



Toronto, CAN
September 15-17, 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing authority will be National Yacht Club in collaboration with IM24CA and Canadian Melges24 Class Association.

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. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing](#).
- 1.2. Sail Canada Prescriptions apply and are available at: [RRS 2021-2024 Sail Canada Prescriptions](#)
- 1.3. Appendix T Arbitration applies.
- 1.4. Appendix P applies
- 1.5. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.6. RRS 40.1 applies
- 1.7. RRS 44.1 Penalties."Two-Turns Penalty" is changed to "One-Turn Penalty" except when the infringement occurs in the **zone**, in which case the penalty is the "Two-Turns Penalty". This changes RRS 44.1.
- 1.8. If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.
- 1.9. The WORLD SAILING Sailor Categorization Code will apply for competitors competing for the Corinthian Trophy, in accordance with the [IM24CA Championship Rules](#).
- 1.10. The Protest Committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violation of the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, the Class Rules and Racing Rules other than those of Part 2.
- 1.11. IM24CA Coach and support boats Regulations shall apply. (NoR Appendix A)



2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available no later than September 12, 2023 online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15738> and will be available at NYC during registration and check-in times.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. Use of hand-held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel to be identified in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress.
- 3.2. Other use of any communication device is prohibited during racing, and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes.
- 3.3. All boats shall carry a working marine VHF radio capable of communicating on standard frequencies.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The regatta 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. Competitors shall comply with the World Sailing eligibility code (Regulation 19) 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. Proof of membership shall be recognized if the Class association website registry lists their membership.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration at www.yachtscoring.com no later than the close of day, September 5, 2023. Entries may be accepted after this date only with approval by the OA on a case-by-case basis and will only be eligible to compete in the Open division. Only boats that have completed all registration requirements, including payment of the applicable entry fee, will be allowed to compete.
- 4.3. For boats competing for the Corinthian Trophy, sailors must register with World Sailing and be able to declare their World Sailing Sailor ID and Classification Group on their race entry form by September 5, 2023. Details regarding the Corinthian Trophy may be found in the IM24CA Championship rules. Protests regarding World Sailing classification may be submitted starting Friday, September 8, 2023, and must be submitted by the end of protest time on the first day of racing. Such protests will be handled by the IM24CA office, whose decision is final.



4.4. All competitors are required to check in at the NYC race office no later than 9:00am, prior to the competitor's meeting on Friday, September 15, 2023. The following must be presented at check-in or on Yacht Scoring as appropriate:

- Class measurement certificate.
- Proof of current class membership.
- Crew list.
- Support boat information.

4.5. Signed liability waiver (skipper and crew) which can be completed at the online registration site at www.yachtscoring.com or at check-in

When registering, each competitor will be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property incurred in conjunction with the regatta, on the property of the club, or on the water, or during participation in any individual race of the regatta, or from the actions of the Organizing Authority, its officers, the protest committee, The technical committee, the race management team and any sponsors of the Regatta and their members, officers, governors and agents, from liability for such damage or injury.

4.6. Helm and crew may be substituted during the series only for good and sufficient reason and if approved by the Race Committee. Sailor classification and crew weight must be consistent.

5. FEES

The entry fee is \$675 CDN. A late fee of \$100 CDN will be charged for payments received after August 1, 2023. This will include:

- Awards and Prizes;
- Full guest privileges at the club, including all on site dining and bar services.

Note: completed entry includes payment of entry fee.

Only boats that have completed all registration requirements by 11am September 15, 2023 will be allowed to compete.

The fee is fully refundable before August 15, 2023. Then 50% between Aug 15 and Sep 5, then non-refundable.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

See NOR #4.

7. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. SERIES

The event shall consist of a single series.



9. SCHEDULE

The number of races scheduled shall be 10.

Day	Event	Time
September 14	Registration / weigh in Practice Starts and Race Racer's welcome and orientation	9:00 AM – 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM 5:00 PM
September 15	Competitors Meeting Warning for first race Daily Awards	9:00 AM 11:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM
September 16	Warning for first race of day Daily Awards	10:30 AM ~ 5:00 PM
September 17	Warning for first race of day No race shall be started after Awards and Presentation	10:30 AM 3:00 PM 4:00 PM

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 10.1. Each boat shall hold and produce a valid Measurement Certificate at registration. Boats, sails, and equipment may be measured and inspected in accordance with the Melges 24 Class Rules.
- 10.2. All sails shall have Official MELGES 24 CLASS Royalty Labels as per Class Rule 8.2.2.
- 10.3. Competitors are advised that the Technical Committee or a designated representative may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment on or off the water during the Championship. Boats may be inspected at any time.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT (Intentionally Blank)

12. VENUE

Location of National Yacht Club: 1 Stadium Road, Toronto, Ontario

13. COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward, that may include an offset mark and a gate, as described in the sailing instructions.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. 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 except when the infringement occurs in the **zone**, in which case the penalty is the "Two-Turns Penalty"." This changes RRS 44.1.
- 14.2. 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.



- 14.3. 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 14.1. If no penalty is taken the Jury may protest.
- 14.4. 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.

15. SCORING

Will be per Appendix A except as modified so that:

- (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 6 to 10 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

This changes RRS Appendix A

One Race is required to be completed to constitute a series

16. SUPPORT BOATS

- 16.1. Support and coach boats must register with the OA during the registration hours and follow the Class Coach and Support Rules (Attachment A).
- 16.2. Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 100 meters outside the lay lines of the course including the start area) and comply with other requirements as specified in the Sailing Instructions. These requirements begin from the start of the first race of the regatta until the finish of the last race of the regatta. Individual competitors may not use support boats at any time during the regatta unless such support is available to all competitors or is authorized by the Race Committee. The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support personnel.
- 16.3. Spectator boats shall not communicate with competitors on the water unless the RC requests that they do so for safety reasons.

17. CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

18. BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.



19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

The boats shall be wet sailed and written permission to haul-out during the regatta must be obtained from the Technical Committee which may be granted at their sole discretion.

20. CLEANING OF BOATS

There will be no undue restrictions on cleaning of boats. 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.

21. SECTION INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

22. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 Decision to Race 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.** 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.

23. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of CDN \$400,000 per event or the equivalent. A copy of insurance company documents establishing that such coverage is current shall be produced if requested by the OA.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats for both open and Corinthian divisions at the end of the 2023 Melges 24 North American Championship.

24.2. Additional prizes may be awarded by the Organizing Authority.

25. TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

25.1. 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 or advertising purposes. Media rights waivers shall be signed by all competitors during registration/check-in.

25.2. Competitors may be required to carry a tracking device system on board while racing.



26. FURTHER INFORMATION

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Attachment A

COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS (November 2020.3)

1. Coach and support boats shall register with the race office during registration. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to.
2. Coach and support boats shall display a numbered flag representing the boat to whom attached and/or other identification symbol, as may be required by the OA.
3. No coach boat or support boat shall pass information in any way to a boat that is **racing**. RRS 41 (outside help) infringements of this will be taken very seriously.
4. All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to and from the racing area under their own power.
5. Coach and support boat personnel shall not communicate with competitors (by any means) from the warning signal of the first race of the day until the competitor has finished the last race of the day.
6. Coach and support boats shall **keep clear** of the racing area at all times during which boats are **racing**. Except when participating in rescue operations, coach/support boats shall stay more than 100 meters from any point where a boat might sail during normal racing.
7. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside their Melges 24's and there shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment until after the finish of the last race of the day
8. Any coach or support boat that interferes with another competitor or the **racing** in any way, including creating excess wash, or hindering an official boat carrying out its duties, shall have the competitor(s) to which they are attached, liable to a penalty at the discretion of the jury.
9. Any boat may protest under the rules in this attachment.
10. The penalty given by the jury is at their discretion. (DPI)

(Racing: A boat is racing from her preparatory signal until she finishes and clears the finishing line and marks or retires, or until the race committee signals a general recall, postponement or abandonment.)

