



# MELGES 24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Genoa, Italy

October 22-29, 2022

## NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Yacht Club Italiano under the aegis of the Federazione Italiana Vela, in conjunction with the International Melges 24 Class Association (IM24CA) and the Italian Melges 24 Class Association.

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 Event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 The Rules and Regulations of the IM24CA will apply.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix P will apply as changed in NoR 12.5.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix T and RRS 40.1 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 to make broadcasts or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1. The Sailing Instructions will provide more detail on the procedure.

1.6.3 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 In case of conflict between NoR and SI, the sailing Instructions and following notices posted on the Event web site will prevail (this changes RRS 63.7)
- 1.8 The International Jury may impose penalties less than disqualification (DP) for violation of the Class Rules and Racing Rules other than those of Part 2.
- 1.9 The WORLD SAILING Sailor Categorization Code will apply for competitors competing for the Corinthian Trophy, in accordance with the [IM24CA Championship Rules](#).
- 1.10 IM24CA Coach and support boats Regulations shall apply. (NoR Appendix A)

## **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 (See rule 6 and the World Sailing Advertising Code) If this rule is broken, World Sailing Regulation 20.9.2 applies. [DP]

## **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 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.
- 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.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration at <https://www.yachtclubitaliano.it/ECMelges24> no later than the close of registration **October 15**. 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, including payment of the applicable entry fee, will be allowed to compete.
- 3.5 The OA will confirm completed entries by posting the entry list on the official Event website.
- 3.6 Reimbursement of the registration fee may be granted at the discretion of the OA until registration closes. An administration fee of **€ 500.00** will be applied to all cancellations received **after 15 September 2022**.
- 3.7 As a condition of entry, all boats could be moored in piers of Yacht Club Italiano from October 19, as determined by the Organizing Authority, through the completion of the Event.

#### 4. CATEGORIZATION

- 4.1 The World Sailing Sailor Categorization will apply to teams in the Corinthian Division (see RRS 79).
- 4.2 Categorization for each sailor and the unique World Sailing sailor ID shall be indicated on the entry form if entering in the Corinthian Division.
- 4.3 Sailors shall be registered with World Sailing by **October 15** and be able to declare their World Sailing sailor ID and group number when entering.
- 4.4 Categorization will be checked during registration. A final list will be published after the close of registration.
- 4.5 The Categorization Protest Time Limit is the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing for the championship.
- 4.6 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in the IM24CA Championship rules.
- 4.7 Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member between the entry time limit of entries and the start of the Event, the name of the new crew member with a valid World Sailing sailor ID and group number shall be submitted to the OA for approval by the IM24CA Class Administrator.

#### 5. FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee will be € 1.000,00.  
The Early Entry Fee for boats entering **by July 22**, will be € 850,00.  
The Late Entry Fee for boats entering **by September 15**, will be € 1.300,00.
- 5.2 Entry Fee includes one launch and one haul-out at retiring or at conclusion of the Event at designated times, berthing at the regatta sites during the dates of the Event, trailer storage at designated parking, tickets to the events (Opening Ceremony, Daily Awards, Regatta Cookout, Event Dinner, Closing Ceremony) for all competing crew.
- 5.3 Payment:  
Payments will be sent by Credit Card or bank transfer entering in the transfer description: Competing boat's sail number with national letters. ie. NAT 000.
  - **Credit Card** at follow link: <http://www.yachtclubitaliano.it/payment>
  - or
  - Account Holder Name: Yacht Club ITALIANO IBAN: **IT 67 Z 01005 01408 000000011062**
  - SWIFT/BIC code: **BNLIITRR**
  - Bank Name: **Banca BNL**
- 5.4 **Entries will not be valid until the payment will be received and confirmed by the Race Office. The date of the competitor's bank transfer will be considered.**

#### 6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 6.1 The OA may decide to run the championship with a Qualifying Series and a Final Series. If so, these procedures will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## 7. SCHEDULE

### 7.1 PROGRAM

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
Friday	22/07	Entry Fee Increase (Normal entry)	
Thursday	15/09	Entry Fee Increase (Late entry)	
Saturday	15/10	Competitors registered with World Sailing	
Saturday	15/10	Close of Registration	
Saturday	22/10	Check-in, Registration and Measurement and Crew Weigh-in	09:00 to 13:00 14:00 to 18:00
Sunday	23/10	Check-in, Registration and Measurement and Crew Weigh-in	09:00 to 13:00 14:00 to 18:00
Monday	24/10	Check-in, Registration and Measurement and Crew Weigh-in <b>Practice Race</b> All Boats afloat	09.00 to 13:00 14:00 to 17:00 <b>At 14:00</b> At 18:00
Tuesday	25/10	Competitors Briefing <b>Races</b> Socials tbd	10:30 12:30 After races (Notice Board)
Wednesday	26/10	Competitors Briefing <b>Races</b> Socials tbd	TBA TBA After races (Notice Board)
Thursday	27/10	Competitors Briefing <b>Races</b> Championship Sailors' Dinner	TBA TBA Notice Board information
Friday	28/10	Competitors Briefing <b>Races</b> Socials tbd	TBA TBA After races (Notice Board)
Saturday	29/10	Competitors Briefing <b>Races</b> Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony	TBA TBA After races (Notice Board)
Sunday	30/10	Departure deadline for boats/trailers	18:00

7.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled for the Championship.

7.3 Up to three (3) races may be run each day.

7.4 The OA may modify the schedule in accordance with the Sailing Instructions due to weather conditions or other causes.

- 7.5 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.
- 7.6 On the last day, October 29, there will be no warning signal after 14:30 hrs.

## **8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce [a valid measurement certificate](#) before the close of registration in accordance with RRS 78 Documents may be submitted before registration closes to IM24CA Administrator Piret Salmistu via email at [piret@melges24.com](mailto:piret@melges24.com).
- 8.2 The Event Technical Committee may weigh, measure, or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails for conformity with Class Rules before, during or after the regatta.
- 8.3 Registration and measurement of sails and limitation stamping will take place at the hangar of Yacht Club Italiano during periods stated in NOR 7.1 above. 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 A boat shall provide a minimum of two people to facilitate event measurement.

## **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in and will be posted on the Event web site no later than October 18.

## **10. VENUE**

- 10.1 The racing area will be located in front/adjacent to the Port of Genoa as described in the Sailing Instructions. The distance from the race area will be approximately 3Nm from the Yacht Club Italiano.

## **11. THE COURSES**

- 11.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward with windward offset marks and leeward gates.

## **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 shall 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 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 herself. If no penalty is taken the Jury may protest.
- 12.4 If members of the Jury witnesses a protest being hailed and a red flag being shown by a boat, the members may decide the incident and indicate their decision by making a long sound (whistle) and displaying a red

flag while hailing the boat's bow number to indicate which boat(s), if any shall take a penalty. If the Jury members decide that no breach occurred (no rules were broken), they may indicate their observation by making a long sound (whistle) and displaying a green and white flag. If the Jury members do not display any signal and remain silent, they did not see the whole incident and are unable to make a call. The protesting boat may deliver a protest in accordance with RRS61.

- 12.5 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.
- 12.6 A boat that has taken a penalty under RRS 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the jury office prior to the end of protest time. The absence of a completed acknowledgement form will be considered as a penalty not taken in a hearing.
- 12.7 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

### **13. SCORING**

- 13.1 Three races are to be completed to constitute the Championship.
- 13.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score that can be discarded.

### **14. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS**

- 14.1 Support boats (including coaches) must register and carry identification provided by the OA to be allowed in the racing area [DP]. The identification must be displayed at all times while afloat.
- 14.2 The Support Boat registration fee will be € 100,00.
- 14.3 The IM24CA Coach and Support Boat regulations will apply and is attached to this NoR as Appendix A.
- 14.4 Each person on board a coach or support boat shall be deemed a *support person* as per RRS Definitions.
- 14.5 All support boats are required to monitor the race committee communication channel at all times while afloat during scheduled racing days and be available to assist with safety when requested. Code flag V will not be displayed. This changes RRS 37 [DP].

### **15. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING**

- 15.1 Cranage dates, times, and procedures will be detailed on the Event website.
- 15.2 All boats shall be afloat by 18:00 hours on October 24. [DP]
- 15.3 Except when sailing, all boats shall be kept in their assigned berthing areas. Fenders and mooring lines will be required [DP].
- 15.4 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to reallocate berths based on the number of entries, and final assignments will be confirmed by the close of registration.

### **16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 16.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta after 18:00 on October 24, until the end of the regatta without prior written permission of the Technical Committee [DP].

## **17. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

- 17.1 It is strictly forbidden to dive into the waters of the Port of Genoa due to the regulations of the local authorities. Underwater breathing apparatus (excluding snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats after 18:00 October 24, until the end of the regatta [DP].

## **18. COMMUNICATION**

- 18.1 The online Notice Board is located at [www.racingrulesofsailing.org](http://www.racingrulesofsailing.org)
- 18.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating.
- 18.3 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, drones (UAV), and other mobile devices, but not to devices required by the Organizing Authority under NOR 18.5. [DP]
- 18.4 Race information on the water will be given on a designated VHF Channel, described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 18.5 The use of any third-party photo, video or drone footage not directly controlled by the PRO or Event Race Committee shall not be permitted as evidence in a hearing.
- 18.6 The Organizing Authority may require each boat to carry a tracking device for online spectating purposes. Procedures for any such requirement will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

## **19. PRIZES**

- 19.1 Winner of the daily races will be awarded both in Open and Corinthian divisions.
- 19.2 Overall Prizes will be awarded for the winning helmsman and each crew member for at least the top 5 boats in Open and top 3 boats in Corinthian division.
- 19.3. In case of a Split Fleet format, the prize giving will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 19.4 Prizes may also be awarded to the top boat with the female skipper competitors and top youth teams if applicable. Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 19.5 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.
- 19.6 The winner of the Corinthian Division will be awarded the "Menno Meyer Corinthian European Trophy" as the perpetual trophy of the Melges 24 European Championship.

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 20.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage, illness, 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 As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall sign a participant liability waiver/media release. The fully executed Liability Waiver Form shall be submitted during 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 € 1.500.000 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, or sponsor purposes. Media rights waivers shall be signed by all competitors and coaches during registration/check-in.

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

## 23. KEY CONTACTS

23.1 For further information, please consult the Event web site or any of the key contacts listed here:

YACHT CLUB ITALIANO:

**Race Office**      [regate@yci.it](mailto:regate@yci.it)

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# APPENDIX A



## COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS (November 2020.3)

1. Coach and support boats shall register with the race office during registration. They shall declare which boat or boats they are attached to.
2. Coach and support boats shall display a numbered flag representing the boat to whom attached and/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**. RRS 41 (outside help) infringements of this will be taken very seriously.
4. All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to and from the racing area under their own power.
5. 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.
6. Coach and support boats shall **keep clear** of the racing area at all times during which boats are **racing**. Except when participating in rescue operations, coach/support boats shall stay more than 100 meters from any point where a boat might sail during normal racing.
7. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside their Melges 24's and there shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment until after the finish of the last race of the day
8. 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.
9. Any boat may protest under the rules in this attachment.
10. The penalty given by the jury is at their discretion. (DPI)

**(Racing:** A boat is racing from her preparatory signal until she finishes and clears the finishing line and marks or retires, or until the race committee signals a general recall, postponement or abandonment.)

## CHANGES TO THESE RULES

IM24CA standard coach boat appendix shall not be altered.

Any changes for these rules will be the subject for decision by IM24CA Executive Committee.