



MELGES 24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Grand Traverse Yacht Club, Traverse City, Michigan

August 15-18, 2019

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Sailing Instructions

The Organizing Authority (OA) is The International Melges 24 Class Association (IM24CA) in conjunction with US Melges 24 Class Association and the Grand Traverse Yacht Club.

The notation '[DP]' denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury. The notation '[NP]' denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The US Sailing Prescriptions to *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall apply and will be posted on the event website <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=6156>.
 - 1.2.1 The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.4 shall not apply.
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4. The Rules of the IM24CA will apply.
- 1.5. RRS Appendix P will apply as per SI 13.6.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.7. The following rules will be changed in accordance with RRS 86.1(b):
 - a) All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while on the water, except for

brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40. [NP]

b) The Race Committee (RC) will use VHF channel 69 to communicate to the fleet. Failure to make this broadcast or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

c) The international jury may impose penalties, other than disqualification, for breaches of the Class Rules, or other non-Part 2 rules.

d) In RRS 30.4, "sail number" is changed to "bow number".

1.8. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

1.9. Commencing at the time 30 minutes prior to the warning signal for the first start of the day, and at all times while racing, a boat shall not operate or receive images or media from a drone (UAV).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on YachtScoring.com.- https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=6156. An unofficial notice board will be maintained in the hallway of GTYC.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted as provided in SI 2.1 before 0900 of the day on which they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be so posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at GTYC and communicated via VHF Ch 69.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the race signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME(s)
Wed	Aug 14	Registration & measurement		1200-1600
"	"	GTYC club race – all welcome		1800
"	"	GTYC Bar Service & Food		1900
Thurs	Aug 15	Registration & measurement		1000-1800
"	"	Practice Race		1400
"	"	GTYC Bar Service & Food		1800
Fri	Aug 16	Opening Ceremonies		0900
"	"	Competitors Meeting		0930
Fri-Sun	Aug 16-18	Warning for first race of the day		1055
"	"	GTYC Bar Service & Food		1600
Sun	Aug 18	No Warning After		1400
"	"	Closing Ceremonies/Awards		1700

5.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled for the Championship.

5.2 As many as four (4) races may be run each day.

5.3 The OA reserves the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes.

6. CLASS FLAG

6.1 The class flag will be:



7. RACING AREA

7.1 Will be West Grand Traverse Bay south of Power Island. (see Attachment B)

8. COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses. They show the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC Signal Boat will designate the course to be sailed by displaying a board with two letters followed by a number, and it will display the approximate compass heading to mark 1 and the distance (NM) from the starting line to mark 1.

8.3 Course legs will be approximately 1.5 NM or less.

8.4 If one of the gate marks (2s or 2P) is not in place, boats shall round the existing leeward mark to port.

9. MARKS

9.1 Starting & Finishing Mark will be a green tetrahedron.

9.2 Mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedron.

9.3 Mark 1a will be an orange ball. In case of a course change the offset mark may or may not be set.

9.4 New mark / course change mark will be yellow tetrahedron.

9.5 Marks 2s and 2p will be orange cylinders.

9.6 The RC may set a protection buoy with a line attached to the Signal Boat. Boats shall not touch the protection buoy or pass between the protection buoy and the Signal Boat.

10. THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the start mark at the port end.

10.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.3 Boats subject to individual recall (RRS 29.1) may be broadcast on VHF channel 69 using bow numbers. Failure of the RC to make a broadcast, or time it accurately will not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

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

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a boat displaying an RC flag and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

12.2 The Race Committee shall signal the end of racing for each day by displaying code flags AP over A.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is changed to read: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, RRS 31 or class rule C.11 while racing." However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two Turns penalty.

13.2 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties for infractions while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

13.3 If members of the International Jury witness a breach of RRS 31 and/or Class rule C.11, they may indicate their observation by making a long sound (whistle) and showing a red flag. The hailed boat shall then exonerate herself by complying with SI 13.1. If no penalty is taken, the International Jury may protest.

13.4 If members of the International Jury witness a protest being hailed and a red flag being shown by a boat, they may decide the incident then and indicate by hailing the bow/sail number and pointing a red flag to indicate which boat(s), if any, shall take a penalty. If the jury members decide that no breach occurred (no rules were broken), they may indicate their observation by making a long sound (whistle) and displaying a green and white flag. If the jury members do not display any signal and remain silent, they did not see the whole incident and

are unable to make a call. The protesting boat may deliver a protest in accordance with RRS 61.13.5 The International Jury may be positioned anywhere on the course area to observe conditions and the competition. Their position at any time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13.6 Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply with following changes:

a) the penalty under P2.1 is changed to a one turn penalty.

b) Rule P2.3 will not apply.

13.7 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the jury office prior to the end of protest time. The absence of a completed acknowledgement form will be considered as a penalty not taken in a hearing.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 The time limit for each race shall be 120 minutes.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the Jury desk, located in the Commodore's Room at GTYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the final race on a given day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The RC will post the end of the protest time limit on the official notice board.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Notices will be placed on the official notice board, and the jury may attempt to notify competitors by text message and/or email. Failure to send the electronic notification will not be grounds for redress or reopening. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15.4 Hearings will be held in the Commodore's Room at GTYC, beginning at the time posted. The Jury may schedule hearings before the end of protest time if the parties are available.

15.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.6 A list of boats that, under SI 13.6, have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.

15.7 A list of boats that have been scored OCS, UFD, and/or BFD will be posted on the official notice board within the protest time limit.

15.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a Jury decision shall be delivered to the Jury desk no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

15.9 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

15.10 A protest panel may be formed under appendix N1.4(b). A request for a hearing of a full panel shall be submitted in writing to the jury desk within 24 hours of the initial protest time limit, except on the last day when it shall be submitted in writing to the jury desk within 30 minutes of the completion of the hearing in question.

16. SCORING

16.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute the championship.

16.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst discardable score.

16.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a 'Scoring Inquiry Form' available at the Race Office and submit the completed form.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP][NP]

17.1 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. The use of VHF is acceptable.

17.2 Boats not leaving the harbor for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the OA.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee. Competitors desiring to substitute crew shall have crew members weighed-in prior to 0830 on that race day at the Race Office, unless otherwise extended by the Race Committee.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

18.3 Any substitution granted via SI 19.1 or 19.2 will be posted on the official notice board.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and sailing instructions.

19.2 In accordance with RRS G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the Class Rules.

20. EVENT ADVERTISING/ IDENTIFICATION STICKERS/BOW NUMBERS [NP]

20.1 Boats may be required to display event advertising as provided by the OA.

20.2 Bow numbers shall be in place in accordance with the class rule H.4.

21. TRACKING DEVICES [DP][NP]

21.1 The OA will provide each competitor with a tracking device to be installed on each boat and active during racing each day. Failure to comply may result in a protest by the OA.

21.2 Competitors will be responsible for charging and maintaining functionality of said devices. Trackers must be returned to the race office for charging after each racing day before the end of the protest time limit and picked up again for subsequent racing days prior to the daily harbor start.

21.3 The tracker and any associated equipment must be returned to the OA no later than the protest time limit on the final day of racing.

21.4 Data from any tracking device will not be allowed to be presented during a request for redress or a protest hearing by a boat.

22. OFFICIAL BOATS

22.1 Official boats will be marked as follows:

- Race Committee Signal Boat: US Sailing red, white, and blue RC flag.
- Race Committee Mark Boats: Yellow flag with blue "RC".
- Jury Boats: Blue Flag with white "Jury".
- Coach Boats: Green flag with white "Coach".
- Media Boats: Purple Flag with white "Media".

23. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall comply with NoR Attachment A

23.2 During registration coach and support boats shall declare proof of insurance and provide photo ID of the driver. Boats shall comply with local laws and regulations regarding their operation.

24. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

24.1 Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats, when not racing.

25. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [NP]

25.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

26. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS [NP]

26.1 Underwater breathing apparatus 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.

27. RADIO COMMUNICATION [NP]

27.1 Except in an emergency, 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 and other electronic communication equipment.

27.2 The RC will use VHF 69 to communicate to the fleet, including the location of the starting area, OCS bow numbers, general recalls, and postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

28. PRIZES

28.1 See NOR 19.

29. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

29.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the OA, the IM24CA, the Grand Traverse YC, the CM24CA, their event management, officers, employees, volunteers, etc. will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Liability waivers shall be signed by all competitors during registration.

30. INSURANCE

30.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent.

31. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

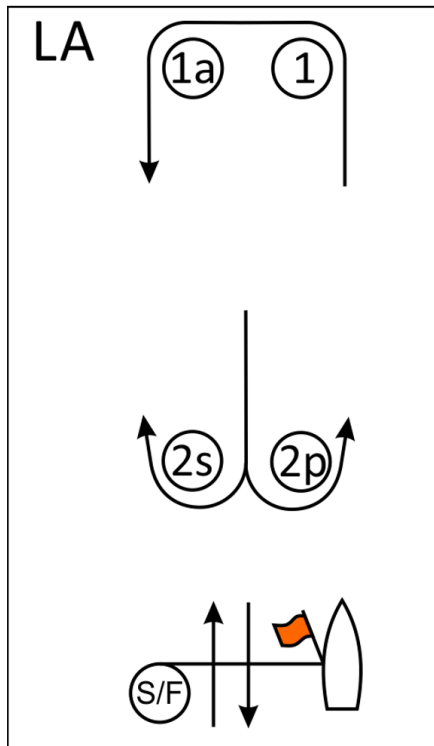
31.1 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as supplied by and specified by the OA.

32. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

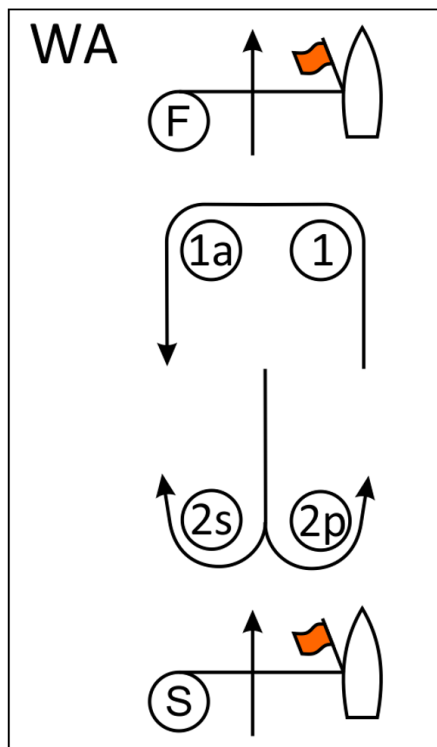
32.1 Competitors grant the OA and the International Melges 24 Class Association the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

ATTACHMENT A – COURSE DIAGRAMS

THE DISTANCES AND MARK POSITIONS ARE NOT TO SCALE



Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish
LA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish



Course WA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
WA2	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA3	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish
WA4	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish

ATTACHMENT B – MARINAS AND COURSE AREAS

