

# NOTICE OF RACE



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The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC) in conjunction with The US Melges 24 Class Association (USM24CA)



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## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescription to RRS 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3 The notation **[NP]** in a *rule* means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that *rule*. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.4 The notation **[DP]** in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of a *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.5 The notation **[SP]** in a rule means that a penalty may be applied by the Race Committee (RC) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.
- 1.6 **[DP]** Melges 24 Coach and Support Boat Regulations will be in effect.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between the notice of race and sailing instructions, the sailing instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available by July 1, 2024 and will be posted on the regatta notice board.

## 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board will be online at [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eid=16373](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16373).
- 3.2 **[DP]** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication with the race committee on US VHF marine channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors by VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the sailing instructions. The following communications may be made by the race committee:
  - Course number
  - Bearing and distance to a mark
  - Start Times
  - Count downs to warning, preparatory, and start signals
  - Shortened course
  - Change of course
  - Abandonment
  - On course side boats or general recalls
- 3.4 **[DP]** From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, a boat shall not:
  - 3.4.1 Make or receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats, except in case of an emergency.
  - 3.4.2 have contact with a *support person*.
- 3.5 The race office is located at the Santa Barbara Yacht Club - 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109, on the southwest corner of the building.  
Telephone – (805) 965-8112, ext 114. Email – [racing@sbyc.org](mailto:racing@sbyc.org).
- 3.6 Any failure of a boat to receive or properly interpret the information or an action of the RC acting under NOR 3.3 will not be grounds for request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

#### **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 Entry for the 2024 Melges 24 US National Championship will be available online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16373>.
- 4.3 Entry is completed when all fees are paid, all crew have signed the waiver of liability, and proof of insurance has been provided.
- 4.4 The entry deadline is 1800 Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on July 10, 2024. Entries accepted after this time are at the discretion of the OA.

#### **5. FEES**

- 5.1 The entry fee will be:
  - a.) \$650 for entries received on or before June 30, 2024.
  - b.) \$750 for entries received on July 1, 2024 or after. This fee will apply to any boat that has not completed registration and paid entry fees in full by June 30, 2024.
- 5.2 The entry fee is refundable, less a \$75 fee, if the cancellation notification is received and acknowledged on or before July 1, 2024.
- 5.3 Entry fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the regatta at designated times, berthing at the regatta harbor for the dates of the event, trailer storage, hospitality to the events for all competing crew.

#### **6. ADVERTISING**

- 6.1 Advertising shall conform to World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Melges 24 Class Rules.
- 6.2 Boats may be required to display sponsor advertising for the duration of the event chosen and supplied by the OA.

#### **7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND CREW WEIGH-IN**

- 7.1 **[DP]** Each boat shall submit a valid measurement certificate prior to the entry deadline.
- 7.2 **[DP]** The Technical Committee (TC) may weigh, measure, or inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails before, during, or after the races.
- 7.3 **[DP]** Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer prior to the entry deadline.
- 7.4 **[NP]** A boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters on a sail number in contravention of the class rules.
- 7.5 According to class rule C2.2, each crew member shall weigh-in during the times listed in NOR 9.

#### **8. CREW LIMITATION**

- 8.1 The World Sailing Sailor Classification Code (Regulation 22) will apply to teams competing for the Corinthian Trophy (see RRS 79). Classification for each sailor and the unique World Sailing sailor ID shall be indicated on the entry form if entering for the Corinthian Trophy.
- 8.2 Boats that wish to enter the Corinthian division shall submit a Corinthian Declaration Form for all crew members that includes sailor classifications, World Sailing sailor ID and

date of expiration to USM24CA administration no later than July 1, 2024, by emailing to [communications@usmelges24.com](mailto:communications@usmelges24.com). The Corinthian Declaration Form will be posted online at: [www.usmelges24.com](http://www.usmelges24.com).

- 8.3 Corinthian Declaration Forms accepted after July 1, 2024 shall not be eligible for the Corinthian Trophy and will sail in the open division.
- 8.4 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in the IM24CA Championship rules.
- 8.5 Protests regarding World Sailing classification may be submitted starting July 1, 2024 and must be submitted by close of registration. Such protests will be handled by the USM24CA office, whose decision is final.
- 8.6 Any boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted, may change a crew member between the closing date of Corinthian entries and the start of the regatta, by submitting the name of the new crew member with their valid World Sailing sailor ID and group number to the OA for approval by the IM24CA Championship Coordinator.

## 9. SCHEDULE

9.1 The schedule is as follows:

DAY	DATE	TIME(s)	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Thursday</b>	July 11, 2024	1000 – 1500	Check-in and Weigh-In	SBYC Fleet Room
		1600	3 practice starts / 1 practice race.	
		1800	Opening Ceremony / Post-Race Hors D'oeuvres	SBYC Beach
		1830	Competitors Meeting	SBYC Beach
<b>Friday</b>	July 12, 2024	1000	No-host breakfast	SBYC Upstairs
		1330	First Warning Signal	
		1800	No Warning Signal after this time	SBYC Beach
		Post Racing	Hors D'oeuvres & drinks	
<b>Saturday</b>	July 13, 2024	1000	No-host breakfast	SBYC Upstairs
		1300	First Warning Signal	
		1800	No Warning Signal after this time	SBYC Beach
		Post Racing	Beach Party and hosted dinner	
<b>Sunday</b>	July 14, 2024	1000	No-host breakfast	SBYC Upstairs
		1230	First Warning Signal	
		1530	No Warning Signal after this time, except as a result of a General Recall	SBYC Upstairs
		Post Racing	Awards	

9.2 A total of ten (10) races are scheduled with no more than four (4) races to be sailed on any one day.

9.3 The OA reserves the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes.

## 10. VENUE

10.1 The venue host address: Santa Barbara Yacht Club, 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109.

10.2 The location of the racing area is the Santa Barbara Channel. Specific details regarding

the race course location will be given in the sailing instructions.

## 11. COURSES

The courses will be windward-leeward with a weather offset mark and leeward gates. Course diagrams will be appended to the sailing instructions.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rule V1 – Penalties at the time of the incident will apply. The first two sentences of Rule 44.1 are changed to: ‘A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 12.2 Appendix V, Rule V2 – Post Race Penalties will apply:
- (a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
  - (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
  - (c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to a member of the protest committee a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

## 13. SCORING

- 13.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 13.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 14. SUPPORT PERSON / SUPPORT VESSEL REGULATIONS

- 14.1 **[DP] [NP]** A *support person* agrees while on the water to monitor the race committee on the assigned VHF channel, to assist the race committee if requested, and accepts the provisions of RRS 4.1(b), Acceptance of the Rules.
- 14.2 **[DP]** From the time of the first warning signal of the day, until a boat has finished the last race of the day, support vessel and their crew may have no contact with their team.
- 14.3 **[DP]** All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to the racing area under their own power.
- 14.4 **[DP]** Support persons shall stay 100 meters outside the racing area while any boats are racing on their course.
- 14.5 The race committee or Jury may warn a *support person* who, in their opinion, is about to infringe on a race before protesting under RRS 60.2 or 60.3(d). Any penalty given by the jury is at their discretion but shall be applied to the overall score and therefore not discarded. (This changes Appendix A).
- 14.6 **[DP] [NP]** No drones are allowed closer than 500 meters from racing areas from the Warning Signal for a race and after the last boat has finished the race. As a penalty for

breaching this rule the protest committee may impose a discretionary penalty to all boats associated with the owner / operator of the drone. This *rule* does not apply to the OA drones.

- 14.7 **[DP]** Support persons and Support Vessels shall register with the race office during registration times. They shall declare which boat or boats to which they are attached. Support persons and support vessels shall declare proof of insurance and provide photo ID of the driver. Vessels shall comply with local laws and regulations regarding their operation.
- 14.8 **[DP]** Coach and support boats shall display a flag, or other identification symbol, as may be required by the race committee.

## **15. SAFETY**

- 15.1 **[DP]** Before the first warning signal of each day, all boats shall sail past the stern of the RC Signal Boat on starboard tack and check in by hailing their sail/bow number. They shall continue to do so until their sail/bow number is verbally acknowledged by the RC.
- 15.2 **[DP] [NP]** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC before leaving the course area or immediately after arriving ashore via radio contact from SBYC staff.

## **15. BERTHING**

Wet and Dry Storage will be detailed in 'Attachment A – Staging'. This attachment will be posted on the notice board at a later date.

## **16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

**[NP][DP]** Boats will be afloat prior to their first warning signal for the event and shall not be hauled-out until completion of the final race of their class, except with the written permission of the Jury.

## **17. PRIZES**

- 17.1 Prizes will be given to the top 5 teams overall and to the top 3 Corinthian teams.
- 17.2 Other prizes from the OA will be posted on the Notice Board.

## **18. RISK STATEMENT**

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.**

## **19. MEDIA RIGHTS**

- 19.1 By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any

photography, audio and video recording, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

- 19.2 **[DP]** All Press and official spectator boats shall be registered by the race organizing authority during registration.
- 19.3 **[DP]** Press and spectator vessels shall display any flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the Race Committee.
- 19.4 The race organizers may appoint one or more photo vessels, which will be allowed within the racecourse. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress. (This changes rule RRS 62.1)
- 19.5 **[DP]** Press and spectator vessels shall not interfere with boats racing in any way.

## **20. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 USD per event of the equivalent.

## **21. FURTHER INFORMATION**

### **REGATTA CHAIRS:**

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