



Santa Barbara Yacht Club  
**2016 Melges 24 California Cup**  
March 19-20, 2016



# MELGES 24

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority for the 2016 Santa Barbara Melges 24 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. The following Class Rules are in effect: International Melges 24 Class Rules, bylaws and interpretations.
- 1.3. There is no restriction on advertising subject to ISAF Reg 20.2 and 20.3, and Class Rules.
- 1.4. US Sailing prescriptions to rules 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.
- 1.5. Appendix T, Alternate Procedures for Dispute Resolution; Sections A, B, and D will apply.
- 1.6. Failure to comply with orders from the United States Coast Guard, Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol or any other recognized authority is grounds for disqualification without hearing at the discretion of the Race Committee. This Changes Rule 63.1.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. 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

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 1130 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

#### 5.1. Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

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| 0900        | Access to hoist and trailer storage lot.            |
| 1500 – 1800 | Complimentary beer in the rigging area              |
| 1700 – 1800 | Registration & check-in (SBYC Fleet Room)           |
| 1700 – 1900 | Hors d'oeuvres & no host bar on the SBYC upper deck |

#### Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

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| 0930-1100    | Check-in at SBYC upper deck & no host breakfast available at SBYC |
| 1100         | Competitor meeting at SBYC upper deck                             |
| 1230         | Warning signal for first race                                     |
| After Racing | Hors d'oeuvres, complimentary beer & no-host bar at SBYC          |

**5. SCHEDULE (continued)**

*Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>*

0930-1100 No host breakfast available at SBYC  
1230 Warning signal for first race  
1500 No warning signal after this time  
After Racing Awards, complimentary beer and hors d'oeuvres at SBYC

- 5.2. Seven (7) races are scheduled with no more than four (4) races to be sailing on any one day.  
5.3. 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**

- 6.1. The Melges 24 Class Flag will be an orange flag with a black letter 'M'

**7. RACING AREA**

- 7.1. The racing area shall be the Santa Barbara Channel within two miles of SBYC. The Race Committee shall define the intended course area at the Skippers' Meeting based on conditions.

**8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1. The diagram in 'Attachment A – Course Chart' shows 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 to be sailed will be designated by placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

**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 pins 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 green inflatable mark to replace 'W2'
  - A red inflatable mark to replace 'W1'
  - A yellow inflatable mark with a black band to replace a gate mark.

**10. THE START**

- 10.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal given 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. 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).

- 10.4. 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. THE FINISH**

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee signal boat 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. Appendix T, Rule T1 will apply: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 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. Appendix T, Section B – Post Race Penalties will apply:
- T2.1 After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing* may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
- T2.2 The Post-Race Penalty shall be:
- 20%, if taken before the protest time limit, or
  - 30%, if taken after the protest time limit but before the beginning of a hearing involving the incident.

**14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. Appendix T, Section D – Arbitration will apply.
- 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:
- within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - 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.

**15. SCORING**

- 15.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.2. The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that if less than six races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

**16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 16.1. 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.

**17. PRIZES**

- 17.1. Prizes will be awarded after the racing, on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at SBYC to the top three finishers.

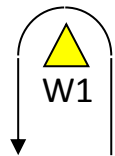
**18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 18.1. 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.

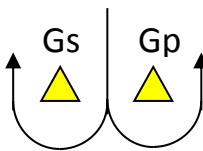
**Attachment A - Course Chart**



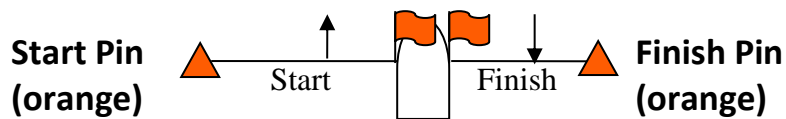
Mark W2, (orange) "W2"



Mark W1 (yellow) "W1"



Gate (yellow) "Gs / Gp"



**Course #**

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.