of entry fee. Entry fees will not be refunded after July 1. Boats shall check-in at the registration desk during the times listed in the Schedule.
- 5.2 The entry fee includes berthing, racing, trophies, and social events for four or five registered sailors. Additional tickets to social events will be available for purchase.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 The World Sailing Sailor Categorisation Code will apply to the teams in the Corinthian Trophy (see RRS 79). Please refer to World Sailing website: www.sailing.org
- 6.2 Indicate categorisation and the unique World Sailing sailor ID for each sailor on the entry form if entering for the [Corinthian Trophy](#).
- 6.3 The closing date for the registration of Corinthian entries shall be **August 11**.
- 6.4 Corinthian sailors shall be registered with World Sailing prior to August 11 and be able to declare their World Sailing sailor ID and group number on the entry form.
- 6.5 Categorisation will be checked at registration. A final list will be published at the close of registration.
- 6.6 The Categorization Protest Time Limit is the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing.
- 6.7 Full details for the [Corinthian Trophy](#) can be found in [IM24CA Championship Rules](#).
- 6.8 Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member between the closing date of entries and the start of the Event, the name of the new crew member with their valid World Sailing ID and group number shall be submitted to the OA for approval by the IM24CA Class Administrator or Championship Coordinator.

7 ADVERTISING

Subject to World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code) boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken, World Sailing regulation 20.9 applies.

8 SCHEDULE

Monday, August 12	Boats and Competitors Welcome to Arrive at SFYC	
Saturday, August 17	Measurement and Check-in	0900-1800
Sunday, August 18	Measurement and Check-in	0900-1800
Monday, August 19	Late Measurement and Check-in (by special appointment only)	0900-1300
	Practice Race First Warning Signal	1300
	Competitors' Meeting and Welcome	1700
Tues-Fri, August 20-23	First Warning Signal	1125
Saturday, August 24	First Warning Signal	1125
	No initial Warning Signal for a race made after this time	1500
	Awards Ceremony and Dinner	1800
Tuesday, August 27	All boats, trailers and equipment must leave SFYC	sunset

- 8.1 12 total races are scheduled. Two races are scheduled on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Three races are scheduled on Wednesday and Friday. One extra race may be sailed in addition to each daily schedule, provided that the regatta does not become more than one race ahead of schedule.
- 8.2 The OA and/or the RC reserve the right to modify the race schedule due to weather conditions or other reasons. Such communication will be posted on the official notice board by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

9 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate before the close of registration on August 19 at 1300 hours. Documents may be submitted before onsite registration to IM24CA Administrator Piret Salmistu via email at piret@melges24.com.
- 9.2 The Event Technical Committee may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before or after the races.
- 9.3 Registration of sails and limitation stamping will take place during periods stated in #8 above.
THERE WILL BE NO FACILITIES FOR INITIAL SAIL MEASUREMENT. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the Event.
- 9.4 During the Event checks on conformity with Class Rules, including measurement requirements may be performed at any time.
- 9.5 A boat shall provide a minimum of 2 people to facilitate measurement.

10 VENUE

- 10.1 The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle, approximately 5-6 miles from the SFYC harbor.
- 10.2 All regatta related shoreside events will take place at The San Francisco Yacht Club: 98

Beach Road, Belvedere, CA or as indicated on the official notice board.

11 COURSES

The courses will be windward/leeward type with an offset mark and gate, and will be described in the sailing instructions. All rounding marks will be inflatable buoys.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to read: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 or Class Rule C.11 while racing.”
- 12.2 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.
- 12.3 If a member of the Jury witnesses a breach of RRS Part 2, RRS 31 and/or Class Rule C.11, they may indicate their observation by making a long sound (whistle) and a red flag. The boat shall then exonerate itself by complying with NOR 12.1. If no penalty is taken the Jury may protest.
- 12.4 Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply. RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. The penalty under RRS P2.1 is changed to be a one-turn penalty. This changes RRS Appendix P.
- 12.5 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 Three races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 14.1 Coach and support person vessels shall register with the OA within the registration time limit. Only support vessels that have registered with the OA and carry identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area.
- 14.2 The IM24CA Coach and Support Boat regulations will apply and it is attached to this NoR as Appendix A.
- 14.3 Each person on board a coach or support person boat shall be deemed a support person as per RRS Definitions and subject to RRS 64.5.

15 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

In accordance with RRS G3, a chartered or loaned boat for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the Class Rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first start.

16 LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 16.1 Hoist times and rules will be detailed on the Event website and on the Notice Board.
- 16.2 All boats shall be afloat by 1600 hours on August 19.
- 16.3 Except when sailing, all boats shall be kept in their assigned docking area at SFYC. Fenders and mooring lines will be required.
- 16.4 Trailers for Melges 24s, support boats, and support items may be kept at SFYC in their designated parking spots. All non-Melges 24 trailers must make arrangements to receive a

parking spot during check-in at the direction of the SFYC Director of Sailing. Some of these trailers may be assigned off-site spaces.

17 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out after the end of on-site registration or during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Event Technical Committee.

18 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus (excluding 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 event.

19 VIDEO AND PHOTOS

The use of any third-party photo, video or drone footage not directly controlled by the PRO or Regatta RC shall not be permitted as evidence in any protest.

20 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk and subject to the terms and conditions of the SFYC liability waiver, which shall be agreed to during the registration process.

RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent. Proof of insurance shall be provided during Check-in.

22 PRIZES

22.1 The Overall Champion will be the winner of the open division and awarded with “[The Melges Performance Sailboats Trophy](#)” as the perpetual trophy of the Melges 24 World Championship.

22.2 The winner of the Corinthian Division will be awarded with “[The Challenge Henri Samuel Corinthian World Trophy](#)” as the perpetual trophy of the Melges 24 Corinthian World Championship.

22.3 The top rookie owner will be awarded with “[Zarko Draganic Trophy](#)”.

22.4 Trophies will be awarded to each skipper and crew of the top 5 boats in the final overall results.

22.5 Trophies will be awarded to each skipper and crew of the top 3 boats in the Corinthian Division overall results.

22.6 Daily prizes will also be awarded to each individual race winner and top Corinthian.

22.7 Additional Prizes may be given at the discretion of the OA.

23 FURTHER INFORMATION

SFYC Race Office: 415-789-5647, race@sfyc.org

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Event Chair: Matthew Sessions MelgesWorlds2024@gmail.com

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SOCIAL EVENTS AND CLUB RULES

- After racing each day hosted beer, wine and light snacks will be served for competitors.
- There will be a Mid Regatta Party on Thursday, which will include dinner. Non-competitor tickets will be available for purchase.
- The Awards Ceremony and Dinner will have tickets available for purchase for non-competitors.
- All competitors must abide by all of the regular and any special SFYC rules that may be in effect, while on SFYC property (ie: docks, parking lot, clubhouse/deck, etc).

PARKING

Parking in the SFYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. Vehicles will not be allowed to enter the parking lot except to drop off sailors or equipment, or when delivering or retrieving trailers. Off-site parking information will be available on the Event website.