



Proposal to Organize the
2024 Melges 24 World Championship
(update from 2022 proposal)

at the

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INTRODUCTION

The San Francisco Yacht Club (SFYC) would like to formally express its desire to the International Melges 24 Class Association (IMCA) to organize and run the 2024 Melges 24 World Championship (originally planned for 2022). The Championship can take place during the prime sailing season on San Francisco Bay, proposed for race days of August 20-24, 2024. The conditions during this time are typically in the 10-15 knot range at noon-1300 hours, building to 20-25 as the afternoon progresses. San Francisco Bay gets this wind on a daily basis in August.

The shore side components to major regattas at SFYC are attractive, especially with the inclusion of our new banquet and party facility, the Cove House. The conditions in Belvedere Cove are typically warm and balmy with beautiful views of the city of San Francisco and the Bay. The Club is a Five Star Platinum Rated Club that can provide the level of hospitality commensurate with this prestigious event. Many hotels, restaurants, and bars are within walking distance from the Club which is particularly attractive to teams that are traveling, have a limited number of vehicles, and would enjoy having some off-the-water independence.

The support services that are required to run championships of this caliber are within driving distance; international airport (one hour), sail repair (15-30 minutes), boat yard (15-30 minutes), and chandlery (15-30 minutes).

Competitors wishing to extend their trips and see what else the area has to offer will not be disappointed; cosmopolitan San Francisco, the world-renowned Napa Valley wine country, the California Redwoods, and the Yosemite National Park are just a few of the local attractions.

The San Francisco Yacht Club will be honored to, once again, have the privilege of providing the stage for the Melges 24 World Championship, last hosted by SFYC in 2013.

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A: SHORE FACILITIES

CLUBHOUSE & CATERING VENUES

The San Francisco Yacht Club completed a remodel of its clubhouse in 2008 and galley in 2012. Our clubhouse features a bar that can accommodate well over 100 sailors for après sailing activities, in a friendly and convivial atmosphere. There is a spacious ipe hardwood deck that was replaced in 2011 adjacent to the bar, with panoramic views of the Bay and the San Francisco skyline. The deck is famous for its warm, sun-drenched ambiance and traditionally has been a welcoming environment to recount an exciting day of racing. Our soon-to-be-opened (in early 2020) banquet facility can serve 150 for sit-down meals. Adjacent to the bar is our Commodore's Room, which traditionally has been used by our regatta managers and Judges for meetings as well as for protest hearings. This facility has seating for 40.

Catering and meeting facilities include the new Cove House, which can accommodate 150 for a sit down dinner and over 200 for a cocktail reception. The Sailing Center's Roger Eldridge Room on the second floor has a panoramic view of Belvedere Cove and Raccoon Straits. This facility can accommodate up to 40 for sit down meetings and is another venue suited for race management, administration, or press needs, along with other meeting rooms in our new building.

PARKING & TRAILER STORAGE

Our parking lot will serve well as a staging area to rig-up prior to launching and de-rig at the conclusion of the regatta. Depending on the number of competitors and coach boats, the trailers may be stored off-site. If off-site parking for trailers is required, SFYC will provide a nearby trailer parking facility. Trailers stored off-site will always be accessible to competitors, and are only minutes away from the Club. Additionally, we will have car parking space for regatta participants and their families within walking distance to the Club.

COMPETITORS' FACILITIES

The SFYC facilities include showers in the Sailing Center with towel service included. The Club's infrastructure provides wireless internet access available anywhere throughout The SFYC.



A: SHORE FACILITIES (Continued)

CATERING

SFYC has a full-service restaurant and banquet facilities, with a professional chef and wait staff. SFYC will provide several meals during the events for competitors, race management personnel and potential sponsor activities. There are grocery stores and full-service delis located within walking distance of SFYC.

HARBOR FACILITIES

Our harbor is renowned for its protected site in the lee of Belvedere Island. Sheltered behind our 1500-foot concrete breakwater is a recently dredged 240-berth harbor. Directly in front of the clubhouse is 600 linear feet of guest dock that will showcase the Melges 24 and accommodate the competitors' boats during the regatta. Another 300 feet of guest docking is located further out in the harbor. All of the SFYC guest dock space would be dedicated to the Melges 24 events, as well as other space in the harbor as needed.

The San Francisco Yacht Club has a dedicated dry-storage area and two hoists, one 3-ton and one 2-ton, thereby enabling two boats to be launched/hailed simultaneously. Both hoists are within easy access to the parking lot.



SAIL LOFTS

The closest sail lofts are a 15-minute drive from SFYC. Service vans from one or more of the major lofts would be waiting at the SFYC parking lot at the conclusion of each day's racing, collecting damaged sails for repairs. These major lofts are very experienced with overnight repairs and whenever possible would deliver the repaired sails to SFYC in time for the following day's races.

A: SHORE FACILITIES (Continued)

SOCIAL EVENTS

The Club staff will strive to accommodate the class's preferences regarding catered social events. Upon request, our staff can provide anything from a formal sit-down dinner to an informal barbeque & cocktail reception on our lawn and deck areas.

LOCAL HOUSING FOR OFFICIALS

In the past, the Membership of The San Francisco Yacht Club has generously provided housing for officials attending sanctioned events. Many hosts live within walking distance of SFYC, and are generally happy to provide assistance with transportation when necessary. We anticipate our Members to continue with their hospitality for the Melges 24 fleet officials.



Rendering of SFYC's new Cove House banquet facility.

B: SHORE FACILITY MANAGEMENT

COMPETITOR, RACE COMMITTEE AND PRESS MEETINGS

The San Francisco Yacht Club has multiple areas suitable for briefings, including the Eldridge Room, the Cove House, the Lawn, the Race Deck and the Commodore's Room.

RACE RESULTS

It is the intention of to use Club Spot, Regatta Network, Yacht Scoring, or other as recommended by the class, to score this event. Results will be updated online as soon as possible after each race.

LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT

Launching and hauling will be coordinated and assisted by volunteer staff as needed. It is the intention of SFYC to launch all boats on site. Regatta entry fees will cover the costs of boat launch/haul out and trailer storage. The planned order of lifting at the end of the regatta will be established at least 24 hours in advance.

HARBOR ORGANIZATION

SFYC has established and organized the processes for staging, measurement, and launch. The processes have been proven and refined throughout the years in hosting National and International events, and with the addition of the new building indoor space is ample.



Sample major regatta docking plan for 60 boats. (Other arrangements available.)

C: ON-THE-WATER RACE MANAGEMENT

The San Francisco Yacht Club has demonstrated its ability to accommodate regattas with 60+ competitor boats, as well as support and coach boats.

Having organized and hosted the 2013 Worlds, the requirements and needs of the Melges 24 class are understood and will be managed in accordance with the IMCA recommendations and guidelines.

RACE AREA

Racing will be conducted in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle located approximately six nautical miles from The San Francisco Yacht Club. While competitors will be required to cross a shipping channel to the proposed race area, this venue allows SFYC to conduct racing in a section of San Francisco Bay not affected by shipping traffic, and with significantly reduced current.

Proposed Melges 24 Race Area



D: EVENT PERSONNEL

EVENT PLANNING

SFYC understands the duties and responsibilities required to successfully run prestigious events. SFYC will coordinate with IMCA to ensure that regatta requirements and guidelines are adhered to.

SFYC will work with the IMCA, and US Sailing personnel to ensure an appropriate Chief Judge and jury are selected, as well as measurement and classifier officials, as needed.

REGATTA CHAIR

The Regatta Chair will be determined upon acceptance of this proposal.

PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER

The Principal Race Officer will be determined in conjunction with the IMCA recommendations and guidelines.

RACE COMMITTEE

SFYC has a large and experienced group of race management volunteers. Each year 150 Members served 600 volunteer days on the water to assist in delivering over 30 regattas organized by SFYC.

PAST MAJOR REGATTAS HOSTED BY SFYC

- 2022 J/105 North American Championship
- 2019 International Knarr Championship
- 2017 Etchells World Championship
- 2016 Etchells North American Championship
- 2013 Melges 24 World Championship
- 2012 Melges 24 North American Championship
- Melges 24 US National Championship
- Melges 24 Pacific Coast Championship
- 2014 Melges 20 North American Championship
- 2015 Melges 20 World Championship
- 505 US National Championship
- 505 Pre World Regatta
- 2008 US SAILING Youth Championship
- 2012 US Sailing Chubb Junior Championships
- 2011 and 2016 USODA Opti National Team Trials
- US SAILING Men's Championship
- J 24 Nationals
- IOD North American Championship
- IOD World Championship
- Star Pre World Regatta
- Farr 40 Pre World Regatta
- Etchells US National Championship
- Olympic Trials

E: RACE MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT

ASHORE

NOTICE BOARDS

SFYC will provide an Official Notice Board for all communications to competitors including daily results. This board will be placed in an area convenient for competitor viewing.

OFFICIAL FLAG POLES

The main flagpole is located between the main clubhouse and the new Cove House and is visible for signals made ashore throughout the SFYC grounds.

OTHER FLAG POLES

Flags of each participating country and of the main sponsors may be displayed on individual flagpoles lining the deck outside of the main clubhouse for the duration of the regatta.

EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AREA AND EQUIPMENT FACILITIES

Adequate space for boat and sail measurement is available on the SFYC dry storage area and indoors as needed.

ON THE WATER

RACE COMMITTEE BOATS

The SFYC owns three dedicated Race Committee boats, and can obtain more as needed:

- 34 foot diesel Signal Boat (*VICTORY*)
- 22 foot Almar aluminum hull inflatable Mark Set Boat (*GOLDEN RETRIEVER*)
- 22 foot Almar aluminum hull inflatable Mark Set Boat (*MARTIN*)

As event planning and coordination continues, SFYC will ensure that all race committee boats and associated equipment will be complete to ensure success.

Our Members have historically been generous with their private boats when SFYC has run sailing events requiring additional boats to augment our Race Committee fleet. We are confident that our members will continue to loan their boats for this event if needed. These boats are typically used to assist with course geometry, safety, and recording data.

In the event of a medical emergency, SFYC can access the Tiburon Fireboat dispatcher to request assistance from the Tiburon Fireboat.

MARKS AND GROUND TACKLE

All necessary race marks, consisting of a combination of 8-foot, 6-foot, and 4-foot conical inflatable marks, anchor lines, anchors, counterweights, and signal flags will be provided by SFYC.

F: EVENT MANAGEMENT ADMINISTRATION

SFYC will identify and clearly mark the location of the Registration Area, including crew weigh-in.

Registration will be available online. SFYC will work closely with IMCA administrators to prepare the online registration form so that minimal information will need to be supplied when competitors arrive at SFYC. A Registration Information Package will be prepared for the competitors, which meets IMCA requirements and guidelines.



Melges 24 fleet downwind at SFYC regatta. (Photo credit Roxanne Fairbairn.)

APPENDIX A: PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following is a preliminary schedule of events for the 2024 Melges 24 World Championship. While scheduling is subject to change, this is the basic information that the SFYC will use for planning, budgeting and organizing this event.

It is the preference of SFYC to host the event August 20-24. If the IMCA would prefer an alternate time, SFYC is open to exploring alternatives as July and September are also somewhat available.

(This schedule is based on four days of championship racing. Other options may be discussed.)

Day	Time	Event
Day 1	0900 – 1700	Boat Measurement, Sail Registration, Crew Weigh-in and Registration
Day 2	0900 – 1700	Boat Measurement, Sail Registration, Crew Weigh-in and Registration
	1200	Practice Race (if requested by the class)
	1800	Opening Ceremony
	1800	All-boats afloat
Day 3	1200	First Warning Gun
	1800	Social
Day 4	1200	First Warning Gun
	1800	Social
Day 5	1200	First Warning Gun
	1800	Social
Day 6	1200	First Warning Gun
	1800	Closing Ceremonies and Awards
		Haul Out
Day 7	0900 - 1700	Haul Out and pack up

APPENDIX B: BELVEDERE AND THE BAY AREA

ACCOMMODATIONS

Within walking distance from SFYC, competitors and their families will have a choice in accommodations, ranging from the Water's Edge, a small and intimate hotel with water view rooms, to the more affordable but very comfortable Lodge at Tiburon. The organizing committee will work to negotiate special regatta lodging rates.

Walking Distance from the SFYC:

The Water's Edge, 25 Main Street, Tiburon, CA 94924, (415) 789-5999

www.marinhotels.com

The Lodge at Tiburon, Tiburon, CA 94924, (415) 435-3133, fax (415).435-2451

www.thelodgeattiburon.com

Further north off the Tiburon Peninsula, roughly 15-minute drive from SFYC, there are numerous motels and hotels with varying price ranges. A selection of these are:

Acqua Hotel, 555 Redwood Highway, Mill Valley, CA 94941, Fax: (415) 380-0400

www.acquahotel.com

The Holiday Inn Express, 160 Shoreline Hwy., Mill Valley, California (CA) 94941

Telephone: (415) 332-5700, Toll-Free: (800) 258-3894 and Fax: (415) 331-1859

information@millvalleyca.hiexpress.com

Marin Suites Hotel, 45 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera, CA 94925

Telephone: (415) 924-3608, Toll-Free: (800) 362-3372 and Fax: (415) 924-0761

www.marinsuites.com

In addition, a number of local homes are available for short term rental on vrbo.com

TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES

The San Francisco Yacht Club is a 10-minute walk to the Blue and Gold ferries that serve Downtown San Francisco and Pier 39/Fisherman's Wharf, and the ferry to Angel Island State Park. There is a multi-use path from downtown Tiburon along the Richardson Bay shoreline, which connects to bike routes to Sausalito and the rest of Marin County (and San Francisco via the Golden Gate Bridge).

Mount Tamalpais State Park in Mill Valley has numerous hiking and world-class mountain biking trails. Muir Woods National Monument in Mill Valley is the home to some of the oldest standing redwood trees. A short drive over this majestic mountain takes you to Stinson and Muir Beach on the Pacific Ocean.

Approximately 50 miles north of Marin County are the famous wine growing regions of Napa and Sonoma. The Golden Gate Bridge to San Francisco is only a twenty minute drive from The SFYC.

APPENDIX C: ABOUT THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB

The San Francisco Yacht Club, one of the oldest yachting organizations in the Western Hemisphere, is the oldest such club on the Pacific Coast of North America. The Club was founded in 1869 and was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1873. It is an organization of over 1000 regular members, most living within fifty miles of the Club.

Our Club is focused on the appreciation and enjoyment of sailing on San Francisco Bay. We have a very active and competitive youth sailing program with everything for young children learning to sail through high school race teams.

SFYC HISTORY

The original anchorage and Clubhouse were located in San Francisco near Mission Rock. Inadequate depth of water and increasing industrial growth in the area resulted in a move to Sausalito.

Waterfront property was purchased and a new Clubhouse erected. The Clubhouse was destroyed by fire in 1897 with the loss of most of the trophies and records. Another Clubhouse was built on the same site in 1898. This building is still standing and now houses the Trident restaurant. Increasing auto ferry traffic and congestion made another move imperative. The decision to move was made in 1926.

One group, headed by Commodore Clifford Smith, felt that Belvedere Cove would be an ideal location. Both waterfront property and tidelands were available for purchase. Another group felt that the Club should move back to San Francisco and lease land from the city of San Francisco on the Marina.

A bitter fight developed among the Board of Directors and among the members as to which site was best for the future of the Club. This quotation from the minutes speaks for itself; "Vice Commodore Smith spoke at length on the advantages of the Marina site. After considerable discussion, his resignation was offered and unanimously accepted by the Board."

The Belvedere Cove site was finally selected. Those who opposed the move resigned and formed the St. Francis Yacht Club. Property in Belvedere Cove was purchased and the Club moved to Belvedere in 1927, renting the old Pacific Motor Boat Club property until the cove could be dredged and a Clubhouse built.

A small Clubhouse was completed in 1934 in time for the Opening Day celebration. It is still part of the present main Clubhouse building, which has been remodeled and enlarged many times. The most recent renovation was completed in 2012.

APPENDIX C: ABOUT THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB (Continued)

The SFYC takes pride in our Member's accomplishments. SFYC Members have been awarded local, regional, national, and North American Championships as well as Olympic Medals.

The Platinum Clubs of America award is awarded to clubs across the United States that excel in the following areas; Quality of Membership, Tradition and Culture, Amenities, Governance, and Quality of Management and Staff. Among thousands of clubs competing for this prestigious award, only fifteen are honored with the Five Star Platinum Club Ranking. The SFYC was awarded the Five Star Platinum Club Ranking in 2009.

Additionally, SFYC has assisted other area yacht clubs in numerous local, regional, national and international regattas.



The view from the clubhouse deck with SFYC Signal Boat Victory in the harbor with the City of San Francisco in the background.

APPENDIX D: PUBLIC RELATIONS, SPONSORSHIP AND BUDGET

SFYC will appoint various Public Relations people to work directly with the IMCA in advance of any event. A press room will be set up to provide access to National and International sailing publications.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SFYC will coordinate with the IMCA to develop a marketing and sponsorship plan that pursues Local, Regional, National and International sponsoring partnerships as needed to provide an agreeable entry fee.

BUDGET DETAILS

As marketing and sponsorship details are finalized, the SFYC Race Development Committee will develop the budget for the event. The registration fee will be inclusive of launching, dockage, trailer storage, entertainment, and race committee management expenses, with social events, including opening and closing ceremonies. Final registration fees will be determined based upon sponsor participation, competitor participation, and IMCA requirements.