

2016 MELGES 24 CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

JUNE 24 – 26th, 2016 KELOWNA, BC

Hosted by the Kelowna Yacht Club (KYC)

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) for the 2016 Melges 24 Canadian Nationals is the Kelowna Yacht Club.

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 SAIL CANADA will apply, attached as Appendix One.
- 1.3 The current Melges 24 Class Rules will apply, including all 2015-2016 amendments.
- 1.4 All competitors shall wear personal floatation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal floatation devices. This changes RRS 40.
- 1.5 The Race Committee (RC) may use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet, but failure to make broadcasts, or failure by a competitor to hear a broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Melges 24 class that meet the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority. The regatta is not limited to only Canadian boats.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by June 10, 2016 by completing and submitting the online registration at <http://www.melges24cnats.com> (select Registration menu option).
- 3.3 Late entries may be accepted up to 1200 hours on Thursday, June 23, 2016, but will be charged a surcharge fee. Full payment due at time of late registration.

3.4 All boats will sail as one fleet. There will be no separation of corinthian and open crewed boats.

4 FEES

4.1 The Entry Fee will be \$250 (CDN) if payment received by June 10th, 2016. Payments received after this date will be charged a \$100 (CDN) surcharge fee. The Entry Fee will include launching and recovery of boats at designated times, berthing, trailer storage, and 1 dinner ticket per boat to the Saturday night dinner at KYC.

5 SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	June 23	At KYC - Registration, weigh-In, launching, Melges Speedcamp tuning/training/practice racing, debrief	0900 - 2100
Friday	June 24	KYC – Final registration & weigh-In, launching	0800 - 0900
		KYC - All boats afloat & Skippers Meeting	0900
		Leave KYC dock	0930
		First warning for day one racing	1030
		Moorage at KYC	After racing concluded
		KYC Commodore's Dock – Commodores Dock BBQ	1830 Estimate
Saturday	June 25	First warning for day two racing	1000
		Moorage & dinner at KYC Members Lounge	1900 Estimate
Sunday	June 26	First warning for day three racing	1000
		No warning signal after 1500	1500
		Return to KYC for haul out	1600
		KYC Commodore's Dock - Closing Ceremonies	ASAP after racing concluded

5.1 Twelve (12) races are scheduled for the regatta.

6 MEASUREMENT

6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Melges 24 Class Measurement Certificate and proof of insurance before the close of registration. Copies of required documents shall be emailed to noellutz@me.com

6.2 The OA may weigh, measure, register, or inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races. During the Championship, checks on conformity with the Class Rules, including measurement may be performed at any time at the discretion of the OA.

6.3 All sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved Class measurer before arrival at the Regatta.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The sailing instructions will be available online at www.melges24cnats.com by June 17th, 2016 and at boat check in at the KYC, Thursday June 23rd, 2016.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 The principal racing area will be the waterfront off the shores of downtown Kelowna, ranging from the bridge to Bear Creek. Two other race areas may be used – Bear Creek to Lake Okanagan Resort; or South of the bridge to Green Bay.
- 8.2 The choice of location for racing is at the sole discretion of the OA and RC.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward.
- 9.2 Offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 The first two sentences of Racing Rule 44.1 are changed as follows: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 when *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.
- 10.2 After a race, a boat that may have broken a RRS under Part 2, or RRS 31 while racing, may take a post-race penalty for that incident prior to a hearing. The post-race penalty shall be 30%
- 10.3 An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving a RRS of Part 2 or RRS 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board each involved boat at the time of the incident.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 BERTHING

- 12.1 Boats shall be assigned berths at the KYC.

13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1 Boats shall not be hauled out between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the Championship except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the OA.

14 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 14.1** Other than as provided in Class Rule C.6.3, authorizing the use of a mask and snorkel, diving equipment and plastic pools will not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1** 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.
- 15.2** Competitors are encouraged to monitor VHF Channel 9, the RC working channel, particularly during the last minute of the start sequence.
- 15.3** All boats must check in with the RC via VHF or by sailing within hailing distance of the committee boat prior to the first preparatory signal of the day.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1** Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place boats for both open and Corinthian classes at the end of the 2016 Melges 24 Canadian National Championship.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

18 INSURANCE

- 18.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 (CDN)

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1** For further information please contact Marc Noel at noellutz@me.com or Toni Clark at toni@corporateheights.ca

20 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 20.1** By participating in this event, all competitors automatically grant the organizers and sponsors the right to make, use and show, at any time and at their discretion, any photographs or videos of him or her produced during the period of the event without compensation.

Sail Canada Prescriptions 2013 2016 Effective 1 January 2013

Sail Canada prescribes: Rule 46 Person in Charge

Sail Canada prescribes that the designated person in charge, if resident in Canada, shall be a member of a club affiliated with Sail Canada.

Rule 61.2 Protest Contents

Sail Canada prescribes that no fee shall be charged for delivering a protest or a request for redress.

Rule 64.3 Decisions on Protests Concerning Class Rules (insert directly under the title to the rule)

Sail Canada prescribes that unless otherwise provided in its class rules, the ISAF Equipment Rules of Sailing shall apply to all classes racing in Canada.

Rule 67 Damages

Sail Canada prescribes that a boat that has been found by a protest committee to have broken a rule and caused damage shall be considered at fault for the purposes of rule 67.

Rule 70.5(a) Appeals and Requests to a National Authority

Sail Canada so prescribes.

Rule 88.2 National Prescriptions

Sail Canada prescribes that the sailing instructions of national or lesser events shall not change or delete any Sail Canada prescription. For events that have a no appeal protest committee or an international jury, prescriptions to rule 61.2 and 67 shall not be deleted.

Appendix E8 Appendix G Changes to Identification on Sails (insert directly under title to the rule)

Sail Canada prescribes that this rule applies to Canadian boats in all classes.

Appendix R Procedures for Appeals and Requests (insert after the preamble)

Sail Canada prescribes that it may delegate an appeal or request for confirmation or correction to an association appeals committee, such as a provincial association appeals committee or a racing association appeals committee. Decisions of an association appeals committee may be further appealed to Sail Canada.

Appendix R2.1(a) Submission of Documents

Sail Canada written decision, the appellant may send a further appeal and a copy of the decision to Sail Canada. The appeal shall state why the appellant believes the association appeals

Appendix R2.2 Submission of Documents

Sail Canada prescribes that in the case of a further appeal to Sail Canada, this rule shall apply to the appellant as though it was an initial appeal, and to the appealed committee as though it was the protest committee.

Appendix R3 Responsibilities of National Authority and Protest Committee

Sail Canada prescribes that when an appeal is delegated to an association appeals committee, the responsibilities and actions required of the national authority in this rule, and in rules R4, R5, 71.2 and 71.3, shall be performed by the association appeals committee.

When a decision of an association appeals committee is further appealed, Sail Canada shall send to the parties, protest committee and association appeals committee copies of the appeal. No member of the association appeals committee shall take any part in the discussion or decision on the appeal.

Appendix R4 Comments and Clarifications

Sail Canada prescribes that when a decision of an association appeals committee is further appealed, the parties, protest committee and association appeals committee may make comments on the appeal. Comments on the appeal shall be made no later than 15 days after receiving it from Sail Canada. Sail Canada shall send copies of the comments to the parties, protest committee and association appeals committee as appropriate.