



MELGES²⁴
EUROPEANS
HYERES 2016



MELGES 24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2016

September 2nd to 9th, 2016

COYCH

Hyères, France

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) of the Melges 24 European Championship 2016 is COYCH, in co-operation with the French Melges 24 Class Association and the International Melges 24 Class Association (IM24CA).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The prescriptions of the national authority, FFVoile will apply and are stated in full in Appendix 2.
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4. The following rules will be changed in accordance with rule 86.1(b):
 - 1.4.1. All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40.
 - 1.4.2. Part 5 Section B of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* as well as rule 44.1 will be changed to permit protest arbitration.

- 1.4.3. The Race Committee (RC) will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet. Failure to make broadcasts or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1. The sailing instructions will provide more detail on the procedure.
- 1.4.4. Appendix P will apply, and will be changed as described in NOR 12.6.
- 1.4.5. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising will conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Class Rules
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display identification bow numbers and sponsors advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. These items will be supplied free of charge by the COYCH at registration.
- 2.3. French boats have to present their French advertising agreement.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The Championship is open to all boats of the Melges 24 class that meet with the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority, in the case that a National Authority exists.
- 3.2. Competitors shall comply with the World Sailing eligibility code (Regulation 19) which requires that all competitors (helmspersons and all other crew) shall be members of their Member National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations. The Yacht Club or organization name and membership details shall be stated when entering. Proof of membership shall be presented at registration.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration sending it together with the required fee by August 15th, 2016.
- 3.4. No entries/payments will be accepted after August 15th, 2016, unless approved by the OA. Entries after August 15 will sail in open division.
- 3.5. The Organising Authority will acknowledge complete entries upon receipt via email and post on the official event web site at melges24.com/europeans2016/ .
Note – completed entry includes payment on entry fee.
- 3.6. Only boats that have completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete.
- 3.7. Entry fee refunds prior to 15 August 2016 may be granted at the discretion of the OA.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. The World Sailing Sailor Classification Code will apply to teams in the Corinthian Trophy (see rule 79). Please refer to World Sailing Web site: www.sailing.org
- 4.2. Indicate classification and the unique World Sailing sailor ID for each sailor on the entry form if entering for the Corinthian Trophy.
- 4.3. The closing date for the registration of Corinthian entries shall be 15 August 2016.
- 4.4. Sailors shall be registered with World Sailing prior to 15 August 2016 and be able to declare their World Sailing sailor ID and group number on the entry form.
- 4.5. Entries accepted after 15 August 2016 shall not be eligible for the Corinthian Trophy.
- 4.6. Classification will be checked at registration. A final list will be published at the close of registration.
- 4.7. The Classification Protest Time Limit is the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing (5 September 2016) for the championship.
- 4.8. Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in IM24CA Championship rules.
- 4.9. Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member between the closing date of entries and the start of the regatta, the name of the new crew member with their valid World Sailing sailor ID and group number shall be submitted to the OA for approval by the IM24CA Championship Coordinator.
- 4.10. A representative of the World Sailing Sailor Classification Commission may be present during registration and may carry out spot checks. Registration of a boat is not complete until the spot checks are completed.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the Regatta at designated times, berthing for the event, trailer storage, tickets to the events (Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony and Dinner) for all competing crew.
- 5.2. Payment until the 1st June 2016 will be 750 € (standard entry fee)
Payment from the 2nd June to 30th June 2016 will be 975 € (30% late surcharge)
Payment from 1st July to 15th August 2016 will be 1125 € (50% late surcharge)
After 15th August see NOR 3.4.
- 5.3. Payment options:
 - a) Online payment through the COYCH web site <http://coych.fr/en/regattas/18-melges-24-europeans-2016.html>
 - b) Credit card or cash payment during the final registration for late entries.
- 5.4. Entries will not be valid until payment is received and confirmed by the COYCH.

6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 6.1. If there are more than 100 boats registered then the race committee may decide to divide fleet in to two for a qualifying and final series.
- 6.2. If a Qualifying Series and Final Series are held, the following will apply:
 - 6.2.1. Maximum of 3 races a day may be sailed with a maximum of 12 races for the regatta.
 - 6.2.2. The regatta will consist of a qualifying series of a maximum of 6 races followed by a final series of a maximum of 6 races.
 - 6.2.3. For the qualifying series, the Race Committee will divide the competitors into four groups of as nearly equal size as possible, which will sail in alternating combinations.
 - 6.2.4. Based on the results of the qualifying series, the fleet will be divided into a Gold Fleet and a Silver Fleet for the finals.
 - 6.2.5. Competitors will be informed in which group they sail their qualifying series by the close of Registration

7. SCHEDULE

7.1.

Day	Date	Event	Time
Friday	2 September	Check-in, Registration and Measurement and Crew Weigh-in	0900-1300 1400-1800
Saturday	3 September	Check-in, Registration and Measurement and Crew Weigh-in	0900-1300 1400-1800
Sunday	4 September	Check-in, Registration and Measurement and Crew Weigh-in Practice Race All Boats afloat Opening Ceremony / Competitors Meeting	0900-1300 1400-1800 First warning 1500 1900 2000
Monday	5 September	Competitors Briefing Races Snack	0830 First warning 1000 After Races
Tuesday	6 September	Competitors Briefing Races Snack	0830 First warning 1000 After races
Wednesday	7 September	Competitors Briefing Races Dinner	0830 First warning 1000 2000

Thursday	8 September	Competitors Briefing Races Snack	0830 First warning 1000 After Races
Friday	9 September	Competitors Briefing Races No warning signal after 1430 Closing ceremony and awards	0830 First warning 1000 No warning signal after 1430 1800

7.2. Twelve (12) races are scheduled for this championship.

7.3. The RC may race as many as three (3) races each day.

7.4. The O.A. and/or the R.C. reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes.

8. MEASUREMENTS

8.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close registration on Sunday 4th September at 1800. Documents may be submitted before registration to IMCA Administrator Piret Salmistu via email at Piret@melges24.com

8.2. The measurer or an equipment inspector may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.

8.3. Registration of sails and limitation stamping will take place during periods stated in 7.1 above. **THERE WILL BE NO FACILITIES FOR INITIAL MEASUREMENT.** Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the Regatta.

8.4. In accordance with rule G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the Class Rules.

8.5. During the regatta checks on conformity with class rules, including measurement requirements may be performed at any time

8.6. A boat will provide a minimum of 2 people to facilitate measurement.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the registration.

9.2. The Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the event website melges24.com/europeans2016/ when available.

10. VENUE

10.1. Appendix 3 shows the location of the regatta harbour and host organisation.

10.2. Appendix 4 shows the location of the racing areas.

11. THE COURSES

11.1. The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward.

11.2. Spreader/offset marks and leeward gates shall be used.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to read: "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."

12.2. Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes rule 44.2

12.3. If a member of the Jury witnesses a breach of RRS Part 2, RRS 31 and/or Class Rule C.11, they may indicate their observation by making a long sound (whistle) and a red flag. The boat shall then exonerate itself by complying with sailing instruction 12.1 (two-turns penalty). If no penalty is taken the Jury may protest.

12.4. If a member of the Jury witnesses another incident than those who may be indicated with a red flag as above, it may indicate its observation by making a long sound (whistle) and the display of flag U. If no boat

exonerates herself after such incident, the Jury will expect a competitor protest with regard to the incident.

- 12.5. If a member of the Jury witnesses an incident and decides that no breach occurred (no rules were broken), they may indicate their observation by making a long sound (whistle) and displaying a green and white flag.
- 12.6. Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply. Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. This changes RRS Appendix P.
- 12.7. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. The Low Point System of rule A4 will apply.
- 13.2. Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute the Championship.
- 13.3. (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When from six to twelve races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Coach and support boats shall register with the OA during Check-in at the registration office and shall pay an entry fee. Only support boats that have registered with the OA and carry identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area.
- 14.2. The IM24CA coach and support boat Appendix (5) shall be in operation and is attached to this NOR.

15. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 15.1. Cranage will be available at the following times:

Day	Date	Event	Time
Friday	2 September	Cranage	0900-1800
Saturday	3 September	Cranage	0900-1800
Sunday	4 September	Cranage	0900-1900

*Cranage outside these hours will be subject to additional charge.

- 15.2. All boats are to be afloat by 1900 on September 4th.
- 15.3. Except when sailing, boats shall be kept in their assigned docks in the harbor. Fenders and mooring lines will be required. Boats will not be permitted to attach a fender or float to the mooring/ anchor line while boats are sailing. Use of such an unattended float would create a hazard to navigation.
- 15.4. Bow numbers may establish the priority or order of berthing assignments, haul out order, and other items at the discretion of the OA.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the PRO.

17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 17.1. Underwater breathing apparatus (excluding snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1. Except in an emergency, 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.
- 18.2. Race information will be given on VHF Channel 72.

19. PRIZES

19.1. The prizes will be given as follows:

INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 CLASS ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE SCHEDULE

Single Fleet	Open Division	Corinthian Division
Daily Prizes	Winner of each individual race	Winner of each individual race
Overall Prizes	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top eight boats	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top six boats

Split Fleet	Open Division		Corinthian Division	
	Daily Prizes – Races 1 to 6	Winner of each individual race on course A	Winner of each individual race on course B	Winner of each individual race on course A
Daily Prizes – Race 7 – 12	Winner of each individual race in gold fleet	Winner of each individual race in silver fleet	Winner of each individual race in gold fleet	Winner of each individual race in silver fleet
Overall Prizes	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top five boats overall/in the Gold fleet	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top five boats in the Silver fleet	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top three Corinthian boats overall/in the Gold fleet	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top three Corinthian boats in the Silver fleet

19.2. Additional Prizes may be given at the discretion of the OA.

19.3. The overall championship will be the winner of the open division and awarded with the “Giorgio Zuccoli Trophy” as the perpetual trophy of the Melges 24 European Championship.

19.4. The winner of the Corinthian Division will be awarded the perpetual “Menno Meyer European Corinthian Trophy”.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 Decision to Race. The organising 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. Liability waivers shall be signed by all competitors during registration.

20.2. Liability Waiver Form - As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall sign a liability waiver/media release. The fully executed Liability Waiver Form shall be submitted at registration prior to racing. The Liability Waiver Form will be posted on the regatta website and will be available at registration. By participating in this event, each competitor 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.

21. INSURANCE

21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.500.000 € per event or the equivalent.

22. TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

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

23. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

23.1. The Organizing Authority may change the Notice of Race; see rule 89.2(a). Any such changes will be posted on the Regatta web site melges24.com/europeans2016/

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

24.1. For further information about the Melges 24 European Championship 2016 please contact:

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24.2. Social calendar together with tourist information, accommodation availabilities and other details will be posted on the Regatta website melges24.com/europeans2016/ when available.

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APPENDIX 1
KEY CONTACTS

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APPENDIX 2 Prescriptions of the national authority FFVoile

Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 applying to foreign competitors

RRS 64.3

FFVoile Prescription (*):

The jury may ask the parties to the protest, prior to checking procedures, a deposit covering the cost of checking arising from a protest concerning class rules.

RRS 67

FFVoile Prescription (*):

Any question about or request of damages arising from an incident involving a boat bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing or International Regulation to Prevent Collision at Sea depends on the appropriate courts and will not be dealt by the jury.

RRS 70. 5

FFVoile Prescription (*):

In such circumstances, the written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile shall be received before publishing the notice of race and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

RRS 78

FFVoile Prescription (*):

The boat's owner or other person in charge shall, under his sole responsibility, make sure moreover that his boat comply with the equipment and security rules required by the laws, by-laws and regulations of the Administration.

RRS 86.3

FFVoile Prescription (*):

An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1 in order to develop or test new rules shall first submit the changes to the FFVoile, in order to obtain its written approval and shall report the results to FFVoile after the event. Such authorization shall be mentioned in the notice of race and in the sailing instructions and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

RRS 88

FFVoile Prescription (*):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall be neither changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions, except for events for which an international jury has been appointed.

In such case, the prescriptions marked with an asterisk (*) shall be neither changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on the FFVoile website www.ffvoile.fr , shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

RRS 91

FFVoile Prescription (*):

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile. Such notice of approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

APPENDIX 3 – The location of the regatta harbour and host organisation

PORT D'HYÈRES

RADE D'HYÈRES

APPENDIX 3

Longitude 06° 09' 30" est
Latitude 43° 04' 45" nord

Port Cros 9 milles
Le Levant 10 milles

COMMERCES & SERVICES

- BOULANGERIE
- PHARMACIE
- DAB
- ALIMENTATION

ESSENTIALS

- COYCH YACHT CLUB
REGISTRATION OFFICE
ESPACE NAUTIQUE
- BASE NAUTIQUE
- TRAILERS PARK
- FUEL
- MELGES 24

HOTELS OR APARTMENT

CAMPING

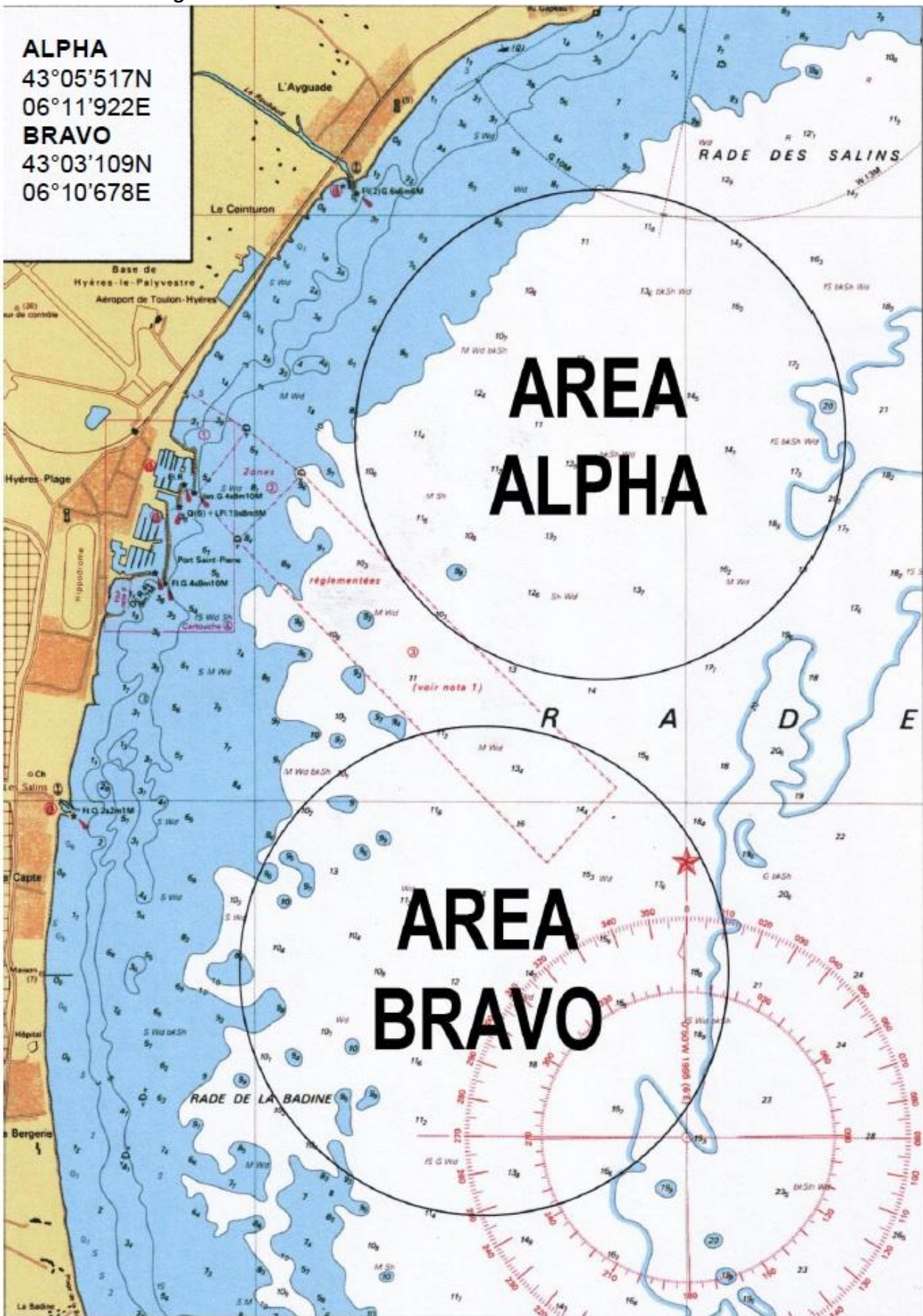
PARTENAIRES / PARTNERS

- A EUROVOILES
- B LE TOCCO
- C LE SAX
- D LATITUDE 43 (SHIPCHANDLER)
- E USHIP - RUSSO (SAILMAKER)

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APPENDIX 4 – Racing area



COACH, SUPPORT, PRESS & SPECTATOR BOATS

COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

1. Coach and support boats shall register with the race office during registration. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to.
2. Coach and support boats shall display a flag, or other identification symbol, as may be required by the race committee.
3. No coach boat or support boat shall pass information in any way to a boat that is racing. Rule 41. Infringements of this will be taken very seriously.
4. 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.
5. All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to the racing area under their own power.
6. There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment until after the finish of the last race of the day between Melges 24's and their coach or support boats.
7. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside their Melges 24's until after the finish of the last race of the day.
8. Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing.
9. 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 carrying out its duties shall have the competitor(s) to which they are attached, liable to a penalty at the discretion of the jury.
10. Any competitor may protest under this attachment.
11. The penalty given by the jury is at their discretion, but shall be applied to the overall score and therefore not discarded.

PRESS AND SPECTATOR BOATS

1. All Press and official spectator boats shall be registered by the race organising authority during registration.
2. Press and spectator boats shall display any flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the race committee.
3. The race organisers may appoint one or more photo boats, which will be allowed within the race course. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress.
4. Press and spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in anyway and shall stay at a distance outside the racecourse where their wake causes no problem.