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2024 Melges 20/32 Invitational May 4-5, 2024

Organizing Authority: Charleston Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

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The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be more or less than a single disqualification. The notation '[NP]' denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a hearing request by a boat. This change is added to 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 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3 [DP] [NP] Support persons operating motor vessels less than 26 feet in length without a cabin are required to use an Emergency Engine Cutoff Switch (ECOS), aka Kill Cord, at all times while the engine is running. Noncompliance will result in exclusion from the racing area for the day without a hearing. This is added to RRS 63.1.
- 1.4 All boats will remain in the water from 0900 Saturday to the conclusion of racing on Sunday.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions (SI) will be available online by 2000 hours EDT on May 2nd, 2024.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board will be located online only at the event website:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16541>
- 3.2 The Race Committee (RC) working channels will be published in the SIs.
- 3.3 [DP] [NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication on standard channels.
- 3.4 Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This shall apply from the time she leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until racing for the day is complete.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to Melges 20 and Melges 32 Class boats.
- 4.2 Eligible boats shall enter by completing the entry form online at the event website.

4.3 A Competitor is not entered and will not receive a score until all fees are paid, proof of insurance and a measurement certificate are provided.

5 FEES

5.1 Melges 20 entry fee is \$250 USD

5.2 Melges 32 entry fee is \$350 USD

5.3 Fee includes equipment inspection, launching, hauling, trailer storage, dockage, breakfast on race days, racing, and Saturday Dinner (with beer) for crew (Four for Melges 20 and Seven for Melges 32)

5.4 All fees must be paid online by credit card or PayPal at the Yacht Scoring event site.

5.5 Mast Up Storage is available for boats between Charleston Race Week and this event

5.6 Cash Bar and additional meal tickets will be available for purchase

6 SCHEDULE (All times in EDT)

Saturday, May 4 0830 Breakfast Available, ChYC Flag Room

0900 Skippers Meeting, ChYC Flag Room

1100 First warning signal

1800 Post Race BBQ, ChYC Flag Room

Sunday, May 5 0830 Breakfast Available, ChYC Flag Room

1100 First warning signal

1430 No warning signal will be made after this time

Awards to follow after the Protest Time Limit, ChYC Upstairs Bar

7 VENUE

7.1 The primary location of the circle will be in Charleston Harbor located near "Middle Ground".

7.2 Launch and recovery of boats are available at the Charleston Yacht Club: a parking area will be allocated as well as a hoist operator to launch and recover boats each day.

8 COURSES

8.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward courses. Additional details will be provided in the sailing instructions.

8.2. An offset mark at the weather mark will be used. Exceptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions

8.3. A gate at the leeward mark will be used. Exceptions will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V shall apply.

10 SCORING

10.1 Six races are planned. If four or more races are completed in a class, each boat will have one score excluded for that class.

10.2 One race in a class is required to be completed to constitute a series for that class.

10.3 The Low Point Scoring System in RRS Appendix A4 will be used.

11 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules. See RRS Appendix G3.

12 RISK STATEMENT

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**

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be given per class as follows:

1st place awarded for 3 boats

1st & 2nd for 4-6 boats

1st, 2nd & 3rd for 7 or more boats

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

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