



MELGES



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Present



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

Sailing Instructions

The Organizing Authority for the 2012 SCYA Midwinter Regatta will be:
The Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC), 130 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara, CA 93109

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 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 RRS 40 is deleted and replaced with "Competitors shall wear flotation devices while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment." Note that Code Flag Y shall not be displayed.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck of the Santa Barbara Yacht Club (SBYC).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located adjacent to the clubhouse.

- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 **Saturday, April 14** – four races are scheduled (Modifies the NOR).
Sunday, April 15 – three races are scheduled
- 5.2 The race committee may change the number of races each day and for the series.
- 5.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for both days is 1200.
- 5.4 After the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a series of short sound signals and a radio announcement may be made.

6 CLASS FLAGS

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Flag</u> |
|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Melges 24 | Red flag with a white letter 'A' |

7 RACING AREA

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.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 **Attachment A** shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 Mark G is a leeward gate. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.
- 8.3 There may be an Offset Mark "O" set a short distance from the weather mark. If present, the offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course descriptions on **Attachment A**.
- 8.4 The course to be sailed will be designated by red and white placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

9 MARKS

All Marks will be inflatable buoys. See **Attachment A** for descriptions.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given five (5) minutes before the start.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an orange inflatable mark, or the starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on two race committee mark boats.
- 10.3 OCS boats may be hailed verbally or over VHF Channel 71 by either the signal boat or the pin end boat, as described in SI 20.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.2 The committee will signal a change by displaying code flag 'C' with several sounds. No further directions will be given (modifies Rule 33).

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee mark boat and an orange inflatable mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 41.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, are required.

14 TIME LIMITS

Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15 AFTER RACE SCORING PENALTY

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while *racing* may take a penalty (an 'After Race Scoring Penalty') after she has *finished* and prior to the start of a protest hearing involving the incident. Her penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty of 30% of the number of boats entered, calculated as described in rule 44.3(c), but not more than that of a DNF score.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

16.1 Protest forms will be available at the front desk of the SBYC clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the front desk within the protest time limit, which shall be one (1) hour after the race committee signal boat returns to the dock. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

16.2 The provisions of **Attachment B** "Protest Arbitration" apply. This changes RRS 63.1.

16.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses, and the time such hearings will commence.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

16.5 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.

This changes RRS 66.

17 SCORING

17.1 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2 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 2011 Series.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 Check-in and check-out: Boats are requested to check in with the race committee by sailing by the committee boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal. Boats leaving the racing area prior to the conclusion of racing are requested to notify the race

committee.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul-out.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 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.

20.2 The Race Committee may use VHF channel 71 to communicate information about course selection, time to start, the class position relative to the starting time, and the sail or bow numbers of boats that are OCS or have violated RRS 30. Neither failure of the race committee to communicate the sail numbers 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.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

See Appendix A of the Notice of Race.

22 PRIZES

22.1 Prizes will be awarded after the racing, on Sunday, April 15th, in the parking lot of SBYC near the boat rigging area.

22.2 Unclaimed prizes will be held at SBYC for a period of one month only. Call +1.805.965.8112 ext 14 to be sure someone will be in the office for pickup.

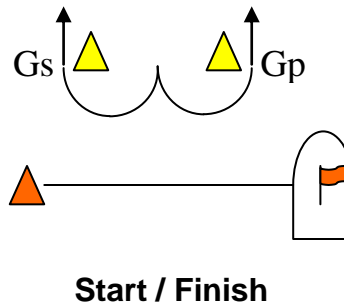
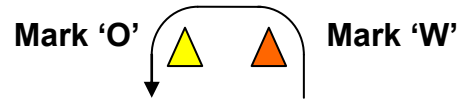
23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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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Attachment A Course Chart



Marks:

- W – Weather Mark (Orange 8 foot Inflatable)
- Gs & Gp – Leeward Gate (Yellow 5 foot Inflatables)
- O – Offset Mark at Mark W (Yellow 5 foot Inflatable)

Notes:

Marks W, O, and G are rounding marks.

Courses

- 1 – Start – W(p) – O(p) – Finish
- 2 – Start – W(p) – O(p) – G – W(p) – O(p) – Finish
- 3 – Start – W(p) – O(p) – G – W(p) – O(p) – G – W(p) – O(p) – Finish

Attachment B Protest Arbitration

B1 An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest involving a rule of Part 2, unless the arbitrator deems the incident inappropriate for arbitration. One representative of each *party* who was on board at the time of the incident will meet with the arbitrator. If all the *parties* are not represented the arbitration meeting shall not be held. No witnesses will be permitted.

B2 After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will offer one of the following options:

- (a) The protest committee would find the protest is invalid. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
- (b) The protest committee would find that no boat broke a *rule*. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
- (c) The protest committee would find that one or more boats represented in the arbitration meeting broke a rule of Part 2 or rule 31. The arbitrator will offer each (both) boat(s) the option of accepting an After Race Scoring Penalty, or to retire. The arbitrator will allow the protestor to withdraw the protest.
- (d) A protest hearing is appropriate.

B3 The protest committee will schedule a protest hearing for any protests that are not withdrawn. Any boat that accepted an After Race Scoring Penalty as described in the Sailing Instructions will not be further penalized as a result of the protest hearing, unless the protest committee concludes that the boat caused injury or serious damage, gained a significant advantage in the race or series, or broke a rule other than a rule of Part 2 or rule 31.

B4 If a protest is withdrawn, no protest hearing will be held, and the protest cannot be the subject of a request for redress or appeal. This changes RRS 63.1.