



MUSKEGON YACHT CLUB

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## 2024 Midwest One-Design Spring Championship

May 17 - 19, 2024

Organizing Authority - Muskegon Yacht Club - Muskegon, MI

### Sailing Instructions

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024*.
- 1.2 International Melges 24 Class Association Rules will apply *with exception to B.2.2 Class Association Membership & C.10.2(b) SAILS/LIMITATIONS*.
- 1.3 US Sailing Prescription Appendix T, sections T1, T2, T3 and T4 will apply.
- 1.4 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilized by the Race Committee (RC). This changes RRS 41(c).
- 1.5 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check-in, and shall be mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided, by the Organizing Authority (OA), to any boat that does not have one available.
- 1.6 Failure of an Atlas 2 or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for opening a hearing considering redress. This changes RRS 63.1.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com).

#### 3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 For any on the water changes to the sailing instructions, the signal vessel will display code flag L and each boat will be notified by Loud Hailer or on the designated VHF channel 73 before her warning signal. This changes RRS Race Signals Code Flag L.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole located on the lawn at the Muskegon Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals Code Flag AP.

## 5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
	Fri., May 17, 2024	Registration	1500-2000
	Sat., May 18, 2024	Competitors Meeting	1000
	Sat., May 18, 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> warning, 1 <sup>st</sup> Race, Day 1	1130
	Sun., May 19, 2024	1 <sup>st</sup> warning, 1 <sup>st</sup> Race, Day 2	1030

5.2 On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1300.

5.3 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

## 6 CLASS FLAG

The Class flag used in accordance with RRS 26 will be the Melges 24 logo flag.

## 7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be in Muskegon Lake.

## 8 THE COURSES

8.1 The course will be a windward-leeward configuration. The course diagram is included on the last page of this document and includes the order in which marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the start/finish lines.

8.2 Offset and gate marks shall be used. In the event of a change at the weather mark, there may not be an offset. In the event of change at the leeward mark, a gate will not be used. If one of the leeward gate marks is missing and not replaced by a mark vessel displaying code flag M and making repetitive sounds, boats shall sail around the one existing gate mark leaving it to port. If the offset mark is missing, boats shall sail to the next mark(s) after rounding windward mark one. The gate may be laid after the starting signal. The gate is OPEN for Leg 1 & Leg 4.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal vessel will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg. This information will also be broadcast on the designated VHF channel 73.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 Marks will be orange inflatables.

9.2 New marks, as needed per in SI 11, will be yellow inflatables.

9.3 The starting mark will be an orange inflatable on the port side of the RC signal vessel. The starting line will be between that mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the RC signal vessel.

9.4 The finishing mark will be a orange inflatable on the port side of the RC signal vessel. The finishing line will be between that mark and a staff displaying a blue flag on the port side of the RC signal vessel.

## 10 THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.3 Recalls will be signaled in accordance to RRS 29.1 and 29.2. If a boat is identified, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her sail or bow number on VHF channel 73. Any errors or omissions of these broadcasts, the order in which these OCS vessels are hailed, or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **11 CHANGES OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 The RC may adjust any leg of the course by moving mark(s) up to 010° in bearing and/or 0.1 nm in length without a signal or change of mark color. This changes RRS 33.
- 11.2 Subject to 11.1, to change the next leg of the course, the RC 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.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between an orange inflatable on the port side of the RC signal vessel and a staff displaying a blue flag on the port side of the RC signal vessel.

## **13 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT**

- 13.1 A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of RRS Part 2: Section A & B, or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2: Section C, RRS 18 *while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 13.2 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be two (2) places. This changes RRS 44.3(c)

## **14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 14.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within twenty-five (25) minutes of their start, or if no boat finishes within seventy (70) minutes of their start, the race shall be abandoned.
- 14.2 The target time for each race is 40-60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and 63.1.

## **15 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms are available from the event page at [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com) and shall be delivered there digitally or directly to the race committee in written form within the protest time limit.
- 15.2 The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the RC vessel dock time. Dock time will be posted on [yachtscoring.com](http://yachtscoring.com).
- 15.3 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. Hearings will be held in the MYC Lakeview Room and will be conducted in the approximate order as received.
- 15.4 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP, UFD or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than the protest time limit in SI 15.2. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 The Low Point Scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 Six or more races are scheduled, one of which is required to be completed to constitute a series. No score shall be excluded.

## **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible [DP]. The use of VHF channel 73 is acceptable.

## **18 CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 18.1 Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, and shall not behave so as to bring the event or the sport into disrepute.
- 18.2 Competitors are expected to comply fully with rule 2 at all times. Abuse or intimidation of other competitors, race officials, or officials of the host club will not be tolerated. All such incidents shall be reported to the Principal Race Officer. Repeated incidents by individuals or teams shall be reported to the protest committee and may be considered misconduct.
- 18.3 When a competitor and/or crew is found to have committed an act of Gross Misconduct, the penalty shall be a scoring penalty equal to 40% of the entries in the race for each incident. Additionally, the competitor and/or boat that was responsible for the crew may not discard this race in the series.

## **19 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 19.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]
- 19.2 The RC will use VHF channel 73 to communicate to competitors and to also communicate visual signals to the fleet. The information is provided as a courtesy. Failure to make any broadcast or any errors or omissions of these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **20 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as soon as possible after racing on Sunday.

## **21 RISK STATEMENT**

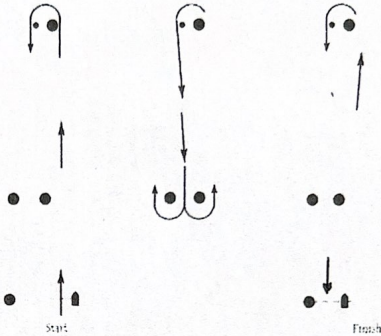
- 21.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds 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.
- 21.2 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.

## **21 INSURANCE**

- 21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 (USD) per incident or the equivalent.
- 21.2 Boats utilizing a loaner Vakaros Atlas 2 will be responsible for loss or damage to the Atlas 2 due to negligence.

# Course Diagram

Moiges 24 course Windward/Leeward 4 legs



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