

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
MELGES 17 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA**

August 26-28, 2011

WHITE LAKE YACHT CLUB - WLYC

WHITEHALL, MI

Headquarters: WLYC

Regatta Chair: Tom Munroe

(All times given are Eastern Daylight Time)

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor, or in the case of minors, each competitor's parent or guardian agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing. It is classified as a Category A event in Accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

2. ENTRIES

The regatta is open to members in good standing of the Melges 17 Class.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Regatta Headquarters.

4. COMPETITORS' BRIEFING MEETING

The competitors' briefing will be at approximately 0930, Friday August 26, 2011, at the WLYC Clubhouse.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the first warning signal on the day it will take effect. Except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed by the Fleet Signal Boat located on the main dock in front of WLYC.

6.2 When the Answering Pennant ("AP") is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes in the Race Signals AP'.

6.3 When flag AP over H is displayed ashore, it means: "No boat shall leave the harbor. Wait for further instructions." This changes Race Signals, AP over H.

6.4 Approximately one hour prior to the scheduled warning signal of the first race of the day, the signal boat will make a long sound signal.

7. NOT USED

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 The Warning Signal for the first race, August 26th, will be at 1030. Except when races are sailed back to back, the approximate

time of the warning signal for subsequent races will be posted and or announced on the competitor's radio channel.

8.2 No warning signal will be made after 1300 on Sunday, August 28th.

9. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be displayed at the Competitors' Briefing or described in a notice on the official notice board.

10. RACING AREA

The racing area will be the navigable waters of White Lake or nearby waters of Lake Michigan if appropriate.

11. THE COURSE

11.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course designation and approximate compass bearing to the first mark.

11.2 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If only one mark of the gate is present, it should be rounded, leaving it to port.

11.3: Courses for this event will either be a W2 (downwind finish) or a W2+ (upwind finish). If subsequent races are to be sailed, W2 courses will be sailed. A W2+ will be sailed on the last race of each day.

12. MARKS

All marks will be large orange balls and the offset mark will be a smaller orange ball.

13. THE START

13.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.

13.2 RRS 30.1 (the I FLAG RULE) will be in effect for all starts. This changes Race Signals.

13.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying a US Sailing Race Committee Flag on the RC boat at the starboard end of the line and the course side of the nearby mark on the port end of the line.

13.4 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.

13.5 If RRS 30.2 is used, flag Z will be displayed alone as the Preparatory Signal (flag I is to be assumed.) This changes Race Signals.

13.6 If a General Recall is signaled or the race is abandoned after the starting signal under the Z or Black Flag, all competitors who received a 20% scoring penalty under the RRS 30.2 or were disqualified under the RRS 30.3 in the recalled or abandoned race are again eligible to race without penalty. This changes RRS 30.2 and 30.3.

14. RECALLS

14.1 Boats that are OCS under an individual recall will be notified first by VHF radio, then by hailer, and lastly by notice board and or hail at the weather mark.

14.2 Following the display of Code Flag "X", the Race Committee *will attempt to announce the sail number* of all boats identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal. Such announcement is a courtesy and failure of the race committee to make the announcement, or of boats to hear or understand it, or the order of the hails, shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1

- 15. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- 15.1 Course changes will be made in accordance with RRS 33.
 - 15.2 The RC may adjust gate marks without further signaling to maintain the appropriate course configuration.
- 16. THE FINISH**
- 16.1 The finishing line will be displayed between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the nearby mark.
 - 16.2 A large pink flag displayed by the RC in the finishing area indicates that another race will be started as soon as possible.
 - 16.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify a RC boat before leaving the racing area, or, if that is not possible, notify a regatta official at Regatta Headquarters immediately upon arrival on shore.
- 17. PENALTIES**
- 17.2 Penalty for breaking rules of Part 2 (RRS44): The Two Turns Penalty, RRS 44.2, shall apply.
- 18. TIME LIMIT**
- 18.1 The time limit will be 90 minutes.
 - 18.2 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored the position of the last boat to finish plus 2. This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.
- 19. PROTEST AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 19.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the RC finish boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat (s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).
 - 19.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at Regatta Headquarters and delivered there within the protest time, which will end one hour after the signal boat docks. The docking time will be posted.
 - 19.3 Notices will be posted within 20 minutes of the expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at a location at Regatta Headquarters.
 - 19.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - (a) Within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - (b) No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
 - (c) This changes RRS 66.
 - 19.5 A boat that does not comply with 44.1 or 44.2, but prior to a hearing, acknowledges breaking a rule, shall be penalized 50% of the number of boats entered, but not less than six places, except that she shall not be scored worse than DNF, as approved by the Protest Committee.
- 20. SCORING**
- 20.1 The Low Point Scoring System in Appendix A of the RRS will apply, except that RRS A2 is changed so that each boat's worst score shall be discarded after 6 races are completed.
 - 20.2 Nine races are scheduled, of which one shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

21. DISPOSAL OF TRASH

Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from all races sailed on the day the infraction is observed, or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

22. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The only communication devices that may be used by competitors when racing are: (a) a weather monitor, (b) a VHF radio tuned to receive only RC transmissions that are intended for all boats (Competitor channel, which will be announced and posted at the competitor's meeting) and (c) a cell phone that may be used for emergency purposes only. The penalty for breaking this rule will be total disqualification from the regatta or such lesser penalty as may be determined by the Protest Committee.

23. OUTSIDE HELP

A boat that receives outside help other than help permitted by RRS 41, or from a non competitor or non competing boat, shall retire.

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