



**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**2010 U.S. Melges 24 National Championship**  
**2010 Melges 32 Northeast Regatta, USA Sailing Series Event No. 6**  
**June 25-27, 2010**

Sail Newport is the Organizing Authority (OA) in cooperation with the U.S. Melges 24 Class Association (USMCA) and International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA)

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the International Melges 24 Class Rules and International Melges 32 Class Rules, except as these are altered by this Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 All boats must carry minimum equipment as required by the U.S. Coast Guard and their individual Melges 24 and Melges 32 Class Rules.

**2. ADVERTISING**

The event is classified Category 'C'.

**3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Melges 24 and Melges 32 Class' that meet with the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority, in the case that a National Authority exists.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by visiting [www.sailnewport.org](http://www.sailnewport.org) and completing the online entry process, paying the required fee(s) and submitting crew waivers.
- 3.3 All late entries accepted after Thursday, June 17 shall incur a \$100 late fee.
- 3.4 All late entries submitted after Thursday, June 17 for the Melges 32 Class will be accepted only with the prior approval of the Organizing Authority and IM32CA.
- 3.5 No entries will accepted after Thursday, June 24, 2010.
- 3.6 All Melges 24 entrants must be current class members of their respective class associations.
- 3.7 All subsections of International Melges 32 Class Class Rule C.9. shall apply.
- 3.8 All Melges 32 entrants must provide a completed Sail Declaration and Owner Compliance Declaration by the close of registration on Thursday, June 24 at 2000 to the IM32CA. Failure to supply these documents in a timely manner can potentially result in a yacht(s) disqualification from the event.
- 3.9 The same sails must be used throughout the entire regatta. Substitutions will not be

permitted without the explicit written approval of the class representative and the Jury.

#### 4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code 22 will apply. 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 Melges 24 Corinthian entry deadline is Thursday, June 10, 2010.
- 4.3 All Melges 24 entrants that wish to be considered for the U.S. National Championship Corinthian division must submit a completed USMCA Corinthian Declaration form by Thursday, June 10, 2010 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.
- 4.3 USMCA Corinthian Declaration Forms are available online at [usmelges24.com](http://usmelges24.com).
- 4.4 All Melges 32 entrants shall submit a completed Crew Declaration Form (Appendix 3.1) to the IM32CA via e-mail at [classadmin@melges32.com](mailto:classadmin@melges32.com) or fax to +1 (912) 756-6728. All submitted Crew Declarations will be posted online at [melges32.com](http://melges32.com). The form should include ISAF ID. No.'s, Group Classifications and expiration dates for each crew member.
- 4.5 Classification protests may be submitted beginning, Friday, June 11. The Classification protest time limit under ISAF Regulation 22.1 is Friday, June 18.

#### 5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee for the Melges 24 is \$450 and includes launching and hauling at designated times, dockage for the event, trailer storage and a designated number of crew wristbands for socials entrance.
- 5.2 The entry fee for the Melges 32 is \$600 and includes launching and hauling at designated times, trailer storage and a designated number of crew wristbands for socials entrance. Entry will not be valid until payment is received.
- 5.3 A \$100 Late Fee will be added after Thursday, June 17, 2010.

#### 6. PRE-EVENT PRACTICE RACE AND / OR CLINIC

A pre-event practice race is scheduled to start at 1300 on Thursday, June 24 in Narragansett Bay. A Melges 24 clinic may be scheduled at a time to be announced.

#### 7. SCHEDULE

##### Wednesday, June 23

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| 0830 - 2030 | Launching and berthing  |
| 0900 - 1700 | Boat drop off at Sail Newport<br>(For early arrivals please contact: <a href="mailto:vinnie@sailnewport.org">vinnie@sailnewport.org</a> ) |
| 1000 - 1600 | Melges 24 Clinic  |

##### Thursday, June 24

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| 0830 - 2030 | Launching and berthing                                  |
| 1000 - 2000 | Registration, Check-In and Weigh-In                     |
| 1300 - 1530 | Practice race   |
| 1640 - 1800 | Hoists not available to Melges Fleets during this time* |

*(\*Please refrain from using the lifts at this time. The hoist area (Admiral's Pier) will be utilized by J24 Fleet 50. Please also avoid the gin pole area and remove your boats from any floating docks near either hoist. Thank you for your cooperation to help make our busy Sailing Center flow.)*

**Friday, June 25**

0830 - 0930 Crew Substitution Weigh-In  
1100 - First Signal  
After Racing Social on the Pier

**Saturday, June 26**

0830 - 0930 Crew Substitution Weigh-In  
1100 - First Signal  
After Racing Melges Rocks Party, Location TBA

**Sunday, June 27**

0830 - 0930 Crew Substitution Weigh-In  
1100 - First Signal  
1430 No race will start after this time  
1700 Or ASAP after this time, Awards Ceremony, Location TBA

No more than (12) twelve races are scheduled.

**8. MEASUREMENT**

- 8.1 Each Melges 24 shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close of Check-In on Thursday, June 24.
- 8.2 The OA may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment and sails before, during or after the races.
- 8.3 Crew Weigh-in will be conducted at the Mule Barn at Sail Newport.
- 8.4 **THERE WILL BE NO FACILITIES FOR INITIAL MEASUREMENT.** Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the regatta.
- 8.5 Chartered or loaned boats may display national letters and sail numbers in contravention of Class Rules.

**9. REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

- 9.1 Crew substitutions before and during the event are permitted with the prior approval of the class representative and the Jury.
- 9.2 For Melges 24 Corinthian entrants, a revised crew list must be submitted to the USMCA and approval prior to the race to which it applies.
- 9.3 For Melges 32 entrants, a revised crew list must be submitted to the IM32CA and approval prior to the race to which it applies
- 9.4 Crew substitutions may weigh-in during the designated Substitute Crew Weigh-In period, from 0830 to 0930 hrs, on the first day that they will compete.

**10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available after 1000 hours on Thursday, June 24 at Check-In. See Schedule for Check-In times.

**11. VENUE**

- 11.1 The venue is Sail Newport, 60 Fort Adams Dr., Newport, RI 02840
- 11.2 Racing will take place in Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound.

**12. THE COURSES**

The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration with fleet racing. Offset marks and leeward gates shall be used.

### **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one jibe, is required.

### **14. SCORING**

The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, with the following modification: when fewer than six races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores; when six or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. Twelve (12) races are scheduled; three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

### **15. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS**

- 15.1 Coach and support boats must register at Check-In and they shall declare boat affiliation boat or boats they are attached to. Coach and support boats be required to fly an event identification flag provided by the Organizing Authority.
- 15.2 Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing.
- 15.3 Any Coach or support 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.
- 15.4 The penalty given by the Jury is at their discretion, but shall be applied to the overall score and therefore not discarded.
- 15.5 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.
- 15.6 Coach and support boats shall communicate only with the boats they are registered to, and only by means of voice between races. Closed VHF, mobile telephone or data communication is prohibited.
- 15.7 All boats shall proceed to the racing area under their own power.
- 15.8 There shall be no transfer of any goods or equipment from leaving the dock until after the finish of the last race of the day between boats and their coach or support boats.
- 15.9 Coach and support boats shall not go alongside their boats until after the finish of the last race of the day.
- 15.10 Any competitor may protest under this section.

### **16. PRESS AND OFFICIAL SPECTATOR BOATS**

- 16.1 All press and official spectator boats shall be registered with the OA during Check-In.
- 16.2 Press and spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in any way and shall stay at a distance outside the race course where their wake causes no problem.
- 16.3 The OA may appoint one or more photo boats, which will be allowed within the race course. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress.
- 16.4 Press and Spectator boats shall display a flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the OA.

### **17. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING**

- 17.1 Hoist will be available at Sail Newport between the hours of 0830 and 2030 on Wednesday, June 23 and Thursday, June 24 between the hours of 0830 and 1640 and between 1800 and 2030 (see schedule for hoist black out period to accommodate local J24 fleet. (Hoists, gin pole and floating docks must be clear of Melges boats between 1640 and 2030 on this day.)
- 17.2 All boats shall be afloat by 2030 on Thursday, June 24.
- 17.3 The Melges 24 fleet will be kept at the Sail Newport Alofsin Piers. Fenders and mooring lines will be required. The Melges 32 fleet will be kept at a marina to be announced. Coach and support boats may also be docked at Sail Newport if room permits and if the boats are registered with Sail Newport.

## 18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Jury.

## 19. 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.

## 20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

20.1 Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels.

20.2 Except in an emergency, or to report a protest or withdrawal, a boat 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 data communications.

## 21. PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the top four finishers overall in the Melges 24 Class. In addition, three Corinthian prizes will be awarded in the Melges 24 Class. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers overall in the Melges 32 Class.

## 22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The OA 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.

## 23. INSURANCE

All boats are required to hold adequate third-party insurance valid in Northeastern U.S., 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.

## 24. TELEVISION AND 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.

## 25. ARRIVAL AND STORAGE BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER EVENT

25.1 Entrants may arrive at Sail Newport after 0900 on Wednesday, June 23 and stay until 1700 on Monday, June 28.

25.2 Special arrangements may be made to arrive early or stay after the regatta by contacting Vinnie Pattavina at Sail Newport: [vinnie@sailnewport.org](mailto:vinnie@sailnewport.org), Telephone +1 (401) 846-1983.

25.3 Trailers must be stored at Sail Newport as directed by Sail Newport staff.

## 26. FURTHER INFORMATION

### Organizing Authority

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Where to stay, eat and play in Newport  
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## CLASS INFORMATION

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