



# 2009 AUTONET MOBILE MELGES 24 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

St. Francis Yacht Club

June 11-14, 2009

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS). The US SAILING Prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 40.1 is changed as follows: All competitors are required to wear a life jacket or other adequate personal floatation device while racing.

### 2.0 ADVERTISING

ISAF Regulation 20 applies.

### 3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Championship is open to all class-compliant Melges 24s.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <http://m24usnationals.com> by June 1, 2009.
- 3.3 Entries submitted after June 1, 2009 will be assessed a \$100 late fee.
- 3.4 The same crews and sails must be used throughout the regatta. Substitutions are not permitted without the explicit written approval of the Race Committee.

### 4.0 CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply to the Corinthian Trophy. Please refer to ISAF's web site: [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org).
- 4.2 For boats competing for the Corinthian Trophy, sailor classifications (including ISAF User ID Numbers) must be submitted by May 29, 2009. The Corinthian Declaration Form will be posted on the online registration web site and shall be completed and faxed to +1(912)756-6728 or emailed to [communications@usmelges24.com](mailto:communications@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 User ID number 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 Protests regarding ISAF classification must be submitted by the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing for the championship.

### 5.0 FEES

Entry fee is \$400 if received by June 1, 2009, and \$500 if received after June 1, 2009.

### 6.0 SCHEDULE

#### Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

1200-1800 Check In & Weigh In

#### Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

1000-1200 Check In & Weigh In

1300 Practice Race

1600-1700 Check In & Weigh In

1700 Competitors' Meeting

1800 Opening Ceremony/Welcome Reception

### **Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

1100 Warning Signal for Race #1 (subsequent races to follow)  
After Racing Regatta Social

### **Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

1100 Warning Signal for First Race of the Day (subsequent races to follow)  
After Racing Dinner and Regatta Party

### **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

1100 Warning Signal for First Race of the Day (subsequent races to follow)  
After Racing Awards Presentation

## **7.0 MEASUREMENTS**

- 7.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close of Check In on June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- 7.2 The Organizing Authority may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.
- 7.3 THERE WILL BE NO FACILITIES FOR INITIAL MEASUREMENT. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before Check In at the Championship.
- 7.4 Chartered or lent boats may display National letters and sail numbers in contravention of Class Rules.

## **8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available at Check In, while an unofficial copy may be found on the StFYC website by Monday, June 8, 2009.

## **9.0 RACING AREA**

The intended racing area will be the San Francisco City Front.

## **10.0 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 10.2 Appendix 'P' (immediate penalties for breaking Rule 42) shall apply.

## **11.0 SCORING**

- 11.1 Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 When six to ten races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes Appendix A2.

## **12.0 SUPPORT BOATS**

- 12.1 Support boats shall display identifying flags as provided by the Organizing Authority..
- 12.2 The Coach and Support boat appendix shall be in operation (attached).

## **13.0 LAUNCHING, BERTHING, & HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 13.1 All boats are to be afloat by 1700 hours on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 13.2 All trailers should be stored at the direction of the StFYC Dockmaster. If you plan to leave a trailer in the city parking lot overnight, a permit must be obtained from the St. Francis Yacht Club Race Office. Trailers without a permit may be towed.

## **14.0 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Underwater breathing apparatus (including 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.

## **15.0 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given to the top five in the US National Championship and the top five in the Corinthian Championship.

## **16.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors shall participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE). The Organizing Authority does not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**17.0 INSURANCE**

Each 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.

**18.0 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.

**19.0 FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please visit <http://m24usnationals.com> or contact:

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# **APPENDIX A – COACH, SUPPORT, PRESS & SPECTATOR BOATS**

## **COACH & SUPPORT BOATS**

1. Coach and supporter boats shall register with the race office during Check In. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to.
2. Coach and Supporter boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing.
3. Any Coach or Supporter 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 their race boat or boats liable to a penalty at the discretion of the Jury.
4. The penalty given by the Jury is at their discretion, but shall be applied to the overall score and therefore not discarded.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Coach and Supporter boats shall display a flag, or other identification symbol, as may be required by the Race Committee.
8. All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to the racing area under their own power. If conditions require it, the Race Committee may tow boats to a different racing area.
9. There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment from leaving the St. Francis Guest Docks until after the finish of the last race of the day between Melges 24's and their coach or support boats.
10. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside their Melges 24's until after the finish of the last race of the day.
11. Any competitor may protest under this appendix.

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