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April 14th – 15th, 2012
Santa Barbara, California

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The following Class Rules are in effect:
International Melges 24 Class Rules 2012, bylaws and interpretations.
- 1.3 There is no restriction on advertising subject to ISAF Reg. 20.2 and 20.3, and Class Rules. Competitors are encouraged not to display advertising in conflict with any event sponsor, as identified via the Melges California Cup 2012 NOR and Amendments.
- 1.4 Competitors may be required to display bow stickers with event sponsor logos.
- 1.5 RRS 40 shall be deleted and replaced with: "Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment". Note that Flag Y shall not be displayed.
- 1.6 Any modification to this NOR shall be posted on the Official Notice Board on the lower deck of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), at www.sbyc.org, and at www.california-cup.com, and shall be sent by email to registered participants.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all Melges 24 sportboats whose Owner and/or Skipper is a current member of a club recognized by their National Governing Body. Entrants must meet all ownership and Class Association requirements.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration found at either:

<http://sbycracing.org/2012-melges-race-week/>

<http://www.california-cup.com>

- 2.3 Entries shall close Wednesday, April 11th, 2012, at 1700. Entries submitted after that time shall be accepted at the discretion of the host club.

- 2.4** Those teams wishing to compete for the regatta's Corinthian trophy, must submit signed ISAF certificates for each of their crew at skipper check-in by close of registration Saturday, April 14th, 2012. Any substitution of crew by Corinthian entries during the regatta must be approved in writing by the PRO.

3 FEES

- 3.1** Entry fees received by Wednesday, April 11th, 2012, at 1700 are as follows:

Melges 24: US \$175

- 3.2** There will be an additional US \$100 late entry fee for all entries accepted after 1700 on Wednesday, April 11th, 2012.

4 SOCIAL

- 4.1** A Racers' Breakfast will be available in the Dining Room from 0930 to 1100 on Saturday and Sunday.
- 4.2** The SBYC will host a Beach Luau Party on Saturday evening from 1730, with free entry for competitors. Additional tickets will be US \$20 per person.
- 4.3** Sailing attire is welcome for all activities.

5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1** Friday, April 13th:

0900- Access to hoist and trailer storage lot.
1900:
1700- Skipper check-in and registration in the Fleet Room.
1900:

- 5.2** Saturday, April 14th:

1030: Competitor meeting in the SBYC Dining Room
1200: First warning signal; three races scheduled.

- 5.4** Sunday, April 15th:

1200: First warning signal; three races scheduled.

- 5.5** The Race Committee reserves the right to hold more or fewer races each day.

6 MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1** Each boat may be asked to produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 6.2** All boats, equipment, and sails may be subject to weighing, measurement, or inspection before, during, or after the race.
- 6.3** Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the Regatta.
- 6.4** Chartered or loaned yachts may display national letters and sail numbers in contravention of Class Rules.
- 6.5** All crews may be subject to random weight checks throughout the event to ensure compliance with Class Rules.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Official Sailing Instructions shall be available at check-in beginning on Friday, April 13th, at 1700. Sailing instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board, as well as at <http://sbycracing.org/2012-melges-race-week/> and at www.california-cup.com.

8 RACING AREA AND COURSES

The racing area shall be the Santa Barbara Channel within five miles of SBYC. The Race Committee shall define the intended course area at the Skippers' Meeting based on conditions. The courses and marks shall be described in the sailing instructions.

9 COMMUNICATION

- 9.1** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 9.2** RRS 25 & 60.1 will be amended to allow for on-the-water radio communication between the Race Committee and racing yachts via VHF Channel 71.
- 9.3** The Race Committee may communicate OCS and the signaled course for the race. The inability of a competitor to hear a hail for OCS or any other information shall not relieve her of her responsibility, nor shall it be grounds for redress. Neither failure of the race committee to communicate the sail number(s) of recalled boats in a timely manner, nor failure of a recalled boat to receive or hear transmitted information, will be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

11 SCORING AND RESULTS

- 11.1** Six races are scheduled. Succeeding races shall be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 11.2** A minimum of two completed races shall constitute a series.
- 11.3** Provided six or more races are completed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded in calculating her total score for the regatta; if less than six races are completed, no score shall be excluded. No score shall be excluded in calculating a boat's standing for the California Cup 2012 Series.
- 11.4** Trophies shall be awarded as soon as possible after the conclusion of racing on Sunday to the three yachts with the lowest cumulative scores for the regatta, as well as to the top Corinthian finish.

12 SUPPORT YACHTS

- 12.1** Support yachts shall be identified by a 2' x 2' yellow flag supplied by the owner. The flag must be displayed on a pole and clearly visible while yachts are racing and at the Club docks.
- 12.2** Appendix A "Coach and Support Boats, Press, and Spectator Boats" shall be in effect.

13 ARBITRATION

Arbitration will be in effect for protests involving a rule of RRS Part 2.

14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS, TRAILERS, DOCKAGE, AND PARKING

- 14.1** All boats shall remain in the water after the first race until the conclusion of the regatta, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul out. This includes local boats launched from floating hoists.
- 14.2** The SBYC hoist and trailer storage area shall be available as shown on the above schedule. Yachts planning to arrive or depart at other times must make arrangements with SBYC at +1.805.965.8112. Dock space shall be provided for all competitors. All boats should be prepared to raft. Guest berthing for support yachts must be made via separate arrangement with the SBYC Harbor Master at +1.805.564.5530. Requests shall be handled on a first come/first served basis. Every effort shall be made to accommodate requests, but space is limited.

- 14.3** All trailers shall be stored in the trailer storage area by their owners following launching, or as otherwise directed by the SBYC Harbor Master. For assistance, please contact the SBYC Harbor Master at +1.805.564.5530.
- 14.4** Due to limited parking at SBYC, competitors shall be asked to park in nearby public lots, which charge up to US\$ 9 per vehicle per day. Vehicles pulling trailers should minimize time spent within the trailer storage area.

15 DIVING EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC POOLS, AND HOISTS

Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) shall not be used around yachts between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta. For all yachts, plastic pools (or their equivalent), baths, or hydro-hoists are not permitted during the regatta.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, Decision to Race). The Organizing Authority does not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17 INSURANCE

All yachts (including coach and support boats) are required to hold adequate third-party insurance. It is the owner or owner representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

18 TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHER'S RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their yacht to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1** For further information, please visit: www.california-cup.com or email: info@melgesraceweek.com
- 19.2** Visit the event website at: <http://sbycracing.org/2012-melges-race-week/>
- 19.3** You may also contact the SBYC Race Director, Brad Schaupter at +1.805.965.8112, x14 or racing@sbyc.org

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Loren Colahan, Regatta Chair
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Christopher Farkas and Andre Peixoto, Co-Founders, Melges California Cup

Appendix A: Coach and Support Boats, Press, and Spectator Boats

1. Coach and support boats shall register with the race office during skipper check in. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to.
2. Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing.
3. Any coach or support boat that interferes with another competitor or the racing in any way, including creating excess wash, or hinders an official boat from carrying out its duties shall have their race boat or boats liable to a penalty at the discretion of the Jury.
4. The penalty given by the Jury is at their discretion, but shall be applied to the overall score and therefore not discarded.
5. No coach or support boat shall pass information in any way to a boat that is racing (RRS 41). Infringements of this shall be taken very seriously.
6. Coach and support boats shall communicate only with the boats they are registered to, and only by means of voice between races. Closed VHF or mobile telephone communication is prohibited.
7. All racing boats shall proceed to the race area under their own power.
8. There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment from leaving the Club Docks until after the finish of the last race of the day between entered boats and their coach or support boats.
9. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside their entered boats until after the finish of the last race of the day, except that coach and support boats may go alongside their entered boats from when an entered boat finishes a race up until the commencement of the next starting sequence for the Melges 24 Fleet.
10. Any competitor may protest under this Appendix.