



MELGES²⁴
INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 CLASS ASSOCIATION

Melges 24 European Championship Portoroz, Slovenia

September 4th – 11th, 2021

Portorož - Slovenija

NOTICE OF RACE



Please NOTE that Event may be canceled at any time due to Slovenian Government regulations (COVID restrictions) without any responsibility from the OA. All competitors are informed about the prescription about the COVID spread limitations.

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Yacht Club Marina Portorož in cooperation with the International Melges 24 Class Association (IM24CA) and the Slovenian Melges 24 Class Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 The Class Rules of the IM24CA will apply.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P will apply as changed in NOR 12.4.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.6 The following rules will be changed in accordance with RRS 86.1(b):
 - 1.6.1 RRS 40.1 applies and will be changed as follows; All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices all the time while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This also changes preamble of part 4.
 - 1.6.2 The Race Committee (RC) will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet. Failure in broadcasting or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1. The sailing instructions will provide more details about the procedure.
 - 1.6.3 The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
 - 1.6.4 Part 5 Section B of The Racing Rules of Sailing as well as rule 44.1 will be changed to permit protest arbitration.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text shall take precedence.
- 1.8 The WORLD SAILING Sailor Categorization Code will apply for competitors competing for the Corinthian Trophy, in accordance with the IM24CA regatta regulations.
- 1.9 The International Jury may impose penalties less than disqualification (DPI), for violation of the Class rules and Racing rules other than those of Part 2.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.
- 2.2 The Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the Event website and on the official notice board.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/2206/event
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
 - 3.1 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day], except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Event 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.
- 4.2 Competitors shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code 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.

4.3 The following restrictions on the number of boats apply: 50 boats. OA will create a waiting list.

4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration at www.melges24.com/Europeans2021 together with the required fee by August 1st, 2021.

4.5 No entries/payments will be accepted after reaching max. number of boats, unless approved by the OA case by case.

4.6 The Organizing Authority will acknowledge complete entries upon receipt via email and post on the Notice board and on the official Event web site www.melges24.com/Europeans2021

Note: completed entry includes payment of entry fee.

4.7 Only boats that have completed all registration requirements within September 6th, 2021 at 17:00hrs, will be allowed to compete.

4.8 An administrative fee of 500 € will be applied to all cancellations.

5 CATEGORIZATION

5.1 The World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code will apply to the teams in the Corinthian Trophy (see RRS 79). Please refer to World Sailing Web site: www.sailing.org

5.2 Indicate categorization and the unique World Sailing sailor ID for each sailor on the entry form if entering for the Corinthian Trophy.

5.3 The closing date for the registration of Corinthian entries shall be September 1st, 2021.

5.4 Sailors shall be registered with World Sailing prior to September 1st, 2021 and be able to declare their World Sailing sailor ID and group number on the entry form.

5.5 Entries accepted after September 1st, 2021 shall not be eligible for the Corinthian Trophy.

5.6 Categorization will be checked at registration. A final list will be published at the close of registration.

5.7 The Categorization Protest Time Limit is the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing.

5.8 Full details for the [Corinthian Trophy](#) can be found in IM24CA Championship Rules.

5.9 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 Event, 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.

6 FEES

6.1 Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the Event at designated times, berthing for the Event, trailer storage, entries to the social events (if any) for all competing crews during Event dates.

6.2 Payment until August 1st, 2021 will be **€ 990,00** (entry fee)

Payment from August 2nd to September 1st, 2021 will be **€ 1.190,00** (late surcharge)

6.3 Payment options:

a) Payments will be sent by bank transfer entering in the transfer description:

Competing boat's sail number with national letters. ie. NAT 000.

Account Holder Name: Yacht Club Marina Portorož

IBAN: **SI56 0432 1000 2985 586**

SWIFT/BIC code: **KBMASI2X**

Bank Name: Nova KBM d.d.

Bank Address: Ulica Vita Kraigherja 4, 2000 Maribor, Slovenija

b) Cash payment during the final registration for very late entries.

6.4 Entries will not be valid until the payment will be received and confirmed by the Event office. The date of the competitor's bank transfer will be considered.

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Advertising will be conform to World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Class Rules, in accordance with RRS 6.

7.2 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and sponsors' advertising for the duration

of the Event, chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority at the completion of entry procedure at the venue. If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1 PROGRAM

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
Saturday	04/9	Check-in, Registration and Measurement and Crew Weigh-in	09.00 to 13.00 14.00 to 19.00
Sunday	05/9	Check-in, Registration and Measurement and Crew Weigh-in	09.00 to 13.00 14.00 to 19.00
Monday	06/9	Check-in, Registration and Measurement and Crew Weigh-in Practice Race All Boats afloat	09.00 to 13.00 14.00 to 17.00 At 14.00 At 18.00
Tuesday	07/9	Competitors Briefing Races Socials tbd	10.30 12.30 After races (Notice Board)
Wednesday	08/9	Competitors Briefing Races Socials tbd	TBA TBA After races (Notice Board)
Thursday	09/9	Competitors Briefing Races Championship Sailors' Dinner	TBA TBA Notice Board information
Friday	10/9	Competitors Briefing Races Socials tbd	TBA TBA After races (Notice Board)
Saturday	11/9	Competitors Briefing Races Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony	TBA TBA After races (Notice Board)

8.2 Twelve (12) races are scheduled for the championship.

8.3 The RC may race as many as three (3) races each day.

8.4 If in the opinion of Race Committee the Event is behind schedule or likely to fall behind schedule, four (4) races may be raced on one day.

8.5 The OA and/or the RC reserve the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other reasons. The proper communication will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 20:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

8.6 On the last day there will be no warning signal after 14:30.

9 MEASUREMENT

9.1 Each boat shall produce a valid Measurement Certificate before the close of registration September 6th, 2021. Documents may be submitted before onsite registration to IM24CA Administrator Piret Salmistu via email at piret@melges24.com.

9.2 The Technical Committee may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before or after the races.

9.3 Registration of sails and limitation stamping will take place during periods stated in #8 above.

THERE WILL BE NO FACILITIES FOR INITIAL MEASUREMENT. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the Event.

9.4 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.

9.5 During the Event checks on conformity with Class Rules, including measurement requirements may be performed at any time.

9.6 A boat shall provide a minimum of 2 people to facilitate measurement.

10 VENUE

Attachment B shows the location of Marina Portorož and the racing areas.

11 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward. Offset mark and leeward gate 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.

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 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

13 SCORING

13.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute the Championship.

13.2 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from six to twelve races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

14.1 Coach and support person vessels shall register with the OA within the registration time limit. Only support vessels that have registered with the OA and carry identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area.

14.2 The IM24CA coach and support person vessel Appendix shall be in operation and it is attached to this NOR as appendix A.

14.3 Each person on board a coach or support person boat shall be deemed a *support person* as per RRS Definitions and subject to RRS 64.5.

15 LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

15.1 Cranage times will be detailed on the Event website and on the Notice Board.

15.2 All boats shall be afloat by 18:00 hours on September 6th, 2021.

15.3 Except when sailing, all boats shall be kept in their assigned docks at Marina Portorož. Fenders and mooring lines will be required.

15.4 Bow numbers may establish the priority or order of berthing assignments, haul out order, and other items at the discretion of the OA.

16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the Event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus (excluding 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 Event.

18 RISK STATEMENT

18.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this Event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

18.2 Competitors participate in the Event entirely at their own risk. 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 Event.

19 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of 1.500.000 € per Event or the equivalent.

20 PRIZES

20.1 List of prizes to be awarded:

Single fleet	Open Division	Corinthian Division
Daily Prizes	Winner of each individual race	Winner of each individual race
Overall Prize	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top 3 boats	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top 3 boats

20.2 Additional Prizes may be given at the discretion of the OA.

20.3 The Overall Champion will be the winner of the open division and awarded with the "Giorgio Zuccoli Trophy" as the perpetual trophy of the Melges 24 European Championship.

20.4 The winner of the Corinthian Division will be awarded the perpetual "Menno Meyer Corinthian European Trophy".

21 TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

21.1 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.

21.2 Competitors may be required to carry a tracking device system on board while racing.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

KEY CONTACTS

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APPENDIX A

COACH, SUPPORT, PRESS & SPECTATOR VESSELS

COACH AND SUPPORT VESSELS

1. Coach and support vessels shall register with the race office during registration. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to.
2. Coach and support vessels shall display a flag, or other identification symbol, as may be required by the race committee.
3. No coach vessels or support vessels shall pass information in any way to a boat that is racing. Rule 41 infringements of this will be taken very seriously.
4. Coach and support vessels 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.
5. All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to and from the racing area under their own power.
6. There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment until after the finish of the last race of the day between Melges 24's and their coach or support vessels.
7. Coach and support vessels shall not go alongside their Melges 24's until after the finish of the last race of the day.
8. Coach and support vessels shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing.
9. Any coach or support vessels that interferes with another competitor or the racing in any way, including creating excess wash, or hinders an official vessels carrying out its duties shall have the competitor(s) to which they are attached, liable to a penalty at the discretion of the jury.
10. Any competitor may protest under this attachment.
11. The penalty given by the jury is at their discretion, but shall be applied to the overall score and therefore not discarded.

PRESS AND SPECTATOR VESSELS

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

ATTACHMENT B Course areas

