

2015 Miami Yacht Club Melges²⁴ Invitational Regatta

November 20-22

Organizing Authority is the Miami Yacht Club

Miami Florida

In cooperation with the United States Melges²⁴ Class Association

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of the United States Melges²⁴ Class Association (USMCA), and this Notice of Race, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions or any appendices to the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Racing Rule 40 is changed as follows: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices (code flag Y need not be displayed)."

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, and the Melges²⁴ Class rules shall be permitted.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising and/or bow numbers chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open only to Melges²⁴ Class boats that meet the obligations of the Melges²⁴ Class rules and USMCA rules, including class membership.
- 3.2. Eligible competitors shall enter by completing the online registration form and fee payment found on the Yachtscoring.com website
- 3.3. All participants (or their parent/guardian if under age 18) will be required to agree to a waiver of liability as a condition of eligibility. This waiver may be completed either during online registration or at the event check-in.
- 3.4. All competitors are required to check in at the MYC race office no later than 9:00 am, prior to the competitors' meeting on Friday morning. Boats must be registered and checked in prior to participating in practice racing on Thursday. The following must be presented at check-in:
 - 3.4.1.1. Class measurement certificate
 - 3.4.1.2. Proof of current class membership
 - 3.4.1.3. Crew list

- 3.4.1.4. Support boat information
- 3.4.1.5. Proof of liability insurance
- 3.4.1.6. Signed liability waiver (skipper and crew)

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. This event is open to sailors of all classifications as described in ISAF Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code (see: www.sailing.org).
- 4.2. For boats competing for the Corinthian Trophy, sailor classifications, including ISAF sailor ID numbers, must be submitted to USMCA no later than November 18, 2015, by FAX to 912-756-6728 or emailed to: [communications@usmelges²⁴.com](mailto:communications@usmelges24.com). The Corinthian Declaration Form will be posted online at: [www.usmelges²⁴.com](http://www.usmelges24.com).
- 4.3. Sailors must register with ISAF prior to November 18, 2015, and be able to declare their ISAF sailor classification ID number on their race entry form.
- 4.4. Protests regarding ISAF classification may be submitted starting November 18 2015, and must be submitted by the end of protest time on the first day of racing. Such protests will be handled by the USMCA office, whose decision is final.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$325.00 for entries completed with payment on or before Sept. 20 2015. After that date, the entry fee is \$425.00.
- 5.2. Current members of US Sailing are eligible for a discount of \$5.00.
- 5.3. Entry fees include berthing during the regatta, regatta souvenir, post-racing refreshments, and regatta banquet tickets for skippers and crew members of all registered boats. Additional regatta banquet tickets may be purchased at the time of registration.
- 5.4. Entry fees must be paid at the time of online registration at Yachtscoring.com website. Entries will not be valid until payment is received.

6. SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 19	9:00 am-6:00 pm 2:00-TBD	Check-in at MYC race office Practice racing
Friday, Sept 20	8:30-10:00 am 10:00 am Noon	Check-in at MYC race office Competitors meeting First race warning
Saturday, Sept 21	Noon 6:00 pm	First race warning Regatta banquet at MYC

Sunday, Sept 22

11:00 am

First race warning

3:00 pm

No warning signal after this time

Awards presentation to follow last race

7. INSPECTION & MEASUREMENT

- 7.1. All boats shall comply with the current USMCA rules and specifications. Each boat shall present a valid measurement certificate at the time of check-in. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer prior to check-in. NOTE: There will not be any sail measurement or certification at the regatta site.
- 7.2. Spot checks may be performed on any boat by the principle race officer's designee at any time during the event.
- 7.3. Chartered or loaned boats may display national letters and sail numbers in contravention of IMCA rule G3.1, in accordance with rule G3.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and on the Yachtscoring.com website beginning on
Thursday, September 19, 2015

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The race course will be Outside Government Cut on the Atlantic Ocean. See Attachment A. Depending on the conditions we may need to race in Biscayne Bay See Attachment B

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses will be around buoys set by the race committee as described in the Sailing Instructions. Courses will generally be windward/leeward, using offset windward marks and leeward gate marks, subject to conditions as determined by the race committee.

11. SCORING AND PENALTIES

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used.
- 11.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5- 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 11.3. The race committee will attempt to complete as many races as conditions allow. A minimum of three completed races are required to constitute a series.

- 11.4. The first two sentences of Racing Rule 44.1 are changed as follows: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 when *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. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Support boats, which include coach and spectator boats, must register at the MYC race office during the check-in period. During racing, support boats shall monitor the race committee VHF channel and remain more than 50 yards from the course area, except when asked to assist by the race committee. Support boats shall not communicate with boats that are racing.
- 12.2. Support boats shall check with the MYC race office regarding availability and location of berthing at the MYC Facilities.

13. LAUNCHING, BERTHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1. All boats intending to race shall be afloat by 9:00 am on Friday, September 20.
- 13.2. Boats shall be kept in the designated areas of the MYC marina or as otherwise assigned by the MYC race office. Specific berths may be assigned at check-in.
- 13.3. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta without the prior written permission of the protest committee.
- 13.4. Boats shall not be kept on a hydro-hoist or other flotation device during the regatta.
- 13.5. Underwater breathing apparatus, including snorkels, and plastic pools or their equivalent, shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal for the first race and the end of the regatta.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. Race information will be broadcast on VHF channel 68.

15. PRIZES

- 15.1. Prizes will be given to the top 3 teams overall and to the top Corinthian team.
- 15.2. Additional prizes may be awarded by the OA.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1. Boats shall not impede the passage of commercial vessels and shall comply with the [U.S. Inland Navigation Rules Act of 1980](#). Boats that fail to comply promptly with signals from a committee boat to alter course, or that receive a 5-blast warning (5 short sounds) from a commercial vessel, will be subject to protest and possible disqualification.

17. RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY, PERSONAL CONDUCT

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta 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.

- 17.2. Competitors will accept full responsibility for all their actions during any activity related to this event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.
- 17.3. Competitors are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times and to abide by the MYC Rules

18. INSURANCE

- 18.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent. Competitors shall be prepared to supply proof of insurance on request.

19. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 19.1. By participating in this event, all competitors automatically grant the organizers and sponsors the right to make, use and show, at any time and at their discretion, any photographs or videos of him or her produced during the period of the event without compensation.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

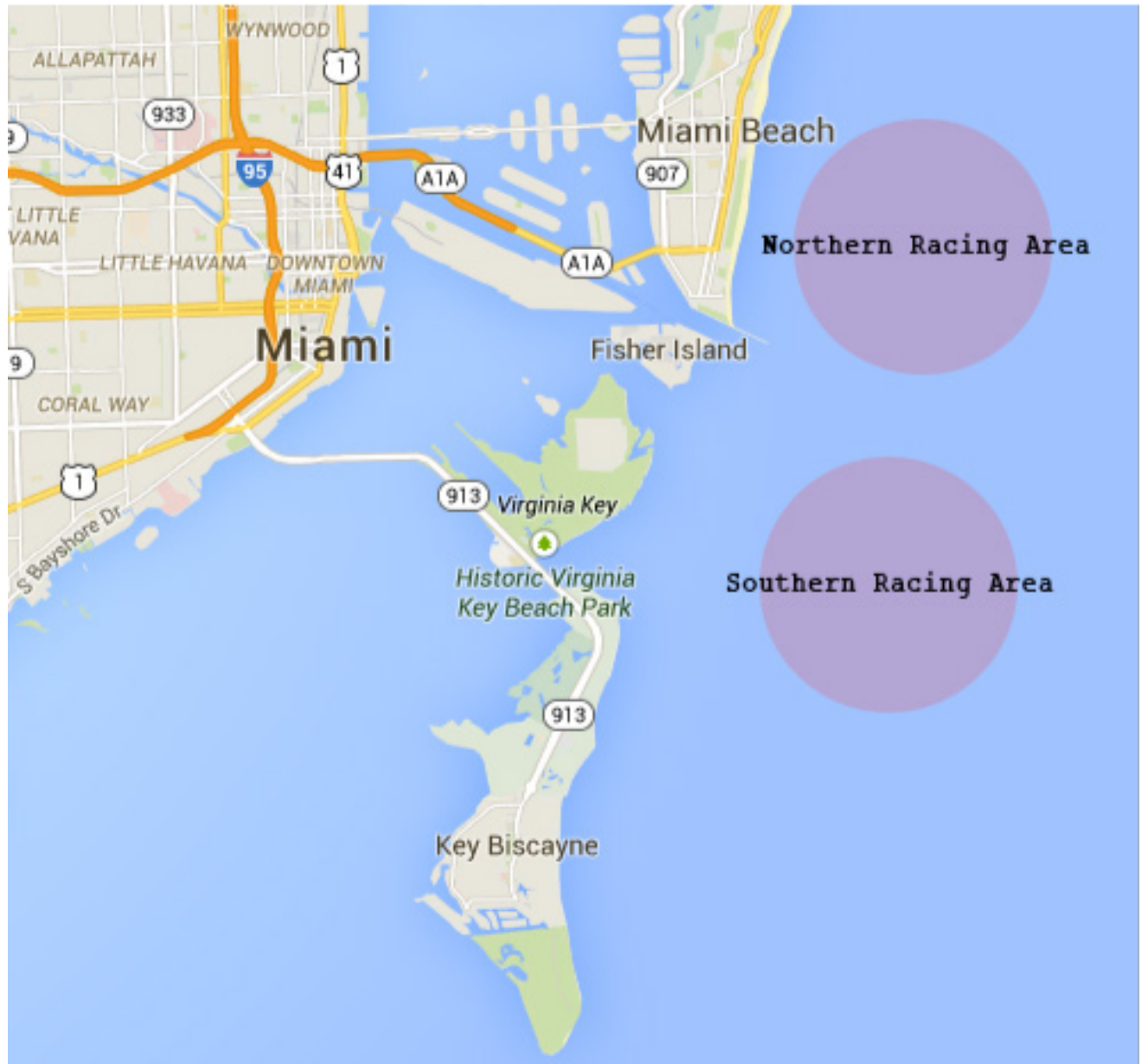
- 20.1. For more information, contact MYC Vice Commodore [Linda Evans](#)

20.2. MYC Regatta Committee:

20.3. USMCA Representative:

20.4. Principle Race Officer:

Attachment A: Racing Area A and B



Attachment B: Racing Area C

