

Melges 24 Blind Squirrel Charleston Invitational
April 2, 3 and 4, 2021
Version 1.0

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (“OA”) is the Blind Squirrel Sailing Team.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The Melges 24 Blind Squirrel Charleston Invitational (the “regatta” or “event”) regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the International Melges 24 Class Association
- 1.2 This Notice of Race may be updated as needed and posted on the Event’s website. The version date will be updated when changes are made and posted.
- 1.3 This event will follow all Federal, State and County guidelines as they apply to social separation while ashore.
- 1.4 The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all Melges 24 sailboats.
- 2.2 The entry deadline is 2400 EDT on March 26, 2021. Entries received after the deadline should contact the OA.

3. Other Rules and Equipment

- 3.1 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.
- 3.2 At all times, boats shall monitor and keep clear of commercial traffic. Boats that hinder commercial traffic to the point of five horns shall be subject to protest by the race committee.

4. Fees

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$150. There will be no refunds unless the regatta is cancelled.

5. Schedule

Friday April 2, 2021

1100 - First Warning Signal

Saturday April 3, 2021

1100 - First Warning Signal

Sunday April 4, 2021

1100 - First Warning Signal

No Warning Signal after 1500

- 5.1 All race times subject to amendment at the discretion of the OA

6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta’s YachtScoring.com website by April 1, 2021

7. Venue, Courses, Slips/Docking

- 7.1 The regatta site will be Charleston Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean, however it is the OA’s goal to sail the racing circle that will be used for the 2021 Melges 24 World Championship

7.2 Docking will take place at the Charleston Harbor Marina. Please contact the CHR&M Dockmaster at 843-284-7062 or marina@charlestonharborresort.com. Website www.charlestonharbormarina.com

8. Penalties

8.1 The US Sailing prescription RRS Appendix V (ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES) will apply.

8.2 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. 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."

9. Scoring

9.1 A maximum of twelve races are scheduled, one of which shall be completed to constitute a series.

9.2 If five or fewer races are completed, the score for each boat will be the sum of the scores for all races sailed; if six or more races are completed one race will be discarded from each boat's score.

10. Support Boats

10.1 Support boats shall remain no less than 50 yards from the race course from preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals postponement, general recall or abandonment.

10.2 Support boats shall carry a VHF radio tuned to the designated race committee VHF channel.

10.3 Support drivers shall have valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent and provide proof upon request by the race committee or Organizing Authority.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

11.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE). The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the regatta.

11.2 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who shall ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

11.3 The OA, their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for the loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to this event.

11.4 The Skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to protest, which may include disqualification from the regatta.

12. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per event or the equivalent.

13 Event Management

The Organizing Authority is the Blind Squirrel Sailing Team. Any correspondence should be directed to Jeff Bonanni, jbbonanni@gmail.com , 609 306-2367