



MELGES²⁴

2024 Quantum Melges 24 Great Lakes Cup

Event #2

Sarnia Yacht Club

June 22-23

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)



The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SIs means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 60.1(b).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the “rules” as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). The prescriptions of Sail Canada will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 1.2 For other rules and documents that apply, please refer to the Notice of Race (NoR).

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted by 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located at https://www.yachtscore.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eID=16429. An unofficial notice board may be maintained at the Sarnia Yacht Club (SYC) sailing centre.
- 3.2 There will be a competitors’ meeting on Saturday, June 22, at 0930 hours adjacent to the SYC workshop.
- 3.3 On the water, the Race Committee (RC) will monitor and communicate via VHF Channel 72.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff adjacent to the west side of the SYC Sail Training building.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in race signal AP. *This changes RRS Race Signals.*

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 On Saturday, June 22, the first scheduled warning signal will be 1100 hrs.
- 6.2 On Sunday, June 23, the first scheduled warning signal will be 1000 hrs.
- 6.3 The Race Committee (RC) will attempt to run as many windward / leeward races per day as weather conditions permit. There is no maximum number of races.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.
- 6.5 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one (1) sound signal at least five (5) minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be the Melges 24 logo on a white field.

8 RACING AREAS

Racing will be located 1.5-2 NM Northeast of the SYC harbor near the SYC fixed mark “M” at N 43° 01.306’ / W 82° 23.598’.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in **Attachment A** show the courses (including the course designation), the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The RC intends to have a gate at the leeward end of the course and an offset at the windward mark. If there is no gate, the single leeward mark shall be left to port. If there is no offset, the single windward mark will be left to port.
- 9.3 The RC signal boat shall display on its starboard side the designated course number on a placard and may also display the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 The starting pin and finishing pin mark will be a green cylinder.
- 10.2 Marks 1, 2S, and 2P will be orange inflatable marks.
- 10.3 Mark 1a will be a smaller red/orange ball.
- 10.4 The change mark will be a yellow inflatable mark.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS – FISHING NETS

[NP] Commercial fishing activities are present in lower Lake Huron. Nets are marked with red or green and black flags. Nets are generally deep enough for Melges 24s to sail over.

12 THE START

- 12.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the starting pin mark as described in SI 10.1.
- 12.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes rules A5.1 and A5.2.*
- 12.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to broadcast her sail number on the assigned VHF channel. Failure to make a broadcast or the timing of the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*
- 12.4 The RC signal vessel will have a protection (barging) buoy held in place at the stern of the vessel. Since it is intentionally attached, it is part of the starting mark by definition. Rule 31 applies to the protection buoy and its attachment apparatus.
- 12.5 After the first race of the day, it is the intention of the RC to start subsequent races as soon as practicable after the last boat finishes the previous race.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next windward leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13.2 When a gate is moved, the original marks will be used.
- 13.3 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 5 degrees or the length up to 5 percent of the previous length, or adjust the angle or width of the leeward gate, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark described in SI 10.1.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.*

15 TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit for each race is seventy-five (75) minutes
- 15.2 If no boat has passed the Mark 1 (the initial windward mark) within thirty (30) minutes, the race will be abandoned.

15.3 Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat starts, sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.*

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

See NoR 11 for the penalty system in effect.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

17.1 Hearing Request forms will be available online on the Yacht Scoring website, or at the Protest Desk located upstairs at SYC.

17.2 Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the Jury Secretary at the Protest Desk within the appropriate time limit.

17.3 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the docking of the RC signal vessel.

17.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

17.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee, or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

18 SCORING

18.1 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

18.2 In accordance with RRS A2.1, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores with one race excluded after five (5) races have been completed.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

19.1 **Check-In** - Before the start of the first race of the day, competitors are requested to sail or motor past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hail their sail number until acknowledged.

19.2 **Retirement** - A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]

20.1 Substitution of crew shall not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.

20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Request for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21 SUPPORT VESSELS [DP][NP]

21.1 All support vessels (including those of team leaders, coaches and other support persons) must be registered with the RC.

21.2 After the warning signal has been made, all support vessels shall be 100 meters below the start line and its extensions, or on the port side of the course, maintaining a safe distance from all racing boats except as required by SI 23.3.

21.3 Support vessels may be requested to assist the RC to ensure the safety and well-being of **all** competitors. Support vessels are required to monitor VHF Channel 72.

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

Competitors and support persons must not foul the water with garbage. Garbage or trash collection is provided by all safety and RC support vessels.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24 AWARDS

The awards ceremonies will be held as soon as results are available.

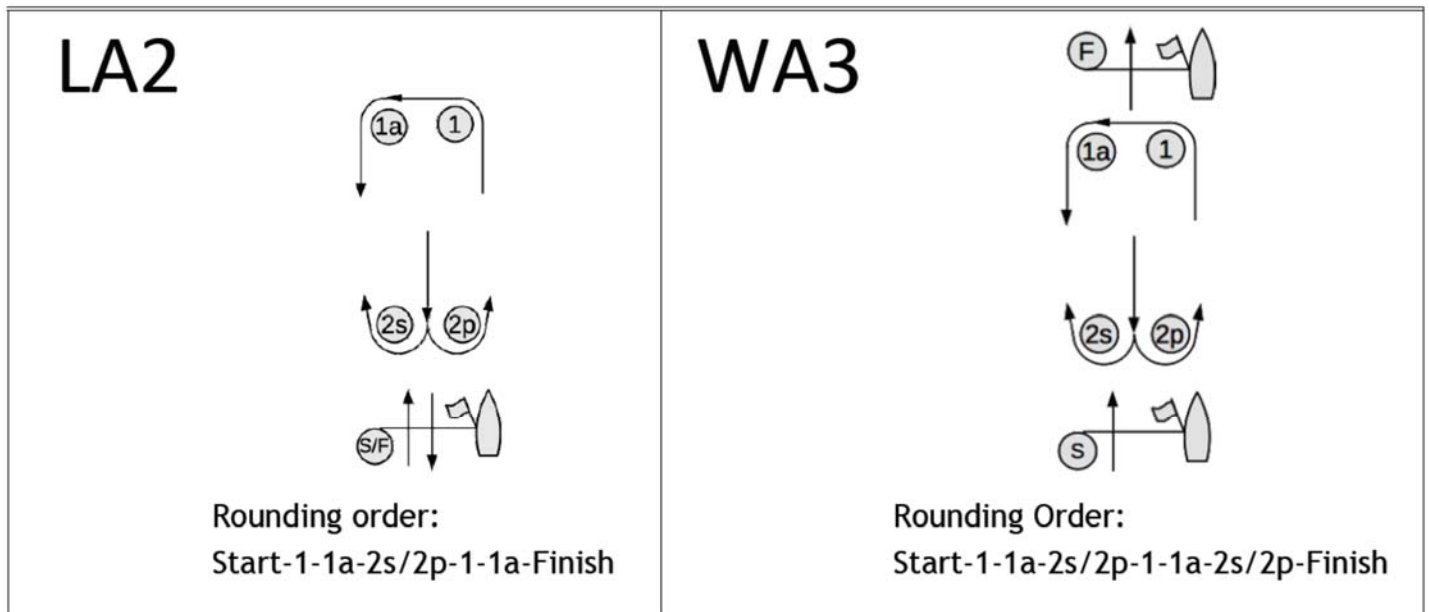
25 RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA 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. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor and the responsible adult agree and acknowledge that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat, and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate.
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

ATTACHMENT A

Illustrating the Windward / Leeward Courses



If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark is to be rounded to port.