



# Seattle Yacht Club

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## The CSR Marine 2012 Melges 24 US National Championship

June 14-17, 2012

### Notice of Race

#### 1 Rules

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing to the following rules shall apply: 34, 40, 48, 55, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 63.4, 64.3(b), 68, 70.5(a), 76.1, 76.3, 82, 86.3, 88.2, Appendix F, and G2. The text of these prescriptions is available from the US Sailing web site at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org).
- 1.3 Other changes to the rules may be noted elsewhere in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. If the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are in conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall have precedence.

#### 2 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The class to race is the International Melges 24 Class.
- 2.2 Boats must register online at the Seattle Yacht Club web site at [www.seattleyachtclub.org](http://www.seattleyachtclub.org) and pay registration fees by the registration deadline. Registration after the deadline may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority and may require an additional late fee.
- 2.3 Boats must check in at the race office on Thursday or Friday before the first race. Competitors are advised to complete check in on Thursday. The following must be presented at check in:
  - (a) Class measurement certificate,
  - (b) Sails with certification,
  - (c) Crew list with crew weight confirmed at check in,
  - (d) Support boat information.
- 2.4 Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising supplied by the organizing authority.
- 2.5 Competitors give absolute right and permission for images and video of themselves and their boat to be published for commercial purposes by the event organizing authority and sponsors and their licensees and may be required to sign a release.
- 2.6 Boats are required to have adequate third-party liability insurance of at least \$300,000.

#### 3. Measurement

- 3.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate on file with the USMCA.

- 3.2 The race committee may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.
- 3.3 There will be no facilities for initial measurement. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the regatta. Sails may be checked for signature and royalty.
- 3.4 Chartered or loaned boats may display National letters and sail numbers in contravention of class rules.

#### 4 Classification

- 4.1. The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply to the Corinthian Trophy. Details of the ISAF Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found online at ISAF's website [www.sailing.org/classification](http://www.sailing.org/classification).
- 4.2. All entrants that wish to be considered for the U.S. National Championship Corinthian division must submit a completed USMCA Corinthian Declaration Form by Monday, June 11, 2012 to the USMCA via e-mail at [communications@usmelges24.com](mailto:communications@usmelges24.com) or fax to +1 (912) 756-6728. In order to qualify, all Corinthian entrants (helm + crew) must possess an ISAF ID No. and valid Sailor Classification. ISAF ID No.'s and Classifications can be obtained by visiting ISAF's website at [sailing.org](http://sailing.org). All accepted Corinthian entries will be posted online at the official website of the USMCA, [usmelges24.com](http://usmelges24.com) and on the official notice board. Full details for the Melges 24 Corinthian Trophy can be found in IMCA Championship rules. USMCA Corinthian Declaration Forms are available online at [usmelges24.com](http://usmelges24.com).
- 4.3 The closing date for the registration of Corinthian entries is defined in 4.2 above.
- 4.4 Sailors must be registered with ISAF prior to this date and be able to declare their Sailor ID No. on the entry form.
- 4.5 Late entries may not compete for this trophy.
- 4.6 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in the IMCA Championship rules.
- 4.7 Classification protests may be submitted beginning Friday, May 25, 2012. The Classification protest time limit under ISAF Regulation 22.1 is Thursday, June 14.



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## 5 Fees

- 5.1 The registration fee is \$395.
- 5.2 The registration deadline is June 1, 2012 (Friday). Late registrations may be assessed a late fee of \$50.
- 5.3 Registration includes race boat moorage fees during the regatta and Saturday dinner for competitors.

## 6 Schedule

### Thursday (June 14)

- 0900 – 1200 Check in
- 1300 Practice races first warning
- 1600 – 2000 Check in

### Friday

- 0800 – 0900 Late check in
- 0900 – 0915 Competitor's briefing
- 1100 First warning signal
- After racing Social gathering to be announced

### Saturday

- 1100 First warning signal
- After racing Dinner party at Seattle Yacht Club

### Sunday

- 1100 First warning signal
- 1630 No warning signal after this time
- After racing Awards presentation at regatta site

## 7 Racing Information

- 7.1 The racing area is Puget Sound in the vicinity of Shilshole Bay and the area north of Meadow Point.
- 7.2 Courses will be windward / leeward and may include weather offset marks and leeward gates.
- 7.3 A target of three and up to four races may be sailed each day with a target time of 60 ± 15 minutes for each race. Three races will constitute a series.
- 7.4 The time limit is the maximum allowable time from each boat's starting signal to her finish time. The time limit will be defined in the Sailing Instructions and will not exceed 120 minutes for the first boat. Boats that do not finish within their time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.
- 7.5 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, except that a boat's worst score will be excluded if six or more races are completed in the series. This changes RRS A2.
- 7.6 RRS Appendix P will apply. In RRS P2.1, the word "first" is deleted. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.
- 7.7 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 7.8 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.

## 8 Haul Out and Diving Restrictions

- 8.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 8.2 Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the warning signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## 9 Support Boats

- 9.1 Boats are responsible for their support boats (including coach and spectator boats). Boats must register their support boats at check in. Support boats may not do the following with boats that are racing: communicate, be within 100 meters, or materially impact with a wake. Unless granted permission by the race committee, support boats may not do the following with a boat after the boat leaves the dock until she finishes the last race of the day: tow the boat, transfer items to or from the boat. Support boats may be required to carry an identification flag provided by the organizing authority and be prepared to communicate with the race committee with VHF radio.

## 10 Sailing Instructions

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions will be available by the Thursday before the regatta on the official notice board at the regatta site, at check in, and, optionally, on the Seattle Yacht Club web site at [www.seattleyachtclub.org](http://www.seattleyachtclub.org).

## 11 Awards

- 11.1 Performance prizes will be awarded for the top five boats and the top three boats qualified as Corinthian. In addition, a participation prize will be randomly awarded at the evening social event each day.

## 12 Logistics

- 12.1 The regatta will be held offshore of Shilshole Bay Marina ([www.portseattle.org](http://www.portseattle.org)).
- 12.2 The race office will be located at or near Corinthian Yacht Club of Seattle ([www.cycseattle.org](http://www.cycseattle.org)) at the north end of the marina at 7755 Seaview Ave NW, Seattle, Washington 98117.
- 12.3 Boat hoists and a ramp are located at the small boat center at the north end of the marina. Use of the hoists should be arranged through the marina office (not the yacht club office) and use of the ramp is open to the public and regulated by the City of Seattle.
- 12.4 Unsecured moorage for the racing boats will be available on a first come first served basis on designated floats at the small boat center. For storage before or after the event, contact CSR Marine at 206-632-2001.



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- 12.5 Parking for vehicles and upland storage for boats is limited at the marina. Whenever possible, participants should minimize the number of vehicles they bring to the area. The event will be renting an unsecured lot at the marina near the boat launching area for priority use for trailer parking.
- 12.6 Guest moorage for support boats may be arranged by contacting the marina at the time guest moorage is desired at 206-787-3006 or VHF 17. The marina may group boats associated with the regatta near the north side of dock W.

## **13 Responsibility**

- 13.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. 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.

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