



Santa Barbara Yacht Club
Santa Barbara Melges California Cup

March 22nd – 23rd, 2014



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2014 Santa Barbara Melges California Cup 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 US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.3 Melges 24 class rules, bylaws and interpretations will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors and amendments to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the lower deck of SBYC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1045 on the day it will take effect. Any change to the sailing instructions made prior to the day of racing will also be posted on the event page at <http://sbycracing.org/2014-melges-cal-cup/>.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the SBYC yardarm.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 *Saturday, March 22nd*

0900-1030 Registration and check-in at SBYC upper deck
0900-1100 No host breakfast available at SBYC
1100 Competitor meeting at SBYC upper deck
1230 Warning signal for first race
1545 No warning signal after this time
After Racing Hors d'oeuvres at SBYC

Sunday, March 23rd

0900-1100 No host breakfast available at SBYC
1100 Competitor meeting at SBYC upper deck
1230 Warning signal for first race
1545 No warning signal after this time
After Racing Awards and hors d'oeuvres at SBYC

- 5.2 Seven (7) races are scheduled with no more than four (4) races to be sailed on any one day.

6. CLASS FLAGS & CLASS DESIGNATIONS

CLASS	FLAG
Melges 24	Orange flag with a black 'M'

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area will be within two (2) miles of SBYC and will be described in further detail at the competitor meeting.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in 'Attachment A – Course Chart' show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 The course number will be displayed on placards on the race committee boat and may be announced on VHF channel 71.

9. MARKS

9.1 Turning marks will be inflatable shapes of colors consistent with those shown in 'Attachment A - Course Chart'.

9.2 The starting and finishing pin will be orange inflatable shapes.

9.3 Windward mark 'W1' will be a yellow inflatable shape. Windward mark 'W2' will be an orange inflatable shape.

9.4 The leeward gate will consist of a pair of yellow inflatable shapes.

9.5 New marks as provided in instruction 11.1, will be:

(a) A red inflatable mark to replace 'W2'

(b) A green inflatable mark to replace 'W1'

(c) A yellow inflatable mark with a black band to replace a gate mark.

10. START

10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.3 An inflatable mark may be attached to the stern of the Race Committee Boat and shall be considered part of the Starting Mark for the purposes of rule 28 and rule 31.

10.4 If when rule 30.1 or 30.2 is in effect any part of a boat's hull, crew, or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the one minute before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on the designated VHF channel. Failure to make a broadcast or of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not relieve her of her obligation to start correctly and shall not be grounds for redress. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

10.5 As a courtesy, the Race Committee will attempt to notify recalled boats by hailing their sail number over the designated VHF channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification shall not be grounds for redress. A boat's position in the sequence of hailed numbers or broadcast numbers shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a)

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee 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. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position.

11.2 To move the leeward gate, the race committee will set the new mark at one end of the gate and an original mark at the other.

12. FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark as shown in 'Attachment A – Course Chart'.

12.2 In the interest of starting another race in a timely fashion, the Race Committee may assign a finish position to the last finisher(s) in a class provided that the position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the front desk of SBYC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2 For all classes, the protest time limit is within one hour of the Race Committee's return to the dock.
- 14.3 Protest times and locations will be posted on the official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.4 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
This changes rule 66.
- 14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply except that a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 16.2 One race must be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.3 This event is part of the Melges 24 California Cup and it's scores will count as part of that series. Cup and calculated as a series sailed over the course of two days.

16. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 16.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 18.1 There are no haul out restrictions.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 The Race Committee will make announcements on VHF channel 71.

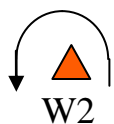
19. PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers depending on the number of boats.
- 19.2 This event is part of the Melges 24 California Cup series. For more information visit:

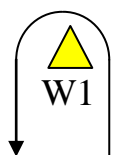
20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 Competitors participate in the series 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 series.

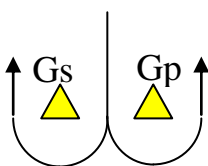
Attachment A - Course Chart



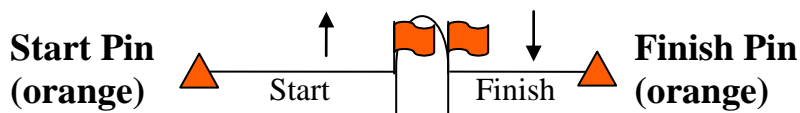
Mark W2, (orange) “W2”



Mark W1 (yellow) “W1”



Gate (yellow) “Gs / Gp”



Course #

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| 1 | (2 legs) | Start – W1 – Finish |
| 2 | (2 legs) | Start – W2 – Finish |
| 3 | (4 legs) | Start – W1 – Gt – W1 – Finish |
| 4 | (4 legs) | Start – W2 – Gt – W2 – Finish |
| 5 | (4 legs) | Start – W2 – Gt – W1 – Finish |
| 6 | (6 legs) | Start – W1 – Gt – W1 – Gt – W1 – Finish |
| 7 | (6 legs) | Start – W2 – Gt – W2 – Gt – W2 – Finish |

Marks W1 and W2 shall be rounded to port.
 Mark Gs shall be rounded to starboard.
 Mark Gp shall be rounded to port.