

# 2020 MELGES 24 CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



September 4-6, 2020  
West Vancouver, British Columbia



Hosted by the West Vancouver Yacht Club

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

The Organizing Authority (OA) for the regatta is the West Vancouver Yacht Club and the Canadian Melges 24 Class Association.

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2** The prescriptions of SAIL CANADA will apply.
- 1.3** The Rules of the International Melges 24 Class Association (IM24CA) will apply, including amendments.
  - (a) Class Rule C.2.2 (Total Crew Weight) shall apply.
- 1.5** The Race Committee (RC) may broadcast on VHF radio, but failure to make broadcasts, or failure by a competitor to hear a broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1
- 1.6** RRS 64.1 will be changed by adding: "A boat found to have broken RRS 55 may be given a warning or a penalty at the discretion of the jury."

### **2 ADVERTISING**

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

### **3 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY, & CLASSIFICATION**

- 3.1** The regatta is open to all boats of the Melges 24 Class that meet the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority. Proof of Class membership and a valid measurement certificate in the boat owners name will be required at registration. The regatta is not limited to only Canadian boats.
- 3.2** Only boats that have completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete.
- 3.3** All boats will sail as one fleet. There will be no on-the-water separation of Corinthian and open crewed boats.

### **4 SCHEDULE**

- 4.1** Note that boats/crews may participate in the regatta while berthing the boats at clubs other than West Vancouver Yacht Club (WVYC). It is the OA's intention that moorage will be made available at WVYC for all registered boats.
- 4.2** Eight (8) races are scheduled for the regatta.
- 4.3** The OA and the RC reserve the right to modify the schedule due to weather conditions or

other causes.

## EVENT SCHEDULE

<b>Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020:</b>	Early \$350CDN registration ends and \$400CDN registration begins.
<b>Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020:</b>	On-line registration closes.
<b>Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020:</b>	Regatta officially opens at WVYC.
1600-2000	Final registration, crew weigh-in, boat crane launch, trailer storage, boat docking, Social at WVYC (no-host food and beverages available in Clubhouse)
<b>Sept 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020:</b>	
0800-1000	Final crew weigh-in and all boats afloat
1000	Skippers Meeting
1155	On racecourse – first warning signal for Day One
After Racing	Social time at WVYC (no-host food and beverages available in Clubhouse)
<b>Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020:</b>	
0955	On racecourse - first warning for Day Two
1600	On racecourse - no starts after this time
After Racing	Regatta Dinner at WVYC
<b>Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020:</b>	
0955	On racecourse - first warning for Day Three
After Racing	Haul out and de-rigging
	Awards ceremony and wrap-up

## 5 REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Registrations will be made through the event in Yacht Scoring  
(<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6134>)

Registration Description	Cost
Regatta registration per boat on or before Aug 5th, 2020	\$350 CDN
Regatta registration per boat between Aug 5th and Sept 2nd	\$400 CDN
Additional Tickets for Regatta Dinner (Saturday) before Sept 3rd	TBA

## 6 MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Melges 24 Class Measurement Certificate before the close of registration.
- 6.2 Crews will be weighed in at registration
- 6.3 The OA may weigh, measure, register, or inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races. During the Championship, checks on conformity with the Class Rules, including measurement may be performed at any time at the discretion of the OA.
- 6.4 All sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved Class measurer before arrival at the Regatta.

## 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1 The sailing instructions will be available on-line and in printed format by August 14, 2020.
- 7.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the regatta notice board located in the WYYC Clubhouse before 0830 hours on the day it will take effect.

## 8 VENUE

- 8.1 The principal racing area will be in the vicinity of the West Vancouver Yacht Club, Passage Island, Point Atkinson, the portion of Howe Sound to Cates Bay, and English Bay – per Attachment A.
- 9 The choice of location for racing is at the sole discretion of the OA and RC.

## 10 THE COURSES

- 10.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward.
- 10.2 Offset marks and leeward gates may be used.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1** Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2** After a race, a boat that may have broken an RRS under Part 2, or RRS 31 while racing, may take a post-race penalty for that incident. The post-race penalty shall be:
  - (a)** 20%, if taken before the protest time limit has expired, or
  - (b)** 30%, if taken after the protest time limit has expired, but before the beginning of the hearing involving the incident.
- 11.3** An arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing for each incident resulting in a protest by a boat involving an RRS of Part 2 or Part 3, or RRS 31, but only if each party is represented by a person who was on board each involved boat at the time of the incident.

## **12 SCORING**

- 12.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2** When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3** 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.

## **13 BERTHING**

- 13.1** Boats shall be assigned berths at WVYC. Boat are requested to berth overnights at the club for the duration of the regatta.

## **14 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

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

## **15 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

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

## **16 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 16.1** 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.
- 16.2** Competitors are encouraged to monitor VHF Channel 69, the RC working channel, particularly during the last minute of the start sequence.

## **17 PRIZES**

- 17.1** Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall boats, to the top Canadian boat, and to the top Corinthian boat at the end of the regatta.

## 18 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK/INDEMNITY

- 18.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and based on the assessment of their skills and prevailing conditions. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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. Competitors acknowledge and voluntarily accept these risks, and waive all liability and any right to claim against the West Vancouver Yacht Club, and all those involved in the organization of the regatta (hereafter referred to collectively and individually as WVYC and OA). It is the responsibility of the owner and operator of each vessel to ensure that their vessel is safe, properly equipped, and suitable for the regatta and further, that all crew members are properly trained and equipped to participate in light of anticipated environmental conditions.

The decision to race or not to race resides solely with the owner and operator of each vessel and any advice received or the failure to provide any particular advice or service from WVYC or OA, shall not result in any liability. Any safety procedures put in place, or information provided by WVYC or OA, are not a substitute for the obligations and responsibilities of the owner or operator of the vessel and the failure to implement any such procedures, or the performance of such procedures or any deficiency in information provided shall not be relied upon by the owner or operator of the vessel or result in any liability for WVYC or OA.

Vessel requirements, including any safety requirements in order to qualify for entry shall not constitute a representation or warranty of fitness or safety. Any modification of requirements for any particular vessel or class of vessels, shall not constitute a representation or warranty that such vessels are safe to participate in the regatta, the responsibility for which remains solely with the owner and operator of the vessel.

The owner or operator of each vessel must ensure that the vessel and crew members comply with all applicable legislation and regulations in accordance with Canadian law. Competitors (including without limiting the foregoing, the owner and operators of each vessel) agree to indemnify WVYC and OA for any claims by or on behalf of any competitor, participant, operator or crew members resulting from participation in the regatta.

## 18. INSURANCE

- 18.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with minimum third-party liability coverage of \$1,000,000 CAD for Canadian residents and \$500,000 USD for USA and non-Canadian residents.

## 19. GREEN REGATTA

- 19.1** WVYC is a Clean Marine yacht club. As a result, competitors are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle as refill stations are available at the club. In addition, this regatta is paperless and no printed sailing instructions will be provided.

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## 20 FURTHER INFORMATION

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ATTACHEMENT A – RACING AREA

