



MELGES 24 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP
Grand Traverse Yacht Club, Traverse City, Michigan
August 15-18 ,2019
NOTICE OF RACE

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The Organizing Authority (OA) is The International Melges 24 Class Association (IM24CA) in conjunction with US Melges 24 Class Association and the Grand Traverse Yacht Club.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NOR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The US Sailing Prescriptions to The Racing Rules of Sailing shall apply and will be posted on the event website <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6156>.
 - 1.2.1. The US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 63.4 shall not apply.
- 1.3. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4. The Rules of the IM24CA will apply.
 - 1.4.1. Class Rule C.2.2 shall apply.
- 1.5. RRS Appendix P will apply as changed in NoR 12.4.
- 1.6. RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.7. The following rules will be changed in accordance with RRS 86.1(b):
 - 1.7.1. 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. Code flag "Y" will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.
 - 1.7.2. The Race Committee (RC) will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet. Failure to make broadcasts or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1. The sailing instructions will provide more detail on the procedure.
 - 1.7.3. RRS 42.3(c) is modified to allow all sheets to be trimmed without restriction.
- 1.8. If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Advertising shall conform to World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.

- 2.2. Boats may be required to display sponsors' advertising for the duration of the event chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies [DP]
- 2.3. Boats shall display bow numbers per Class Rule H.4.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Melges 24 class that meet the obligations of the Class Rules and, when relevant, their Member National Authority.
- 3.2. Competitors shall comply with the World Sailing eligibility code (Regulation 19) which requires that all competitors (helmspersons and all other crew) shall be members of their Member National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations. The Yacht Club or organization name and membership details shall be stated when entering. Proof of membership shall be presented at registration.
- 3.3. Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration at (<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6156>) no later than July 31, 2019. Entries may be accepted after this date only with approval by the OA on a case by case basis and will only be eligible to compete in the Open division.
- 3.4. Only boats that have completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete. **Note - completed entry includes payment of entry fee.**
- 3.5. The OA will acknowledge completed entries upon receipt via email and post on the official event web site at (<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6156>).
- 3.6. Entry fee refunds may be granted at the discretion of the OA. An administrative fee of USD\$35.00usd will be applied to all cancellations.
- 3.7. As a condition of entry, all boats shall be moored in the Elmwood Township Marina from 1800 hrs August 15, 2019 through to the completion of the event.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. The World Sailing Sailor Classification Code (Regulation 22) will apply to teams in the Corinthian Trophy (see RRS 79).
- 4.2. Classification for each sailor and the unique World Sailing sailor ID shall be indicated on the entry form if entering for the Corinthian Trophy.
- 4.3. The closing date for the registration of Corinthian entries shall be July 31, 2019.
- 4.4. Sailors shall be registered with World Sailing by July 31, 2019 and be able to declare their World Sailing sailor ID and group number when entering.
- 4.5. Entries accepted after July 31, 2019 shall not be eligible for the Corinthian Trophy and will sail in the open division.
- 4.6. Classification will be checked at registration. A final list will be published at the close of registration.
- 4.7. The Classification Protest Time Limit is 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 the IM24CA Championship rules.
- 4.9. Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member between the closing date of entries and the start of the regatta, the name of the new crew member with their valid World Sailing sailor ID and group number shall be submitted to the OA for approval by the IM24CA Championship Coordinator.

4.10. A representative of the World Sailing Sailor Classification Commission may be present during registration and may carry out spot checks. Registration of a boat is not complete until the spot checks are completed.

5. FEES

5.1. The Entry Fee will be:

5.1.1. **USD\$450.00** received by May 31, 2019.

5.1.2. **USD\$550.00** as of June 1, 2019.

5.2. Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the Regatta at designated times, trailer storage, tickets to the events (Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony and Dinner) for all competing crew.

5.3. Payment of entry fees may be made by observing the guidelines for online registration.

5.4. **Note** that moorage is **NOT** included in the regatta entry fee. Watch the event website for information on moorage.

6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

6.1. If entry numbers warrant, the OA may decide to run the championship with a Qualifying Series and a Final Series.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1.

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME(s)
Wed	Aug 14	Registration & measurement		1200-1600
“	“	GTYC club race - all welcome		1800
“	“	GTYC Bar Service & Food		1900
Thurs	Aug 15	Registration & measurement		1000-1800
“	“	Practice Race		1400
“	“	GTYC Bar Service & Food		1800
Fri	Aug 16	Opening Ceremonies		0900
“	“	Competitors Meeting		0930
Fri-Sun	Aug 16-18	Warning for first race of the day		1055
“	“	GTYC Bar Service & Food		1600
Sun	Aug 18	No Warning After		1400
“	“	Closing Ceremonies/Awards		1700

7.2. Nine (9) races are scheduled for the Championship.

7.3. As many as four (4) races each day may be run.

7.4. The OA reserves the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes.

8. MEASUREMENT

- 8.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close of registration at 1800 hrs Aug 15, 2019. Documents may be submitted before registration to IM24CA Administrator Piret Salmistu via email at Piret@melges24.com.
- 8.2. The Technical Committee 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 NoR 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 RRS 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 shall provide a minimum of 2 people to facilitate measurement.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and will be posted on the event web site no later than August 7, 2019.

10. VENUE

- 10.1. Attachment B shows the location of the regatta harbour and the racing areas.

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward. Offset marks and leeward gates will be used.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. The first two sentences of RRS 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 RRS 31 or Class Rule C.11 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 12.2. 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 RRS 44.2.
- 12.3. If a member of the Jury 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 NOR 12.1. If no penalty is taken the Jury may protest.
- 12.4. Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply. RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. The penalty under RRS P2.1 is changed to be a one-turn penalty. This changes RRS Appendix P.
- 12.5. Arbitration, per Appendix T, will be used.
- 12.6. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. Three (3) races are to be completed to constitute the Championship.
- 13.2. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst discardable score.
- 13.4. If entry levels warrant, a qualifying and final series format may be employed.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1. Coach and support boats shall register by completing online registration at (<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=6156>) no later than July 31, 2019. Only boats that have registered and carry identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area [DP].
- 14.2. The IM24CA Coach and Support Boat regulations will apply and is attached to this NOR as Attachment A.
- 14.3. Each person on board a coach or support boat shall be deemed a *support person as per* RRS Definitions.

15. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 15.1. All boats will be ramp launched.
- 15.2. All boats shall be afloat by 0900 hours on August 16, 2019.
- 15.3. Except when sailing, all boats shall be kept in their assigned docks in the regatta harbour. Fenders and mooring lines will be required [DP].

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta between 0900 hours on August 16, 2019 and the end of the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee [DP].

17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 17.1. Underwater breathing apparatus (excluding snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between 0900 hrs August 15 to the end of the regatta [DP].

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 and other mobile devices [DP].
- 18.2. Race information will be given on a designated VHF Channel, which will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

19. PRIZES

19.1.

Single Fleet	Open Division	Corinthian Division
Daily Prizes	Winner of each individual race	Winner of each individual race
Overall Prizes	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top 5 boats	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top 5 boats

- 19.2. In case of a Split Fleet format, the prize giving will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 19.3. Prizes may also be awarded to the top all-female, and top youth teams if applicable. Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 19.4. The overall North American Champion will be the winner of the open division and will be awarded the championship trophy.
- 19.5. The winner of the Corinthian Division will be awarded the Corinthian trophy.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Liability waivers shall be signed by all competitors during registration.
- 20.2. Liability Waiver Form - As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crewmember shall sign a liability waiver/media release. The fully executed Liability Waiver Form shall be submitted at registration prior to racing. The Liability Waiver Form will be posted on the regatta website and will be available at registration. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

21. INSURANCE

- 21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 (USD) per event or the equivalent.

22. TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHERS RIGHTS

- 22.1. 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. Media rights waivers shall be signed by all competitors during registration/check-in.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 23.1. For further information, please consult the event web site or any of the key contacts listed below.

24. KEY CONTACTS

REGATTA CHAIR

Name: Scot Zimmerman
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PRINCIPAL RACE OFFICER (PRO)

Name: Jeff Maier
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INTERNATIONAL JURY CHAIR

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IM24CA ADMINISTRATOR

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USMCA ADMINISTRATOR

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IM24CA CHAMPIONSHIP COORDINATOR

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M24 INTERNATIONAL MEASURER

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ATTACHMENT A - COACH, SUPPORT, PRESS & SPECTATOR BOATS

COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

1. Coach and support boats shall be registered at 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 OA.
3. No coach boat or support boat shall pass information in any way to a boat that is racing. See RRS 41. Infringements of this will be taken very seriously.
4. All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to the racing area under their **own power**.
5. There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment between Melges 24's and their coach or support boats until after the finish of the last race of the day.
6. Coach and support boats shall keep 100 meters from the course diamond (including laylines) from the time the racers leave the dock until completion of the final race of the day.
7. Any coach or support boat that interferes with another competitor or the racing in any way, including creating excess wash, or hindering 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.
8. Any competitor may protest under the rules in this attachment.
9. The penalty given by the jury is at their discretion.
10. Coach and support boat personnel shall not communicate with competitors (by any means) from the warning signal of the first race of the day until the competitor has finished the last race of the day.

PRESS AND SPECTATOR BOATS

1. All Press and official spectator boats shall be registered with the race organizing authority during registration.
2. Press and spectator boats shall display a flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the race committee.
3. The race organizers may appoint one or more photo boats, which will be allowed within the racecourse. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
4. Press and spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in any way and shall stay at a distance outside the racecourse where their wake causes no problem.

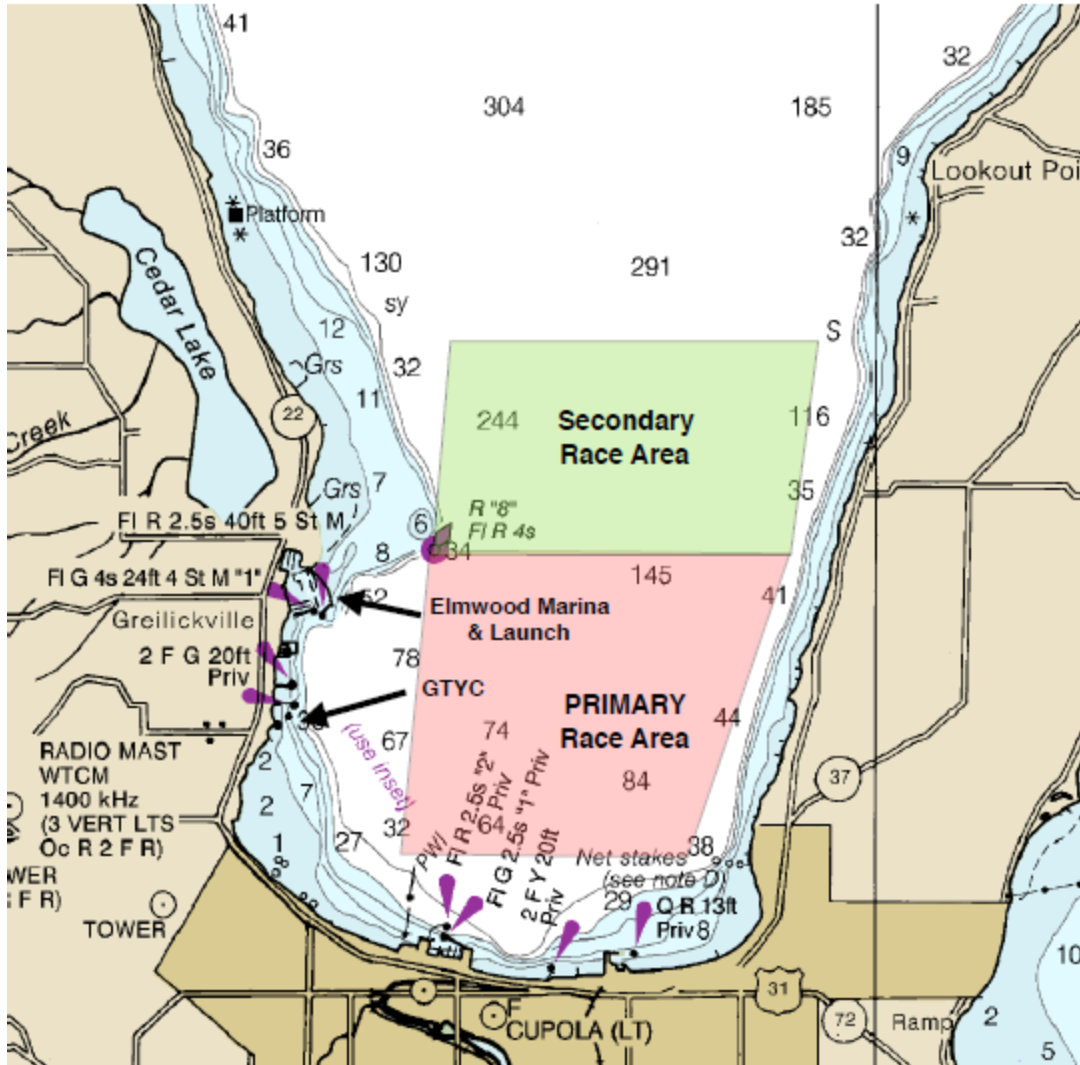
ATTACHMENT B - MARINAS AND COURSE AREAS

GTYC

2019 Melges 24 North American Championships

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Shaded— Primary Race Area, 1 sq mile east of Red 8, 1 mile south, bound by R8 and seasonal marks



ATTACHMENT C

Dockage:

<https://www.elmwoodtownshipmarina.com/services-1>

Accommodations:

<https://www.traversecity.com/hotels/hotels-motels/>

Other Racing (Midwest 2019 late summer regattas where other Melges 24s compete):

- Red Fox Regatta - Charlevoix, Michigan, August 31-September 1
- Canadian National Championship - Windsor Ontario, Canada, September 20-22
- Fall Championships - Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, October 5-6

How To Get Here:

- Roads
https://www.bing.com/images/search?view=detailV2&ccid=h2Og1kNW&id=46DDBA4C7F39532F8A7913FDDA3B185E70EFD5C5F&thid=OIP.h2Og1kNWJrCy5VF_qZ0JwAHaGy&mediaurl=http%3a%2f%2fwww.tripinfo.com%2fmaps%2fMI.gif&exph=834&expw=909&q=road+map+michigan&simid=608033651745229914&selectedIndex=0&ajaxhist=0
- Airport
<http://tvairport.com/>

Boatworks:

Local boatyard with over two decades of experience working on the Melges 24. Contact Rich Core at the below link to discuss needs you may have. Easy access, located ½ mile from the Grand Traverse Yacht Club. <http://westbayboatworks.com/>

Storage:

If indoor or outdoor storage is needed before or after the regatta, it can be obtained from the below company. Storage facility is ½ mile from Grand Traverse Yacht Club. Contact the owner Greg at 231-313-6954. <http://www.mobilemarinecare.net/>

Sail Repair:

Quantum Sails has a full service loft in Traverse City that will be able to provide repairs during the regatta. They can be reached at the below link. <https://www.quantumsails.com/hu/about-us/contact-us?ref=Main%20Nav%20Home>