



# **STANDARD NoR, SI's (for single & split fleets) & Appendices**



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# STANDARD NOTICE OF RACE

## INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 CLASS ..... CHAMPIONSHIP

Date  
Club  
Town & Country

The International Melges 24 ..... Championship will be organised by the ..... Yacht Club, in co-operation with The ...(National)... Melges 24 Class Association and the International Melges 24 Class Association.

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1. RULES.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply. *(Use only if the national authority for the venue of the event has not adopted a prescription to rule 88.)*
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 Part 5, Section B of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, as well as rules 44.1 and 63.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit Protest Arbitration.

#### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and sponsors advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with ISAF regulation 20. These items will be supplied free of charge by the Organising Authority (OA) at registration.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta 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 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and sending it, together with the required fee, to ..... by ..... 200X.
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted subject to a 30% surcharge.
- 3.4 No entries will be accepted after \_\_\_\_\_ 200X.

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**Comment:** Hard cut off 30 days before 1st race.

- 3.5 The Organising Authority will acknowledge complete entries upon receipt via email and post on the official event web site at [www.xxxxxxx.com](http://www.xxxxxxx.com)

#### **4. CLASSIFICATION**

- 4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply to teams in the Corinthian Trophy (see rule 79). Please refer to ISAF's Web site: [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)
- 4.2 Indicate classification for each sailor on the entry form if entering for the Corinthian Trophy and the unique ISAF User ID Number
- 4.3 The closing date for the registration of Corinthian entries shall be as in 3.4 above.
- 4.4 Sailors must be registered with ISAF prior to the date identified in 3.4 and be able to declare their User ID number on the entry form.
- 4.5 Late entries cannot be considered for this trophy.
- 4.6 Classification will be checked at registration. A final list will be published at the close of registration.
- 4.7 Protest regarding ISAF classification must be submitted by the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing for the championship.
- 4.8 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in IMCA Championship rules.

#### **5. FEES**

- 5.1 The Entry Fee will be \$£.... This Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the Regatta at designated times, berthing for the event, trailer storage and tickets to the principal events for all competing crew.
- 5.2 Entry fees should be made by cash or cheque payable to .....  
Credit Card payment will be accepted by completing details on Entry Form, entries will not be valid until payment is received and confirmed by the OA.

#### **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 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 will sail their qualifying series by the close of registration.

#### **7. SCHEDULE**

- 7.1

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	16 August	Early Arrival, Registration	1500-1800
Friday	17 August	Registration & Measurement	1000-1800
Saturday	18 August	Registration & Measurement Practice Race	1000-1600 Warning at 1000
Sunday	19 August	Registration Practice Race Competitors Meeting Opening Ceremonies All Boats Afloat	1000-1600 Warning at 1000 1730 1800 2000
Monday	20 August	Competitors Briefing Racing Daily Awards	0815 Warning signal at 1000 1800
Tuesday	21 August	Competitors Briefing Racing Daily Awards	0815 Warning signal at 1000 1800
Wednesday	22 August	Competitors Briefing Racing Daily Awards	0815 Warning signal at 1000 1800
Thursday	23 August	Competitors Briefing Racing Daily Awards	0815 Warning signal at 1000 1800
Friday	24 August	Competitors Briefing Racing Daily Awards	0815 Warning signal at 1000 1800
Saturday	25 August	Racing  Awards Presentation	Warning signal at 1000 No warning signal after 1430 Target Time 1800

7.2 Twelve (12) Races are scheduled for the XXXXX Championships.  
OR

If there are more than 100 boats and the fleet is split, twelve (12) races are scheduled.  
If there are less than 100 boats and boats race as one fleet, ten (10) races are scheduled

7.3 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.....

8.2 The Organisers 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 during registration.
- 9.2 They will be posted on the event web site at [www.xxx.com](http://www.xxx.com) when available.

## **10. VENUE**

- 10.1 Attachment 'A' shows the location of the regatta harbour and host Clubhouse.
- 10.2 Attachment 'B' 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 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2 Rule 'Appendix P' (Special Procedures for Rule 42) shall 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 rule appendix P.
- 12.3 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

## **13. SCORING**

- 13.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3 When six or more 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 Support boats shall be marked as decided by the OA.
- 14.2 The IMCA Coach and Support boat appendix shall be in operation and is attached to this NOR.

## **15. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING**

- 15.1 Cranage will be available at the following times:

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Thursday	16 August	Cranage	1500-1800
Friday	17 August	Cranage	1000-1800
Saturday	18 August	Cranage	1000-1600
Sunday	19 August	Cranage	1000-1600

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

- 15.2 All boats are to be afloat by 2000 hours on .....
- 15.3 Boats shall be kept on the assigned pontoons in the harbour. Fenders and mooring lines will be required.
- 15.4 Bow numbers will establish the priority or order of berthing assignments, haul out order, and other items at the discretion of the OA.

**16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

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

**17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus (including 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 .....

**19. PRIZES**

The prizes will be given as follows:

**INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 CLASS ASSOCIATION**

**CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE SCHEDULE**

Single Fleet	Open Division	Corinthian Division
<b>Daily Prizes</b>	Winner of each individual race  Current series leaders – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> (excluding final day)	Winner of each individual race  Current series leaders – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> (excluding final day)
<b>Overall Prizes</b>	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	

<b>Daily Prizes – Races 1 to 6</b>	Winner of each individual race on course A  Current series leaders – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Winner of each individual race on course B	Winner of each individual race on course A  Current series leaders – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Winner of each individual race on course B
<b>Daily Prizes – Race 7 – 12</b>	Winner of each individual race in gold fleet  Current series leaders – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> (excluding final day)	Winner of each individual race in silver fleet	Winner of each individual race in gold fleet  Current series leaders – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> (excluding final day)	Winner of each individual race in silver fleet
<b>Overall Prizes</b>	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

## **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.

## **21 INSURANCE**

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

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## **22 TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS**

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 Organising Authority may change the Notice of Race; see rule 89.2(a). Any such changes will be posted on the regatta web site, [www.xxx.com](http://www.xxx.com).

## **24 FURTHER INFORMATION and KEY CONTACTS**

23.1 For further information about the 200X XXXXX Championship please contact:

- Event Web Site [www.xxxxxx.com](http://www.xxxxxx.com)
  
- REGATTA COORDINATOR
  - name
  - XX Yacht Club
  - Street Address
  - City, State, County postal code
  - phone
  - fax
  - Email address
  
- M24 INTERNATIONAL MEASURER
  - NAME, M24 Technical Advisor
  - Email – email address
  
- PRINICIPAL RACE OFFICER (PRO)
  - Name
  - Email
  
- JURY CHAIRMAN
  - Name
  - Email

24.2 Social calendar together with tourist information, accommodation availability and other details will be posted on the website when available. Event Web Site [www.xxxxxx.com](http://www.xxxxxx.com)

**NOTICE OF RACE ATTACHMENT A**  
**VENUE – Harbour and Clubhouse**  
**(MAP HERE)**

**NOTICE OF RACE ATTACHMENT B**  
**VENUE- Racing Area**  
**(MAP HERE)**

**NOTICE OF RACE ATTACHMENT C**  
**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.

**STANDARD ENTRY FORM**

**200x ..... Championship**

Name of Organisers  
Address of Organisers  
FAX and Phone Number (inc international country code)

**Entry Form**

To be returned prior to DD/MM/YY

Name of Yacht: \_\_\_\_\_

Sail Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Correspondence Address of Owner/Helmsman:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Corinthian Championship Entry.....**YES/NO** (Delete as applicable)

**If entering the Corinthian Championship please provide the ISAF Sailor Classification Group, ID number and Classification Expiry Date for each member of your crew and complete the Corinthian Declaration below. Please print all information clearly to avoid confusion.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>ID No</b>	<b>Expires</b>
Owner: _____	_____	_____	_____
Helm: _____	_____	_____	_____

Crew: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this Declaration, the Applicants are requesting to be scored in the Corinthian Division for the Regatta listed above ("Regatta") and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Declaration and the rules of the International Melges 24 Class Association (IMCA).

**CORINTHIAN DIVISION RULE:**

The Helm for the Regatta must be currently registered with the International Sailing Federation ("ISAF") Sailor Classification System as a Group 1 sailor. In addition, all crew members for the regatta must be currently registered with the ISAF Sailor Classification System as a Group 1 sailor. The ISAF Competitor Classification Declaration and Rules can be found on-line at [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org). By completing and signing this Declaration, the Applicants are certifying they understand the above requirements and will remain in compliance with the rules during the Regatta.

**CORINTHIAN QUESTIONS:**

At the time of completing this Corinthian Division Declaration:

*The Helm is (if the answer is NO to the following question, you do not qualify for the Corinthian Division):*

Response

(1) Currently registered under the ISAF Classification as a Group 1 Sailor?  
**YES/NO** (Delete as applicable)

*All crew members are (if the answer is NO to the following question, you do not qualify for the Corinthian Division):*

(1) Currently registered under the ISAF Classification as a Group 1 Sailor?  
**YES/NO** (Delete as applicable)

**DECLARATION – CORINTHIAN ENTRIES:**

I have read and understand the ISAF Sailor Classification Code and IMCA Corinthian Division Rule, and I am not aware of any information that would disqualify me from competing for a Corinthian trophy. I will inform the IMCA and Race Organisers as soon as any of this information changes in any way that might change the boat's eligibility to compete in the Corinthian Division. I agree the IMCA or any body or person acting with its authority may seek any information it needs from any source at any time to verify the ISAF Classification for the helm and crew.

***I realize that if I give false or misleading information in this Declaration for the Corinthian Division, I or members of my crew may be subject to a hearing under RRS 2 and/or RRS 69, Suspension/Expulsion under paragraph 8 of the IMCA Constitution, and the helm may be disqualified from earning points for any IMCA Ranking Event for a period of one year.***

I have read and understand the above conditions and wish to be scored in the Corinthian Division for this regatta.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**DECLARATION – ALL ENTRIES:**

I agree to be bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and by all other *rules* that govern this event. I confirm that I will have Third Party Insurance in place for the duration of the Event, the sum of which is my entire and sole responsibility to ensure that it is adequate. I confirm that the owner and helmsman of this boat comply with IMCA membership requirements as detailed in Class Rule C.9.

I enclose:

- A copy of my Yacht's Measurement Certificate
- Entry Fee of £ .....

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME ADDRESSES:**

**OWNER:**

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**HELM:**

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**CREW 1:**

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**CREW 2:**

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**CREW 3:**

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**CREW 4:**

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# STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS &

## ADDENDUMS

### (to be used for a single fleet championship)

**International Melges 24 Class (Regatta Name) Championship**  
**(Dates For The Regatta)**  
**(Organising Authority's Name)**  
**(Place Where The Regatta Will Be Held)**

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4 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 rule 40.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 The event will be held in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 1.7 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply for competitors competing for the Corinthian trophy, in accordance with the IMCA regatta regulations.
- 1.8 Part 5, Section B of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, as well as rules 44.1 and 63.1 will be changed to permit Protest Arbitration, see Addendum C.

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### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at **<Insert location(s)>**.
- 2.2 Any questions concerning these sailing instructions, scoring, or any other racing issues shall be submitted in writing to the Race Office. Forms to submit inquiries are available there. All written inquiries and responses will be posted on the official notice board.

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**Comment:** Insert Location

### 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 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at **<Insert location>**.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than **<Insert number of minutes>** minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes rule Race Signals.
- 4.3 Flag B hoisted with one sound signal means "Protest time has begun". When lowered with one sound means "Protest time has ended".

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**Comment:** Replace the number of minutes

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Schedule:

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5.2 Twelve (12) Races are scheduled.

5.3 All boats will sail as one fleet.

5.4 The RC may race as many as 4 races each day.

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

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be the class insignia in blue on a white background.

## 7 RACING AREAS

ADDENDUM A shows the location of racing areas.

## 8 THE COURSES

8.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course, approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg. Failure to broadcast or to receive this notification shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

The information will be arranged vertically.

Example:

<b>5</b>		<i>Course</i>
<b>300</b>		<i>Approximate magnetic bearing to Mark 1</i>
<b>1.5</b>		<i>Approximate distance to Mark 1. (nautical miles)</i>

Course 3: (3 Legs) Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - Finish (Upwind)  
Course 4: (4 Legs) Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Finish (Downwind)  
Course 5: (5 Legs) Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate - Finish (Upwind)  
Course 6: (6 Legs) Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Finish (Downwind)  
Course 7: (7 Legs) Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate - Finish (Upwind)

8.2 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of Mark 1.

8.3 (a) If only one Gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.  
(b) Except when there is a change of course, the Gate will be positioned to windward of the RC Signal Boat.  
(c) The Gate may be laid after the starting signal.

8.4 Except for when there is a change of course:  
(a) the finish for course 4 and 6 will be to leeward of the Gate; and  
(b) the finish for course 3, 5 and 7 will be to windward of Mark 1.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 Marks **1, 1a, Gate** will be **<Describe marks>**.  
9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 12.1, will be **<Describe new marks>**.  
9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be race committee boats or a nearby inflatable mark.

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## 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions:  
**<Describe obstruction areas>**.

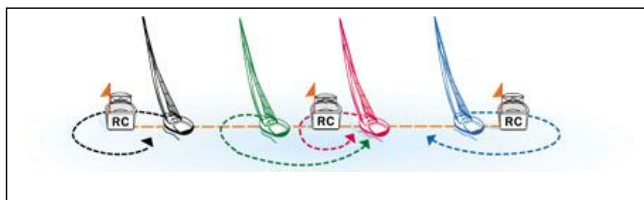
## 11 THE START

- 11.1 RC signal boat will display code flag L with one sound as it departs the harbor.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the staffs displaying an orange flag on the starboard end signal boat and the port-end starting mark boat. In the event that the port-end mark boat is not on station, it will be replaced by an inflatable mark.

(OR)

11.2 The Starting Line:

- 11.2.1 The starting line will consist of three committee boats: port end line boat, mid-line signal boat, and starboard end line boat.  
The starting line will be two line segments: one between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end line boat, the other between a staff displaying an orange flag on the mid-line signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end line boat.
- 11.2.3 When rule 30.1 Round-an-End Rule is in effect, boats subject to this rule shall thereafter either: (a) sail from the course side across an extension of the starting line beyond either the port- or starboard-end line boat to the pre-course side before starting, or (b) round the mid-line signal boat before starting, leaving it to port. This changes rule **30.1 (see the diagram below)**.



- 11.3 A boat starting later than 8 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 11.4 Individual recalls and boats disqualified under rule 30.3 may be broadcast on the VHF channel identified in SI 27 using bow/sail numbers (see SI 25.2). This is in addition to and changes rules 29.1 and 30.3.
- 11.5 The RC will broadcast twice the bow/sail numbers of all boats observed to be OCS at the start; it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start.
- 11.6 Individual and General Recall flags will be displayed by all RC starting line boats.
- 11.7.1 The Individual Recall flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, but no later than eight (8) minutes after the starting signal. This changes rule 29.1
- 11.8 After a general recall for a start that used starting penalty rule 30.2 (Z Flag Rule) the RC may broadcast the bow/sail #s that were observed to be OCS.

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 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.

### 13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 For downwind finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing line boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby RC boat or an inflatable mark. The finishing line will be located beyond the leeward gate.
- 13.2 For windward finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing line boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby RC boat or an inflatable mark.
- 13.3 If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute (with no sound) while boats are finishing.

### 14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, except that if the penalty is given afloat by the Jury it shall be a Two-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the jury office within the protest time limit.
- 14.3 Appendix P will apply.
- 14.4 Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

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- 15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

<u>Time Limit</u>	<u>Mark 1 Time Limit</u>	<u>Target Time</u>
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If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored "TLE" (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. A "TLE" score shall be two more points than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A11.

### 16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the jury office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after code flag "B" – SI 4.3. This will be hoisted as soon as practical as the boats return to harbour. The same time limit applies to protests by the RC and Jury about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at **<Insert location>**, beginning at the time posted.

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- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 18, 20, 21, 22, 26, 30, 31, 32 and 33 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.7 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;
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- 16.9 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5..
- 16.10 Jury actions on the water:
- 16.10.1 If a member of the Jury witnesses an infringement of the RRS or Class rule C.11, they may indicate their observation with a whistle and a red flag. The boat shall then exonerate itself by complying with SI 14.1 (two-turns penalty). If no penalty is taken the Jury may protest.
- 16.10.2 If the Jury witnesses an incident that cannot be called with the red flag as above, it may indicate with a whistle and Code Flag "U" and expect a competitor protest ashore if no boat exonerates herself.
- 16.10.3 Action or lack of action by the Jury under SI 16.10.1 or 16.10.2 shall not be grounds for granting redress. The Jury boats may be positioned anywhere on the course area. Their position at any time shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)
- 16.11 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of rule 62.2.

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## 17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system of rule Appendix A, as changed below shall apply.
- 17.2 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4 When from 6 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.5 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under SI 16.6 will be "DPI". This changes rule A11.
- 17.6 Boats scored "TLE" will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes rules A4.2, A5, and A11.

17.7 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a 'Scoring Inquiry Form' available at the Race Office and submit the completed form to the PRO.

## 18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## 19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

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

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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 measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.


## 21 ADVERTISING, BOW NUMBERS, IDENTIFICATION/EVENT STICKERS

21.1 Boats shall display bow numbers and event bow stickers during the event as provided by the OA shall be attached to both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing. The instructions as to position will be supplied by the organizing authority at registration. It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure the numbers and stickers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary. See Addendum D.

21.2 Boats sailing in the Corinthian Division will be required to display identification stickers on the mainsail as instructed during registration and as provided by the OA/RC at all times while racing.

## 22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

All RC boats	Blue Race Committee flag 
Jury boats	White Flag with Black 'J'
Press Boats	Yellow Flag with Black 'P'
RC Measurement/Equipment Check Boat	White Flag with a Black 'M'

**23 SUPPORT BOATS**

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall comply with Addendum B.

**24 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water.

**25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of written permission of the race committee.

**26 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus (including 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.

**27 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

27.1 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.

27.2 The RC will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet, including the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, general recalls and postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1.

27.3 VHF channel **<Insert Channel Number>** will be used to communicate with competitors.

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27.4 The RC may not acknowledge any radio transmission except in the case of an emergency, and shall not enter into dialogue with competitors.

27.5 Competitors shall not use any electronic device (including scanners) which can receive UHF frequencies from 0830 until their last finish for the day.

**28 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows: See NOR **<Describe prizes>**.

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**29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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.

**30 INSURANCE**

The boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

**31 CAMERAS & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.

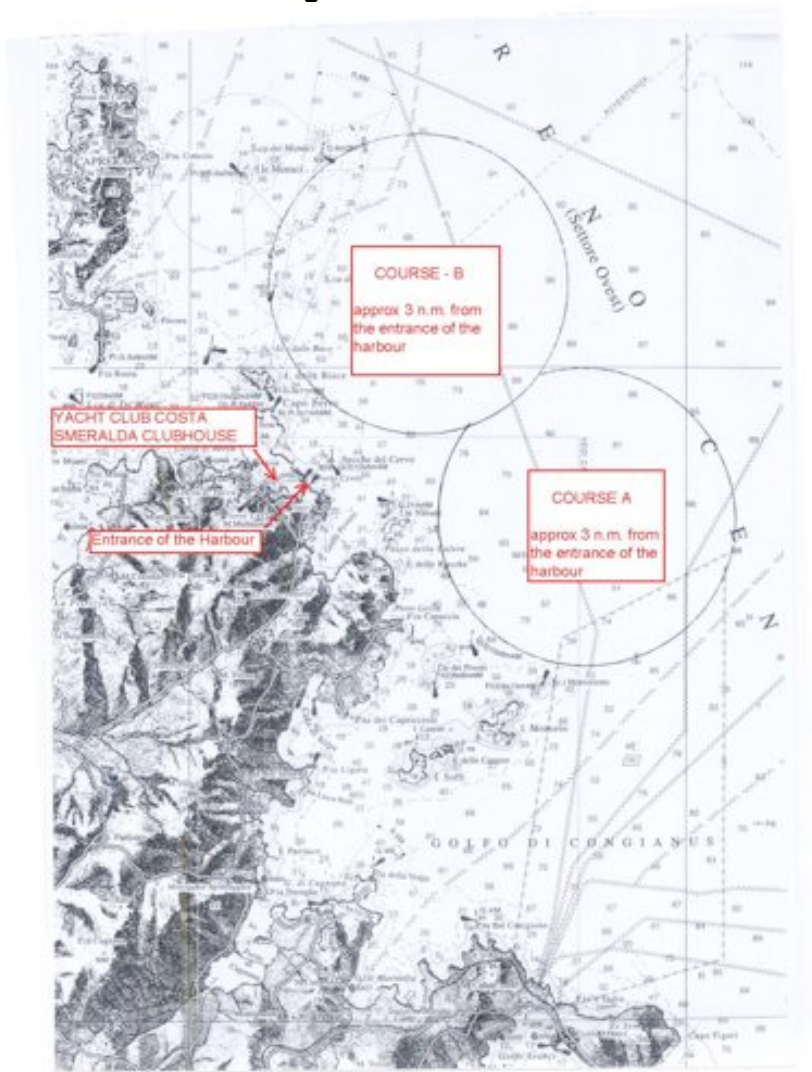
**32 MEDIA RIGHTS**

Competitors grant the Organising Authority and IMCA, the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

**33 BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the harbour.

## ADDENDUM A - Racing Area



## **ADDENDUM B – Coach & Support 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.

## ADDENDUM C – ARBITRATION

1. After a protest has been lodged in accordance with the Sailing Instructions, both parties involved in protests alleging a breach of a rule of RRS Part 2 and only two boats shall be heard by an Arbitrator appointed by the Jury.

1.1 In exception to the above, incidents where damage is involved shall not be subject to arbitration, but shall be referred directly to the Jury for a hearing.

2. Only one representative from each boat involved, who shall have been on the boat at the time the incident occurred, shall attend the arbitration hearing. No witnesses shall be allowed.

3. The validity of the protest, rule 63.5, will be determined. If the appropriate parts of rule 61 have been met arbitration will continue. If the appropriate sections of rule 61 have not been met, the arbitrator may rule the protest invalid. The protestor may accept the ruling or have the protest referred to the Jury.

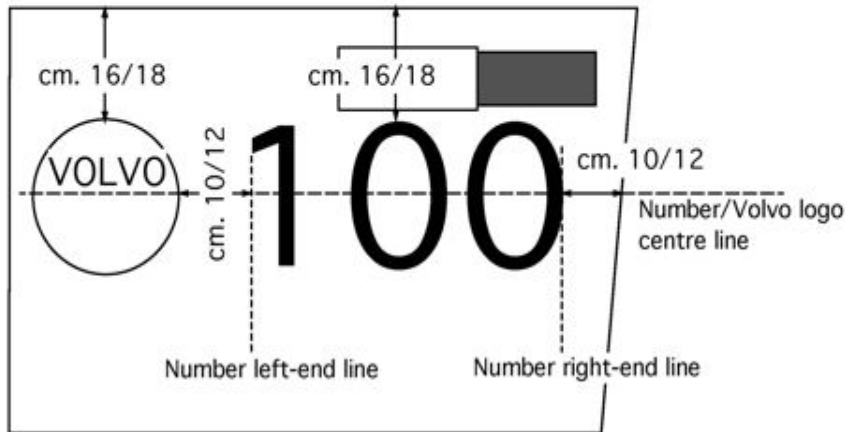
4. The arbitrator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately 3 minutes. After hearing these descriptions, the arbitrator will offer one of the following opinions:

a.) No rule was broken. If the protesting boat accepts this opinion she can agree to withdraw the protest and the protest is then settled.

- b.) A rule was broken by one of the boats involved.  
If that boat accepts this opinion she may accept a 40% scoring penalty and the protest is then settled.
  - c.) Both boats broke a rule.  
If both boats accept this opinion and each agrees to accept a 40% scoring penalty then the protest is then settled.
  - d.) The arbitrator is unable to offer an opinion based on the brief description given by the parties.
5. Once the protest has been settled under 4(a), 4(b) or 4(c) above, the arbitrator shall record this on the protest form and the matter shall not thereafter be referred to the Jury and is not subject to requests for redress, reopening or appeal by any party.
- 5.1 If however:
- (i) The protestor does not withdraw the protest under 4(a) above; or
  - (ii) If a competitor does not accept the arbitrator's opinion that she broke a rule under 4(b) or 4(c); or
  - (iii) If the arbitrator is unable to offer an opinion under 4(d), the protest shall be submitted to the Jury for a hearing.
6. If the arbitrator's opinion is not accepted, there shall be no further discussion of the incident with the parties and the testimony given at the arbitration hearing shall remain confidential and shall not be discussed with any person prior to the hearing.
7. If a party fails to attend, the arbitration may still be heard, as in rule 63.3(b).
8. When protests are submitted to the Jury, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the panel hearing the protest; however, he/she may be called as a witness. Unless called as a witness, the arbitrator shall not discuss the matter with Jury members until after the decision has been posted.
9. Application of the 40% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with rule 44.3, except that the penalty is modified to read 40%. This changes rule 44.3.

## **ADDENDUM D – Bow Number & Backstay Pennant Placement**

### **STICKERS AND BOW NUMBERS DIAGRAM**



**BOW NUMBER AND EVENT SPONSOR STICKER/PENNANT INSTRUCTIONS  
TO APPLY VINYL BOW NUMBERS AND SPONSORS STICKERS ON HULL:**

1 – Make Sure hull is clean!!! (Clean and let dry)

The numbers and stickers are made to be removable, so you need to wipe the hull with a solvent to remove any waxes. If a Teflon wax has been used on the boat repeat this step until tape sticks easily to hull.

2 – The bow numbers shall be displayed on both sides of the bow in accordance with the diagram. The sponsor's sticker shall be aft of the bow numbers.

3 – Remove wax paper backing from numbers and stickers by peeling away the top or corner of the backing paper.

4- Position, with masking tape if necessary, in the appropriate place, and remove the rest of the backing paper. A light spray of water will assist in sliding larger stickers into the correct position.

5 – Squeegee stickers to remove all air bubbles and water. Work from the center outwards towards edges, rub thoroughly.

\*\* A Squeegee can be a credit card, plastic scraper, or any similar smooth piece of plastic.

6 – Peel any masking tape or outer sheet off boat pulling slowly making sure that you are pulling the tape back against itself, and not out away from the boat.

7 – Rub with soft towel.

8 - Please note the Sailing Instructions make it your responsibility to ensure your bow numbers remain in place and are visible.

**BACKSTAY PENNANTS:**

Backstay pennants shall be fixed to the backstay on the main stay, above the point where the backstay splits into the adjusting bridle.

# **STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS &**

## **ADDENDUMS**

### **(to be used for a split fleet championship)**

**International Melges 24 Class (Regatta Name) Championship  
(Dates For The Regatta)  
(Organising Authority's Name)  
(Place Where The Regatta Will Be Held)**

#### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

##### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4 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 rule 40.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.6 The event will be held in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code.
- 1.7 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply for competitors competing for the Corinthian trophy, in accordance with the IMCA regatta regulations.
- 1.8 Part 5, Section B of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, as well as rules 44.1 and 63.1 will be changed to permit Protest Arbitration, see Addendum E.

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##### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at (insert location).
- 2.2 Any questions concerning these sailing instructions, scoring, or any other racing issues shall be submitted in writing to the Race Office. Forms to submit inquiries are available there. All written inquiries and responses will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.3 At the close of Registration a list of boats by group (White, Blue, Black, Orange) will be published on the official notice board.

### 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 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at **<Insert location>**.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than **<Insert number of minutes>** minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes rule Race Signals.
- 4.3 Flag B hoisted with the relevant course flag and one sound signal means "Protest time has begun". When lowered with one sound it means "Protest time has ended". Course A, Gold will be numeral pennant 1. Course B, Silver will be numeral pennant 2.

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### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

#### 5.1 Pre-Championship Series: ONE-FLEET

Date:	First Warning Signal	Circle, # of Races
29 May	1130	Silver, 2 Races
30 May	1130	Silver, 2 Races

- 5.2 The RC will have practice race(s) on Saturday 31 May, first warning signal at 1130, only one circle (Silver Circle Race Area B) will operate; all boats can sail.

#### 5.3 Championship Series: SPLIT-FLEET

Date:	First Warning Signal	Circles, # of races
01 June	1130	Gold/Silver (2 races) qualifier
02 June	1130	Gold/Silver (2 races) qualifier
03 June	1130	Gold/Silver (2 races) qualifier
04 June	1130	Gold/Silver (2 races) finals
05 June	1130	Gold/Silver (2 races) finals
06 June	1130	Gold/Silver (2 races) finals

- 5.4 In accordance with SI 11.2, an Attention signal will be made 5 minutes before the Warning signal. The scheduled time of the Warning signal for the first race each day is 1130.
- 5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1530.
- 5.6 The RC may race as many as 4 races each day.

### 6 CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be the class insignia in blue on a white background.

### 7 RACING AREAS

Addendum C shows the location of racing areas for each race circle.

### 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 No later than the Attention signal (SI 11.2), the race committee signal boat will display the course, approximate magnetic bearing and distance to the 1st mark from the signal boat on a white board. This changes RRS 27.1.
- 8.2 The information will be arranged vertically.

Example:

<b>5</b>		<i>Course</i>
<b>300</b>		<i>Approximate magnetic bearing to Mark 1</i>
<b>1.5</b>		<i>Approximate distance to Mark 1. (nautical miles)</i>

Course 3: (3 Legs) Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - Finish (Upwind)  
Course 4: (4 Legs) Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Finish (Downwind)  
Course 5: (5 Legs) Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate - Finish (Upwind)  
Course 6: (6 Legs) Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Finish (Downwind)  
Course 7: (7 Legs) Start - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate - 1 - 1a - Gate - Finish (Upwind)

- 8.2 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark and will be positioned to port of Mark 1.
- 8.3 (a) If only one Gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.  
(b) Except when there is a change of course, the Gate will be positioned to windward of the RC Signal Boat.  
(c) The Gate may be laid after the starting signal.
- 8.4 Except for when there is a change of course:  
(a) the finish for course 4 and 6 will be to leeward of the Gate; and  
(b) the finish for course 3, 5 and 7 will be to windward of Mark 1.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 1a and Gate marks will be (describe).  
9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 12.1, will be (describe).  
9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be race committee boats or a nearby inflatable mark.

## 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: **<Describe obstruction areas>**.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 The RC signal boat for each race circle will display code flag L with one sound as it departs the harbour.
- 11.2 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the following addition: An Attention signal (flag F with one sound) will be made five (5) minutes before the Warning signal. Flag F will be removed with one sound one (1) minute before the Warning signal is made.
- 11.3 The starting line will be between the staffs displaying an orange flag on the starboard end signal boat and the port-end starting mark boat. In the event that the port-end mark boat is not on station, it will be replaced by an inflatable mark.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 8 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules 63.1, A4 and A5.
- 11.5 Individual recalls and boats disqualified under rule 30.3 may be broadcast using bow/sail numbers (see SI 25.2). This is in addition to and changes rules 29.1 and 30.3.

- 11.6 The RC will broadcast twice the bow/sail numbers of all boats observed to be OCS at the start; it will not alter the list based on a boat's actions subsequent to the start.
- 11.7 The Individual Recall flag shall be displayed until all such boats are completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or its extensions and have complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, but no later than eight (8) minutes after the starting signal. This changes rule 29.1
- 11.8 Individual and General Recall flags will be displayed by both RC starting line boats.
- 11.9 After a general recall for a start that used starting penalty rule 30.2 (Z Flag Rule) the RC may broadcast the bow/sail #s that were observed to be OCS.
- 11.10 In the event of a postponement or abandonment before the start of a race, the RC will follow the instruction of SI 11.2 and display the Attention signal, one minute after lowering the Postponement or Abandonment signal.

**12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC 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.

**13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 For downwind finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing line boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby RC boat or an inflatable mark. The finishing line will be located beyond the leeward gate.
- 13.2 For windward finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing line boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby RC boat or an inflatable mark.
- 13.3 If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display the Second Substitute (with no sound) while boats are finishing.

**14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, except that if the penalty is given afloat by the Jury it shall be a Two-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgment form at the Jury office within the protest time limit.
- 14.3 Rule Appendix P will apply.
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- 15.1 Time limits and target times are as follows:

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- 16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 16.6 Breaches of instructions 18, 20, 21, 22, 26, 30, 31, 32 and 33 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
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  - 16.10.2 If the Jury witnesses an incident that cannot be called with the red flag as above, it may indicate with a whistle and Code Flag "U" and expect a competitor protest ashore if no boat exonerates herself.
  - 16.10.3 Action or lack of action by the Jury under SI 16.10.1 or 16.10.2 shall not be grounds for granting redress. The Jury boats may be positioned anywhere on the course area. Their position at any time shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)
- 16.11 If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, ZFP or BFD on the official notice board before the protest time limit, a request for redress based on such a

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posted score shall be made no later than one hour after the protest time limit. This changes the first sentence of rule 62.2.

## **17 SCORING**

### **17.1 PRE-Championship Regatta**

17.1.2 The Low Point scoring system of rule Appendix A as changed below shall apply.

17.1.3 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.1.4 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under instruction 16.6 will be DPI. This changes rule A11.

17.1.5 Boats scored "TLE" will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes rules A4.2, A5, and A11.

### **17.2 Championship Series (split fleet see Addendum A and B)**

17.2.1 The Low Point scoring system of rule Appendix A, as changed below shall apply.

17.2.2 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.2.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

17.2.4 When from 6 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17.2.5 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under SI 16.6 will be "DPI". This changes rule A11.

17.2.6 Boats scored "TLE" will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes rules A4.2, A5, and A11.

17.2.7 Rule A4.2 applies – except delete 'series' and insert 'race'.

17.3 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a 'Scoring Inquiry Form' available at the Race Office and submit the completed form to the PRO.

## **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race or leave the racing area between races shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

## **19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

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

19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**


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 RC measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

## **21 ADVERTISING, BOW NUMBERS, IDENTIFICATION/EVENT STICKERS**

- 21.1 Boats shall display bow numbers and event bow stickers during the event as provided by the OA shall be attached to both sides of the boat's hull at all times while racing. The instructions as to position will be supplied by the organizing authority at registration. It is the responsibility of the crew to ensure the numbers and stickers remain on the boat and obtain replacements as necessary. See Addendum F.
- 21.2 Boats sailing in the Corinthian Division will be required to display identification stickers on the mainsail as instructed during registration and as provided by the OA/RC at all times while racing.

## 22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

All RC boats	Blue Race Committee flag 
Jury boats	White Flag with Black 'J'
Press Boats	Yellow Flag with Black 'P'
RC Measurement/Equipment Check Boat	White Flag with a Black 'M'

## 23 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall comply with Addendum D.

## 24 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

## 25 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the Preparatory signal of the first race of the Championship Series and the end of the regatta.

## 26 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 26.1 A boat shall neither make electronic transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction includes mobile telephones.
- 26.2 The RC will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet, including the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, general recalls and postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1.
- 26.3 Silver race circle, VHF channel XX.
- 26.4 Gold race circle, VHF channel XX.

- 26.5 The RC may not acknowledge any radio transmission except in the case of an emergency, and shall not enter into dialogue with competitors.
- 26.6 Competitors shall not use any electronic device (including scanners) which can receive UHF frequencies from 0830 until their last finish for the day.

## **27 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows:

- 27.1 Pre-Championship Series: The XXXXXX (presented by local host club) Trophy will be presented to the winner of the Pre-Championship event.
- 27.2 Championship Series: SEE NOR **<Describe prizes>**.

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**Comment:** Insert prize list here. SEE NOR for details

## **28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 28.1 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.

## **29 INSURANCE**

- 29.1 The boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

## **30 CAMERAS & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organising authority.

## **31 MEDIA RIGHTS**

Competitors grant the Organising Authority and IMCA, the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

## **32 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not put trash in the water.

## **33 BERTHING**

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the harbour.

## **ADDENDUM A - Additional Split Fleet Instructions – Championship Series**

1. The total entry will be divided into four groups.
2. The groups will be allocated by a committee including a representative of each national class association and a representative of the IMCA. Consideration will be given to nationalities and the known skill of the crews.
3. The groups will be identified by different colours: White, Black, Blue and Orange. When racing, each boat shall display a flag of the appropriate colour attached to the backstay, just above the upper block of the purchase system.
4. **ROUND ROBIN SYSTEM:**

Each group shall sail twice against each other, resulting in six races. There will be 2 race circles, Silver and Gold. An event format is listed in Appendix B.

After these six races, an overall ranking will be established, each boat's score being the total of her race scores discarding her worst score.

The boats shall then be divided into two equal groups to form the finals.

The top half shall be the Gold Fleet and the second half the Silver Fleet.

When there is a tie for the last place of the Gold Fleet, all tied boats shall sail in the Gold Fleet.
5. **Finals:**

Six races shall be scheduled.

Each boat shall carry forward her scores from the Round Robin System.

Comply with SI 17.2

## ADDENDUM B - Event Format

### 1.1 Pre-Championship Series: ONE FLEET

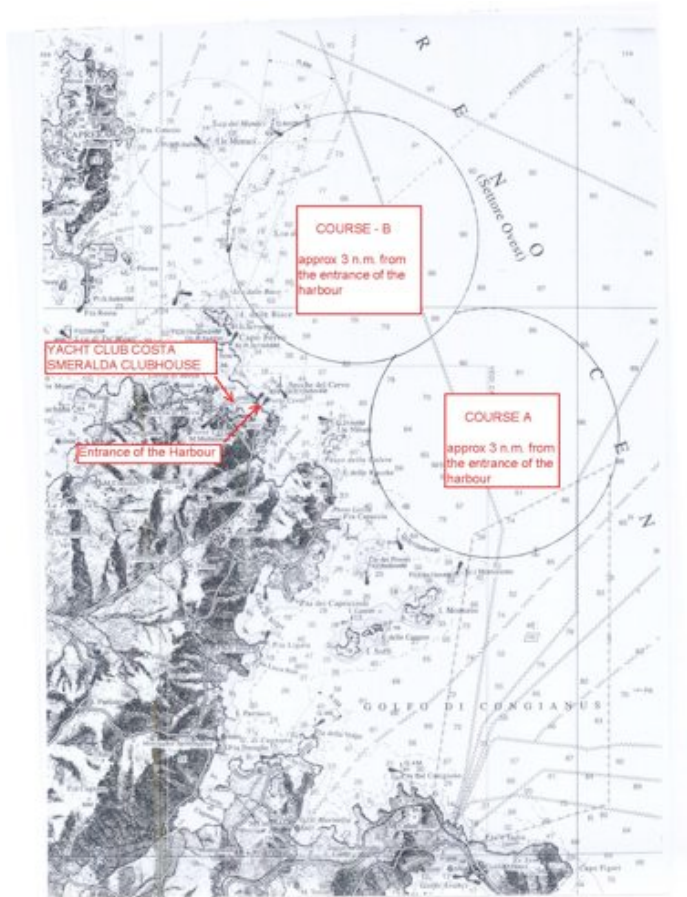
Date:	Silver Circle Race Area B	
29 May Race 1	All boats (White/Black/Blue /Orange)	
29 May Race 2	All boats (White/Black/Blue /Orange)	
30 May Race 1	All boats (White/Black/Blue /Orange)	
30 May Race 2	All boats (White/Black/Blue /Orange)	

1.2 The RC will have practice race(s) on Saturday 31 May, first Warning signal at 1130, only one circle (Silver Circle Race Area B) will operate; all boats can sail.

### 1.3 Championship Series: –SPLIT FLEET

Date:	Silver Circle Race Area B	Gold Circle Race Area A
01 June Race 1	White/Black	Blue/Orange
01 June Race 2	Black/Orange	White/Blue
02 June Race 3	White/Orange	Black/Blue
02 June Race 4	Blue/Orange	White/Black
03 June Race 5	White/Blue	Black/Orange
03 June Race 6	Black/Blue	White/Orange
04 June Race 7	Silver (finals)	Gold (finals)
04 June Race 8	Silver (finals)	Gold (finals)
05 June Race 9	Silver (finals)	Gold (finals)
05 June Race 10	Silver (finals)	Gold (finals)
06 June Race 11	Silver (finals)	Gold (finals)
06 June Race 12	Silver (finals)	Gold (finals)

**ADDENDUM C -  
Race Area and Race Circles  
Silver Fleet on Race Area B  
Gold Fleet on Race Area A**





## **ADDENDUM D – Coach & Support 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.

## **ADDENDUM E – ARBITRATION**

1. After a protest has been lodged in accordance with the Sailing Instructions, both parties involved in protests alleging a breach of a rule of RRS Part 2 and only two boats shall be heard by an Arbitrator appointed by the Jury.

1.1 In exception to the above, incidents where damage is involved shall not be subject to arbitration, but shall be referred directly to the Jury for a hearing.

2. Only one representative from each boat involved, who shall have been on the boat at the time the incident occurred, shall attend the arbitration hearing. No witnesses shall be allowed.

3. The validity of the protest, rule 63.5, will be determined. If the appropriate parts of rule 61 have been met arbitration will continue. If the appropriate sections of rule 61 have not been met, the arbitrator may rule the protest invalid. The protestor may accept the ruling or have the protest referred to the Jury.

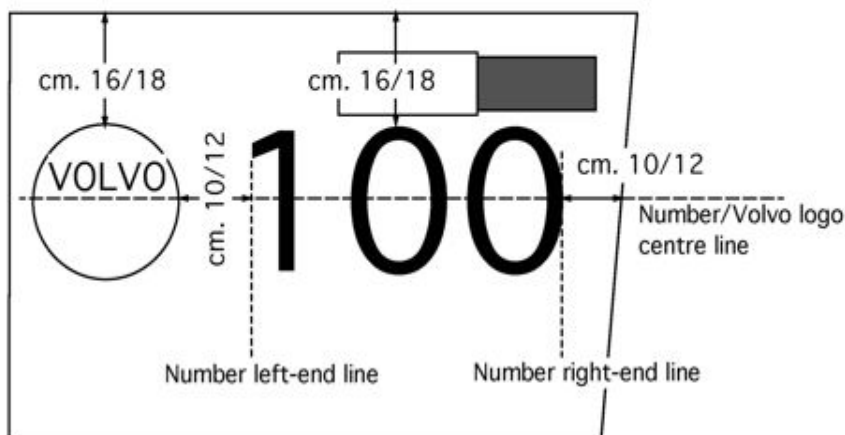
4. The arbitrator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately 3 minutes. After hearing these descriptions, the arbitrator will offer one of the following opinions:

a.) No rule was broken. If the protesting boat accepts this opinion she can agree to withdraw the protest and the protest is then settled.

- b.) A rule was broken by one of the boats involved.  
If that boat accepts this opinion she may accept a 40% scoring penalty and the protest is then settled.
  - c.) Both boats broke a rule.  
If both boats accept this opinion and each agrees to accept a 40% scoring penalty then the protest is then settled.
  - d.) The arbitrator is unable to offer an opinion based on the brief description given by the parties.
5. Once the protest has been settled under 4(a), 4(b) or 4(c) above, the arbitrator shall record this on the protest form and the matter shall not thereafter be referred to the Jury and is not subject to requests for redress, reopening or appeal by any party.
- 5.1 If however:
- (i) The protestor does not withdraw the protest under 4(a) above; or
  - (ii) If a competitor does not accept the arbitrator's opinion that she broke a rule under 4(b) or 4(c); or
  - (iii) If the arbitrator is unable to offer an opinion under 4(d), the protest shall be submitted to the Jury for a hearing.
6. If the arbitrator's opinion is not accepted, there shall be no further discussion of the incident with the parties and the testimony given at the arbitration hearing shall remain confidential and shall not be discussed with any person prior to the hearing.
7. If a party fails to attend, the arbitration may still be heard, as in rule 63.3(b).
8. When protests are submitted to the Jury, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the panel hearing the protest; however, he/she may be called as a witness. Unless called as a witness, the arbitrator shall not discuss the matter with Jury members until after the decision has been posted.
9. Application of the 40% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with rule 44.3, except that the penalty is modified to read 40%. This changes rule 44.3.

## **ADDENDUM F D – Bow Number & Backstay Pennant Placement**

### **STICKERS AND BOW NUMBERS DIAGRAM**



**BOW NUMBER AND EVENT SPONSOR STICKER/PENNANT INSTRUCTIONS  
TO APPLY VINYL BOW NUMBERS AND SPONSORS STICKERS ON HULL:**

1 – Make Sure hull is clean!!! (Clean and let dry)

The numbers and stickers are made to be removable, so you need to wipe the hull with a solvent to remove any waxes. If a Teflon wax has been used on the boat repeat this step until tape sticks easily to hull.

2 – The bow numbers shall be displayed on both sides of the bow in accordance with the diagram. The sponsor's sticker shall be aft of the bow numbers.

3 – Remove wax paper backing from numbers and stickers by peeling away the top or corner of the backing paper.

4- Position, with masking tape if necessary, in the appropriate place, and remove the rest of the backing paper. A light spray of water will assist in sliding larger stickers into the correct position.

5 – Squeegee stickers to remove all air bubbles and water. Work from the center outwards towards edges, rub thoroughly.

\*\* A Squeegee can be a credit card, plastic scraper, or any similar smooth piece of plastic.

6 – Peel any masking tape or outer sheet off boat pulling slowly making sure that you are pulling the tape back against itself, and not out away from the boat.

7 – Rub with soft towel.

8 - Please note the Sailing Instructions make it your responsibility to ensure your bow numbers remain in place and are visible.

**BACKSTAY PENNANTS:**

Backstay pennants shall be fixed to the backstay on the main stay, above the point where the backstay splits into the adjusting bridle.