



2011 U.S. MELGES 24 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 2, 2011

HOSTED BY:
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NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

The event is classified Category 'C'.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Championship is open to all boats of the Melges 24 class that meet with the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority, in the case that a National Authority exists.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by visiting USMCA website, clicking on the link to the 2011 Melges 24 U.S. National Championship, completing the online entry process. All entry and payment can be made online via Yachtscoring.
- 3.3 No entries will accepted after Friday, September 16, 2011

- 3.4 The same crews and sails must be used throughout the entire regatta. Substitutions will not be permitted without the explicit written approval of the Race Committee.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply to the Corinthian Trophy. Please refer to ISAF's Web site: www.sailing.org
- 4.2 To be considered for Corinthian competition, a Corinthian Declaration form must be submitted prior to the close of Registration.
- 4.3 Forms will be available at Registration.
- 4.4 Forms and Corinthian Entry List will be available online at usmelges24.com.
- 4.5 Sailors must be registered with ISAF prior to Check In and be able to declare their User ID number on the entry form.
- 4.6 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in IMCA Championship rules.

5. FEES

As of this date the fees are still being determined.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Eight Races Are Scheduled.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28

Set up at the Lake Geneva Yacht Club
Weigh-In: 1500 - 1700

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Set up at the Lake Geneva Yacht Club
Weigh-In: 0900 - 1100 and 1400 - 1700
Registration: 1400 - 1700
Skipper's Meeting: 1800

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Weigh-In & Late Registration: 0800 - 0900
First Start: Warning @ 1100
Successive Races To Follow As Soon As Possible.
Post Race Party At The Lake Geneva Yacht Club

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

First Start: Warning @ 1100

Successive Races To Follow As Soon As Possible.

MELGES ROCKS PARTY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

First Start: Warning @ 1100

Successive Races To Follow As Soon As Possible

- 6.2 No Race To Start After 3pm.
- 6.3 Official US National Championship Awards Presentation to take place shortly after racing.

7. MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate on file with the USMCA.
- 7.2 The Organizers may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.
- 7.3 THERE WILL BE NO FACILITIES FOR INITIAL MEASUREMENT. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the Regatta. Sails may be checked for signature and royalty.
- 7.4 Chartered or loaned boats may display National letters and sail numbers in contravention of Class Rules.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available after Monday, September 26, 2011.

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The 2011 U.S. Melges 24 National Championship regatta is being hosted by the Lake Geneva Yacht Club at 1250 South Lake Shore Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin, USA.
- 9.2 Racing will take place on Lake Geneva.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one jibe, is required.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix 'A' will apply.
- 11.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from six to eight races have been completed, a boat's series

score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus (including 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 regatta.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13.2 Race information will be given on VHF Channel 18.

14. PRIZES

The prizes will be given for the overall Championship and the Corinthian Championship. Top 5 overall with crew awards will be presented.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 Decision to Race. 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.

16. INSURANCE

The boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

17. TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

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.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information in regards to this championship please contact Andy Burdick at Melges Performance Sailboats. Contact: andy@melges.com

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