

INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 CLASS

Finnish Estonian Ranking

Estonian Open Championship

12-14.09.2014

Kalev Yacht Club, Tallinn, ESTONIA

NOTICE OF RACE

The Regatta will be organized by the The Estonian Melges24 Class Association in in co-operation with Kalev Yacht Club.

1. RULES.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and sponsors advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with ISAF regulation 20.4. These items will be supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority at registration.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Championship is open to all boats of the Melges 24 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 completing the entry form available <http://melges24.ee/est-champs-2014/> or sending e-mail to info@melges24.ee. No entry is not valid until the entry fee has been paid and received by Estonian Melges24 Class Association. Entry closes on September 9th 2014.
- 3.3 Late entries may be accepted at the organizers discretion and is subject to a surcharge of 50€.

4. FEES

- 4.1. The Entry Fee will be 250€ . This Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the Regatta at designated times, berthing for the event, trailer storage **and „After sailing pasta and beer“ in harbor after boats return to docks.**
- 4.2. The entry fee is to be paid to:
beneficiary: Eesti Melges 24 klassiliit MTÜ
bank: LHV Pank, Tallinn ESTONIA
account/IBAN: EE807700771000803727
bic/swift: LHVBE22
reference: Melges24 Estonian Ch, entry fee for "SAIL NUMBER"

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Registration, boat measurement, sail registration, crew weigh-in and inspection will take place at the Race Office at Kalev Yacht Club as follows:
Friday 12.9 at 10:00 – 14:00

5.2. Dates of racing:

- Friday, 12.9 15:00 First warning signal
Saturday, 13.9 11:00 First warning signal
Sunday, 14.9 11:00 First warning signal

5.3. Other issues.

The O.A. and/or the R.C. reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes

On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15.00 hours.
9 races are scheduled for the Melges 24 class.

6. MEASUREMENTS

- 6.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.
- 6.2. The organizers may weigh measure or inspect any boat and /or equipment before, during or after the races. Measurements and sail registration shall initially take place during the same times as registration (5.2 above). **There will be no facilities for initial measurements.**
- 6.3. Chartered or loaned boats may display National letters and Sail numbers in contradiction to the Class Rules. A valid measurement certificate for the chartered or loaned boat shall be presented. Boats shall comply with Class Rule C.2.3.2. and C.1.2.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

8. VENUE

8.1 The Kalev Yacht Club base is located at Pirita tee 17, 11911 Tallinn, Estonia.

9. THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration with fleet racing. Spreader marks will and leeward gates may be used. If the windward mark is moved during a race, there may be no spreader mark.

10. 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. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix 'A' will apply.
- 11.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 (a) If less than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) If 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. Support boats shall be identified as decided by the Organizers.
- 12.2. The IMCA Coach boats appendix (C) shall be in operation (attached)

13. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 13.1 All boats are to be afloat before 14:00 hrs on 12th of September. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with written permission of the race committee.
- 13.2 Boats shall be kept on the assigned pontoons in the harbour. Fenders and mooring lines will be required.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS Boats shall not be hauled out, or kept on a "hydro hoist" or other flotation devices during the regatta.

15. 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.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Race information may be given on a VHF Channel to be announced in Sailing Instructions.

17. PRIZES The prizes will be given as follows:

- overall prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top three boats;
- additional prizes may be given as the discretion of the OA;

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 Decision to Race. 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 regatta.

19. INSURANCE The 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.

20. 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.

21 CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority may change the Notice of Race; see rule 89.2(a). Any such changes will be posted on the regatta web site www.melges24.ee

22. ACCOMMODATION AND FERRY BOOKINGS Competitors should make their own arrangements

23. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: Estonian Melges24 Class Association in co-operation with Kalev Yacht Club.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION For further information, please contact Tõnu Tõniste, e-mail: info@melges24.ee , ph: +37256232941.