

**Sailing Instructions**  
**2013 Melges 17 Class Championship Regatta**  
**August 22-24**  
**Lake Geneva Yacht Club**  
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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**

- 1.1** The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2013-2016 including US Sailing Prescriptions. These Sailing Instructions supercede the Notice of Race.
- 1.2** The following prescriptions of US Sailing will not apply:
  - (a) Appendix L 5.6, Signal for no more racing today
- 1.3** These Sailing Instructions (SI) change the following RRS:
  - SI 1.2 changes a U.S. Sailing prescription
  - SI 2 changes RRS 1.2 and 40
  - SI 5 changes RRS 90.2(c)
  - SI 6.4 changes RRS Part 4 preamble
  - SI 8.1 changes RRS 41(c)
  - SI 16 changes RRS 29.1
  - SI 17 changes RRS 33(b) and 33(c)
  - SI 19 changes RRS 44.1
  - SI 20.2 changes RRS 35, A4 and A5
  - SI 21.1 changes RRS 61
  - SI 21.3 changes RRS 62.2
  - SI 22.2 changes RRS A.4.2
  - SI 22.3 changes RRS A.4.2

## **2. SPECIAL REGULATIONS REGARDING SAFETY - Refer to SI 6.4**

## **3. ELIGIBILITY**

The regatta is open to all Melges 17 class boats that have filed an entry blank and paid the required fees prior to the close of the registration period.

## **4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Club House.

## **5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SI)) shall be posted on the Official Notice Board. No change to the SI will be given on the water. This is a change to RS 90.2(c). Any change in the race schedule will be posted no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day before it will take effect.

## **6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**6.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club signal mast.

**6.2** If a postponement is signaled shore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after Flag 'AP' is lowered.

**6.3** Signals made ashore will be copied by the race committee signal boat when off her moorings.

**6.4** When flag 'Y' is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

## **7. SEVERE WEATHER ALERTS**

**7.1** When races are postponed or abandoned due to expected or actual severe weather, as a courtesy the race committee will attempt to broadcast on VHF radio, channel 18, to affected boats. The visual Race Signals govern any postponement or abandonment.

**7.2** To call attention to races being abandoned due to severe weather, the race committee may display a flashing light on the race committee boats.

## **8. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION**

**8.1** When racing, a boat shall make electronic transmissions only in an emergency or to notify the race committee that she is leaving the course area.

**8.2** The use of devices displaying data derived magnetically and the use of GPS or other electronic devices for viewing data that displays course bearing, countdown timer, or tactical mode information will be allowed to the extent provided in Class rules.

## **9. COMPETITORS' BRIEFING, NUMBER AND SCHEDULE OF RACE**

**9.1** Thursday, August 22 - Competitors' Briefing 11:30 hrs.

**9.2** Eight races are scheduled. as follows:

Thursday, August 22 - Warning signal, first race of the day- 13:00 hours

Friday, August 23 - Warning signal, first race of the day - 10:00 hours .

Saturday, August 24 Warning signal. first race of the day - 10:00 hours

**9.3** Each day back-to-back races are planned.

**9.4** Saturday, August 24 - No warning signal will be made after 13:30 hours.

**9.5** A minimum of one completed race constitutes a regatta.

**10. CLASS FLAG** - letter/number M17 on a white field

## **11. THE RACING AREA**

The racing area shall be the navigable waters of Geneva Lake.

## **12. THE STARTING AREA**

The Starting Area is defined as being rectangular, extending approximately one-quarter length of the starting line along each extension of the starting line and approximately 50 yards to windward and to leeward of the starting line and its extensions.

### **13. THE COURSES**

**13.1** Course signals, including the number of laps, will be displayed on orange boards with black letters.

**13.2** Course diagrams and descriptions appear in Appendix A of these sailing instructions.

**13.2(a)** The race committee, at its discretion and without displaying a special signal, may choose to eliminate the use of the windward offset mark shown in the course diagrams.

**13.3** When an offset mark is used at the windward mark, and either the windward mark or the offset is missing, the remaining mark should be rounded to port and the missing mark is no longer a mark of the course.

**13.4** If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark should be rounded to port, and the missing mark is no longer a mark of the course.

**13.5** When a finish line has been set between two orange shapes, see SI 18.1(c), the rounding mark used by boats not sailing the finishing leg of the course shall be the mark positioned at the port end of the line.

### **14. MARKS INCLUDE**

**14.1** Orange shapes.

**14.2** Race committee boats when positioned at the ends of the starting and finishing line or positioned to replace a missing orange shape.

### **15. THE START**

**15.1** Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26.

**15.2** Signals will be displayed from a race committee boat at or near the end of the starting line.

**15.3** The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange line flag on the race committee boat at one end of the line and the course side of the mark at the other end of the line, or

**15.3(a)** The starting line may be between two staffs displaying orange line flags on race committee boats at each end of the line, or

**15.3(b)** The starting line may be between the course side of marks at each end at each end of the line.

**15.4** A boat shall start no later than 10 minutes after the starting signal..

### **16. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS**

The race committee will attempt to hail the sail number of each boat identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal and each boat that must comply with RRS 30.1. For each start the number of hails is limited to two per sail number. This is a change to RRS 29.1. Failure to hear the hail does not relieve a boat of the obligation to start properly and shall not provide grounds for redress.

### **17. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

The change of the next leg of the course will be signaled in accordance with RRS 33(a). RRS 33(b) and 33(c) will not be used.

### **18. THE FINISH**

**18.1.**The finishing line will be between

**18.1(a)** a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at one end of the line and the course side of a mark at the other end of the line, or

**18.1(b)** two staffs displaying orange flags on two race committee boats, or

**18.1(c)** the course side of two marks.

**18.2** Signals will be made from a race committee boat at or near one end of the line.

## **19. PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 is changed to provide that a boat that has broken a rule of part 2 while racing may take a One-Turn Penalty.

## **20. TIME LIMITS**

**20.1** The Primary Time Limit is 80 minutes. see RRS 35,

**20.2** The Secondary Time Limit expires 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Secondary Time Limit will be scored SWF (Scored Without Finishing) without a hearing. See SI 22.3 This is a change to RRS 35 and A4, A.5

## **21. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**21.1** A boat intending to file a protest following an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the race committee boat on station at the finish line of her intention as soon as possible after finishing. This is a change to RRS 61

**21.2** Protests shall be written on forms available in the clubhouse. The completed form shall be delivered to the Principal Race Officer of the day, or his authorized delegate, within one hour of the docking of the race committee signal boat. The individual receiving the completed form shall sign the form to acknowledge receipt and time of receipt.

**21.3** US Sailing prescription L16.10 shall apply. This is a change to RRS 62.2

**21.4** The Jury will hear protests according to the schedule posted on the official notice board.

## **22. SCORING**

**22.1** The series will be scored as provided in RRS 90.3 and Appendix A of the RRS using the Low Point System A4

**22.2** A boat that does not finish (DNF) a race or retires after finishing (RAF) shall be scored one more point than the last boat to finish the race. This changes RRS A4.2.

**22.3** Points awarded to boats scored SWF will equal the number of points awarded to the last boat that finishes within the Secondary Time Limit plus one. See SI 20.2. This is a change to RRS A.4.2

**22.4** Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score excluded if six or more race have been completed.

## **23. PRIZES**

Prizes shall be awarded to skippers and crews placing first through fifth in the final standings and the top junior (18 and younger on August 22, 2013).

2013 Melges 17 National Championship  
Sailing Instructions Appendix A  
Courses

**Course 1**

Start-1-1a-gate-1-1a-gate-Finish  
Finishing line is at mark 1.

**Course 2**

Start-1-1a-gate-1-1a-Finish  
Finishing line is at mark S  
2s and 2p have no required side  
on the last leg of the course

The starting line is at mark S.  
Marks 2s and 2p represent a leeward gate.  
A boat finishes when she sails across the finishing line from the course side.  
The finishing line may be positioned either/or to port or starboard of mark S.

