

INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 CLASS FINNISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

22.- 23.7.2017
HELSINKI, FINLAND



NOTICE OF RACE

The International Melges 24 Class Open Championship will be organized by the HSK in co-operation with The Finnish Melges 24 Class Association.

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 RRS G3 applies for loaned and chartered boats having permission of race committee.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix P applies and will be changed as described in SI 10.7
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules, or other than RRS Part 2.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will conform to the current World Sailing Regulations 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 World Sailing regulations. These items will be supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority at registration.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Championships are 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 at <https://hoski.fi/in-english/>
Entry is not valid until the entry fee has been paid. The entry fee shall be paid directly to the bank account of the organizing authority. Entry closes on 18th July at 24.00
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted at the organizing organization's discretion and at a higher entry fee (300€).
- 3.4 Entries will not be valid until payment is received and confirmed by the OA.

4. FEES

4.1. The Entry Fee will be 200€. This Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the Regatta at designated times, berthing, trailer storage and tickets to the daily events for all competing crew.

4.2. Entry Fee will be paid to the bank account of Helsingfors Segelklubb (HSK). International payments will be paid:

Helsingfors Segelklubb
Account IBAN: FI48 8000 10000 83577
SWIFT/BIC code : DABAFIHH

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Registration, boat measurement, sail registration, crew weigh-in and inspection will take place at the Race Office at HSK 21th July between 1800 and 2100 and 22nd July between 0800 and 0900

All boats are to be afloat before 11.00 on the 22th of July Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with written permission of the race committee.

5.2. Racing Schedule

Saturday	22.7	1 st warning at 10.55	1-4 races
Sunday	23.7	1 st warning at 10.55.	1-4 races

5.3 The O.A. and/or the R.C. reserve the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes. One additional race per day may be sailed.

5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours.

5.5 Eight (8) races are scheduled for Finnish championship.

6. MEASUREMENTS

6.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.

6.2. The organizers may weigh measure or inspect any boat and /or equipment before, during or after the races.

6.3 Crews shall be weighed during the registration period prior to racing. Class rule 2.2 and H3 will apply. **Measurements, and sail registration** shall take place during registration (SI 5.1/2) above).

There will be no facilities for initial measurements.

6.4. Chartered or loaned boats may display National letters and Sail numbers in contradiction to the Class Rules. A valid measurement certificate for the chartered or loaned boat shall be presented.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at 21st of July, 18:00 hours at the registration.

8. VENUE

8.1 Attachment 'A' shows the location of the venue

8.2 Attachment 'B' shows the location of the racing areas.

8.3 Attachment "C" Coach & Support Boats

9. THE COURSES

9.1 The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration with fleet racing. Spreader marks and leeward gate shall be used.

9.2 If only one leeward gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 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 Class rule C11 while racing."

10.2 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.

10.3 If a member of the protest committee 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 10.1. If no penalty is taken the protest committee may protest.

10.4 If a member of the protest committee 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 protest committee will expect a competitor protest with regard to the incident.

10.5 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.

10.6 NoR 10.3-10.5 applies only if stated in sailing instructions.

10.7 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. The penalty under rule P2.1 is changed to be a one-turn penalty. This changes RRS Appendix P.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix 'A' will apply.

11.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.3 (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. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1. Support boats shall be identified as decided by the Organizers.

12.2. The Coach and Support boat appendix (C) shall be in operation (attached)

13. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

13.1. Cranage will be available at the following times: 21st July 16.00 to 21.00 and 22nd July 08.00-11.00.

13.2. Boats shall be kept on the assigned pontoons in the harbor of HSK. Fenders and mooring lines will be required.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS Boats shall not be hauled out, or kept on a "hydro hoist" or other flotation devices during the regatta.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS 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.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 Race information may be given on VHF Channel, which to be announced in Sailing Instructions.

17. PRIZES The prizes will be given as follows: The Open Championship Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the overall lowest score. Championship Trophies will be awarded to the boat with the overall lowest score. Prizes will be awarded to the finishing positions 1-3.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21 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.

22. ACCOMMODATION AND FERRY BOOKINGS

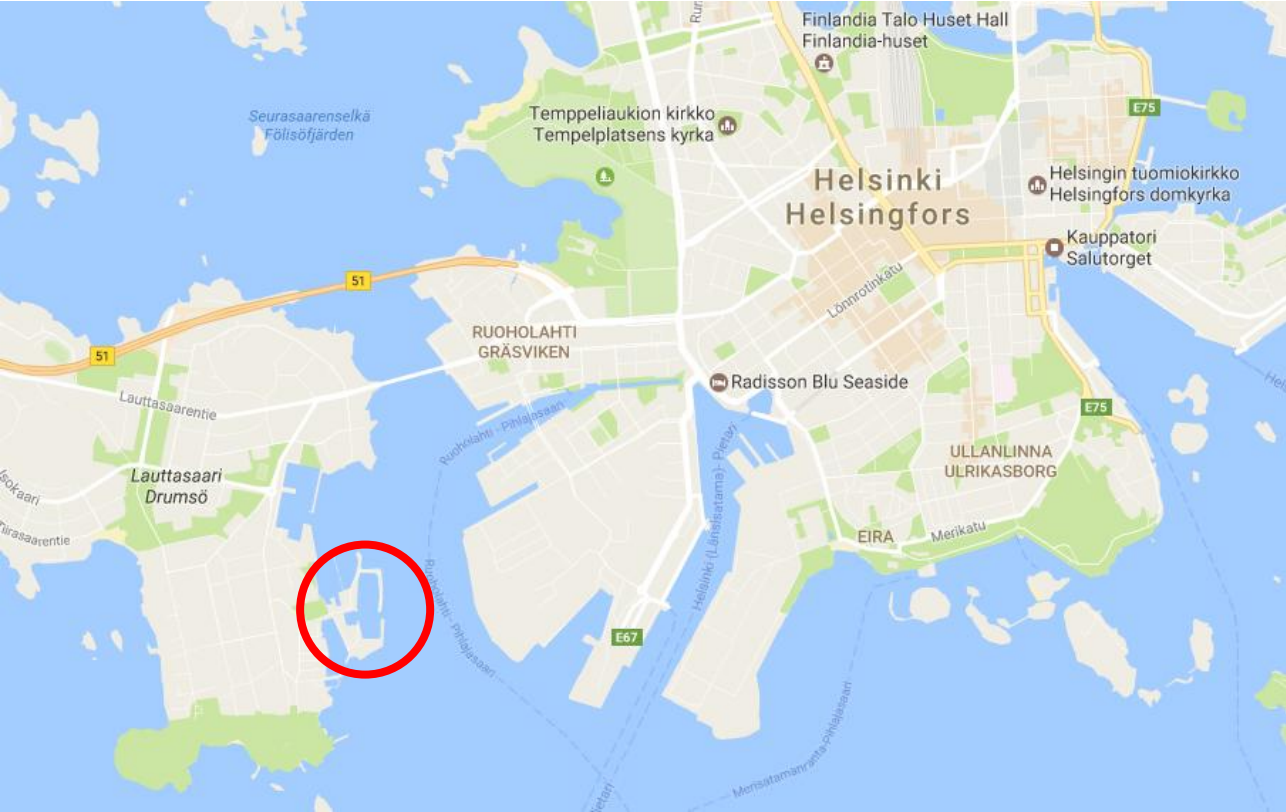
Competitors should make their own arrangements.

23. Organizing authority:

HSK, Helsingfors Segelklubb
Vattuniemen Puistotie 1
00210Helsinki

24. FURTHER INFORMATION For further information, please contact Finnish Melges 24 Association: Tomi Hakola tomi.hakola@nelonen.fi

ATTACHMENT A Venue



ATTACHMENT B Course areas



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, (RRS 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 and from 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.