

2011 WLYC Melges 17 National Championships
August 26-28, 2011
White Lake Yacht Club
Whitehall, MI
Notice of Race

Rules

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of the Melges 17 Class Association, the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

Advertising

Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

Eligibility and Entry

The Regatta is open to all boats of the Melges 17 class. All skippers must be 2011 members in good standing of the Melges 17 Class Association. Here is the link to join the Class, <http://www.melges17.com/?p=class-members>. Eligible boats may enter by registering and paying at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=515 or by paying and completing the entry form that will be available at registration. Any registration received after 19:00 EDT, August 25th will not be accepted without prior permission of the Regatta Chairperson.

Fees

The entry fee is \$215.00 if registration and entry fee is completed and received at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=515 by 19:00 EDT, July 25th, 2011. The entry fee after 19:00 EDT, July 25th, 2011 is \$265.00.

The entry fee includes:

- Housing for all competitors will be provided by the Members of WLYC.
- Continental breakfast and lunches will be provided on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Complimentary beverages/beer and light fare will follow racing on Friday.
- Finally, we will be having a Saturday evening Melges 17 Nationals sit down dinner with cash bar followed by a live band.

Additional lunches can be purchased for \$10.00 per day per person
Additional dinners can be purchased for \$25.00 per person.

Schedule

Registration and check in: At WLYC Thursday August 25th from 4:00pm-7:00pm
Dates of Racing: Friday, Saturday and Sunday (August, 26, 27, 28, 2011).
The scheduled time for the Warning Signal for the First Race is 10:30am Friday August 26th, 2011. The remaining race schedule will be determined by Principal Race Officer Jamie Jones. The intention is to have 3 races on Friday, 4 races on Saturday,

and 2 races on Sunday. No Warning Signal will be made after 1:00 PM Sunday August 28, 2011.

Venue and Sailing Area

White Lake Yacht Club is located at 6748 South Shore Drive, Whitehall, MI 49461. All races will be held on either White Lake or along the immediate shoreline of Lake Michigan, weather permitting. For more information on White Lake Yacht Club go to www.wlyc.org

Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

Courses

The Courses to be sailed will be Windward-Leeward with the discretion to finish downwind. The targeted length of each race is 50 minutes.

Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System described in appendix "A" of the RRS will apply, except a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. No more than nine races will be held.

Radio Communications

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

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded as follows: Top 5 overall skipper and crew. The Larry Brand Memorial Trophy will also be awarded winner of the 2011 Melges 17 National Ranking Series.

Disclaimer of Liability

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.

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