

2007 AUDI MELGES 24 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
21-23 SEPTEMBER
BAYVIEW YACHT CLUB
DETROIT, MI

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the current rules of the International Melges 24 Class Association (IMCA).
- 1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 All competitors are required to wear a life jacket or other adequate personal flotation device while racing except for brief periods while changing clothing.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The Regatta is open to all Melges 24's as defined by the rules of the IMCA.
- 2.2 All competitors must meet all ownership, class membership and boat measurement requirements and must have paid all the event fees before beginning official competition. All crews must be weighed before beginning official competition and must meet IMCA rules.
- 2.3 The same crews and sails must be used throughout the entire regatta. Substitutions will not be permitted without the explicit approval of the protest committee.

3. WEIGH-IN

- 3.1 All crews shall weigh in prior to competing in the first race of the regatta. Class maximum is 793.66 lbs.
- 3.2 Weigh-in will be held on Thursday, September 20 from 10:00 - 18:00 hours on the second floor of the Bayview Yacht Club

4. CORINTHIAN COMPETITION AND CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 The Corinthian division is open to all Melges 24 teams that meet all ISAF Corinthian qualifications and requirements. The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply for the Corinthian Trophy. Please refer to ISAF's website: www.sailing.org.
- 4.2 To be considered for Corinthian competition, a Corinthian Declaration form must be received prior to racing (no exceptions). Forms will be supplied at registration and may be submitted at the time of registration. Forms may be faxed in advance to (912) 920-1827. For additional questions about Corinthian competition please contact Paul Hulsey, Regatta Chairman on email at pdhulsey@comcast.net or Joy Dunigan, USMCA Class Communications Director at (912) 920-1826 and email at communications@usmelges24.com

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 Eight races are scheduled conditions permitting.
- 5.2 The official schedule of events is as follows

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Registration/Check in (Bayview Yacht Club, Regatta Room)	1000 –1800
Weigh in (Bayview Yacht Club, Regatta Room)	1000 – 1800
Dave Ullman Clinic Sponsored by Latis Yachting.....	1200 – 1700

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Competitor's Meeting (BYC Mackinac Room).....	0900
Warning signal race #1	1100
(Successive races to follow ASAP)	
After race party at Crescent Sail Yacht Club.....	1830

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Warning signal first race of the day.....	1030
(Successive races to follow ASAP)	
After race party at Bayview Yacht Club.....	1830

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Warning signal first race of the day.....	1030
(Successive races to follow ASAP)	
Awards banquet (Grand Ball Room).....	1700 – 1900

6. FEES

- 6.1 Regatta Entry (received by September 10, 2006)\$350.00
 Regatta Entry (received after September 10, 2006)\$385.00
 Additional Wristbands (4 included w/registration)\$50.00
 The entry fee includes participation in the regatta and in all social events.
- 6.2 You may register by visiting our website at www.melges24racing.com and clicking on our link to the 2007 National Championship. All entries are made online through via Yacht Scoring and payments can be made through Paypal. You may also register on location on Thursday 20, September until the 1800 deadline.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COURSES

- 7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration/Check-in on Wednesday November 15th.
- 7.2 The course will be a windward — leeward configuration that utilizes a leeward gate and an offset mark.

8. INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 The organizers may weigh, measure, or inspect any boat and/or her equipment before, during and after the races.
- 8.2 Boats may be measured only by prior appointment. All sails must be presented and those without a valid measurement stamp may be measured.

- 8.3 Each boat entered must present a valid insurance policy for boat damage and 3rd party liability coverage.
- 8.4 Chartered or loaned boats may display National Letters and sail numbers in contravention of the Class Rules.
- 8.5 A valid measurement certificate for entry shall be presented to the Regatta Organizers before the close of registration, 18:00 Thursday, 20 September 2007.

9. LAUNCH, MOORING & HAUL OUT

- 9.1 Boats may be launched before and hauled out after the regatta using BYC's two hoists.
- 9.2 The fleet will be moored at Bayview Yacht Club either in the Big Harbor, Small Harbor or Conner's Creek Launching area. All participating boats shall be afloat by the start of the first race on Thursday September 21st and shall not be hauled out before the completion of the regatta without prior written permission of the Protest Committee. Rudders shall remain affixed.
- 9.3 Careening and dive cleaning (using underwater breathing apparatus) will not be permitted after the launching deadline during the regatta.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1 The Race Committee will intend to use marine VHF radio channel 69 to communicate with the fleet when outside the BYC harbor, including countdown to start, OCS numbers, general recalls and postponements.
- 10.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile phones.

11. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System RRS Appendix A4 shall apply.

- 11.1 The championship will be valid if three (3) or more races are completed.
- 11.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one jibe is required. This changes RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2
- 12.2 RRS Appendix P (Immediate penalties for breaking Rule 42) shall apply.
- 12.3 Decisions of the Jury shall be final as provided in Rule 70.4

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Support boats shall register with the Regatta Organizers during the registration period, which ends at 18:00 on Thursday, 20 September 2007.
- 13.2 The Coach, Support Boat, Press and Spectator Boat Sailing Instruction Appendix shall be in operation.

- 13.3 Marine Operations Instructions shall be provided to all support boats at registration. Support boats shall conform to these instructions. The Jury may take action against the boats associated with any Support Boat that does not comply with these instructions.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Overall awards will be given to the top five positions.
14.2 Corinthian awards will be presented to the top five teams.
14.3 Daily awards will be given to the top three positions.

15. LODGING

Most of available hotels are available in down town Detroit with an easy 15 minute drive to BYC.

Other hotels are:

Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center: Discounted rates are available if you mention the code phrase “Melges 24 Nationals” when booking to receive the discount.

Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites

Hotel Pontchartrain

Omni Detroit Hotel at River Place

Atheneum Suite Hotel Detroit

16. GUEST CARDS

Charging privileges for use in the club’s dining room and bar will be granted to those individuals who have obtained a Guest Card. Guest cards will be available at registration and will be valid for the duration of the regatta. To obtain a guest card please provide a major credit card during registration.

17. TEMPORARY DRY STORAGE

Limited dry storage is available up to one week prior to the regatta at Bayview Yacht Club with out charge. There will be limited storage for teams who wish to store their boat prior to the regatta. For storage prior to the regatta please contact Regatta Chair, Paul Hulsey via phone at (248) 515-2320 or on email at pdhulsey@comcast.net.

18. DIRECTIONS

SOUTHBOUND on I-75, to I-94 interchange heading east to Port Huron, to exit 220 Conner St. heading southbound. Go approximately 2.3 miles to Jefferson Ave. Continue straight and Conner turns into Clairpointe St. Travel approximately .7 miles to BYC on right.

NORTHBOUND on I-75, to I-94 interchange heading east to Port Huron, to exit 220 Conner Ave. heading southbound. Go approximately 2.3 miles to Jefferson Ave. Continue straight and Conner turns into Clairpointe St. Travel approximately .7 miles to BYC on right.

EASTBOUND (From DTW Airport) on I-94 travel 22.1 miles to exit 220 Conner Ave. Go approximately 2.3 miles to Jefferson Ave. Continue straight and Conner turns into Clairpointe St. Travel approximately .7 miles to BYC on right.

19. BOW NUMBERS

Bow numbers will be provided by Bayview Yacht Club and are required to be in place during the regatta.

20. THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION ON RACE DAY.

All competitors must register in advance or as provided on Thursday, 20 September 2007.

21. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Competitors are prohibited from discharging any refuse overboard including but not limited to cans, bottles, paper and plastic. The penalty for breaking this rule will be disqualification from the regatta. This modifies rule 63.1. Such disqualification will be posted.

22. TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPH RELEASE

All 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 and advertising purposes.

23. PRESS COMMUNICATION

For credentials and information please contact:

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Joy Dunigan, USMCA Class Communications Director

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Email: communications@usmelges24.com

24. CHARTER BOATS

See www.melges24.com for currently available charter boats, or contact USMCA Midwest District

Governor, Mike Dow on email at mdow@mac.com

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

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