

2010 North Americans

Notice of Race

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Rochester Yacht Club
Rochester, New York USA



2008 North American Champion USA 751 – *Quantum Racing*
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The Rochester Yacht Club, in co-operation with The US Melges 24 Class Association and the International Melges 24 Class Association, will organize the International Melges 24 North American Championship.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES.

- 1.1 The regatta 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 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 Part 5, Section B of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, as well as rules 44.1 and 63.1 will be changed in the Sailing Instructions to permit Protest Arbitration.
- 1.5 The US SAILING prescriptions to rules 68, 76.1, and new rules 61.4, 76.3 will apply and are stated in attachment D.

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 of the event in accordance with ISAF regulation 20. These items will be chosen and supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority (OA) 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 online at www.m24northamericans2010.com, together with the required fee, to Rochester Yacht Club by August 31, 2010.
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted subject to a 30% surcharge.
- 3.4 No Corinthian entries will be accepted after August 31, 2010.
- 3.5 The Organizing Authority will acknowledge complete entries upon receipt via email and post on the official event web site at www.m24northamericans2010.com

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply to teams in the Corinthian Trophy. Please refer to the ISAF web site: www.sailing.org
- 4.2 Indicate classification for each sailor on the entry form if entering for the Corinthian Trophy and the unique ISAF User ID Number
- 4.3 The closing date for the registration of Corinthian entries shall be as in 3.4 above.
- 4.4 Sailors must be registered with ISAF prior to the date identified in 3.4 and be able to declare their User ID number on the entry form.
- 4.5 Classification will be checked at registration. A final list will be published at the close of registration.

- 4.6 Protests regarding ISAF classification must be submitted by the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing for the championship.
- 4.7 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in IMCA Championship rules.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee will be \$650. This Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the regatta at designated times, berthing for the event, trailer storage and tickets to the principal events for all competing crew.
- 5.2 Entry fees should be made by cash or check payable to Rochester Yacht Club. Credit Card payment will be accepted by completing details on Entry Form, entries will not be valid until payment is received and confirmed by the OA.

6. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES

- 6.1 If there are more than 100 boats registered then the race committee may decide to divide fleet in two, for a qualifying and final series.

6.2 If a Qualifying Series and Final Series are held, the following will apply:

6.2.1 Maximum of 3 races a day may be sailed with a maximum of 12 races for the regatta.

6.2.2 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series of a maximum of 6 races followed by a final series of a maximum of 6 races.

6.2.3 For the qualifying series, the Race Committee will divide the competitors into four groups of as nearly equal size as possible, which will sail in alternating combinations.

6.2.4 Based on the results of the qualifying series, the fleet will be divided into a Gold Fleet and a Silver Fleet for the finals.

6.2.5 Competitors will be informed in which group they will sail their qualifying series by the close of registration.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1

Day	Date	Event	Time
Monday	20 September	Registration, Crew Weigh-in	1200-1700
Tuesday	21 September	Registration, Crew Weigh-in	0900-1700
Wednesday	22 September	Competitors Briefing Registration, Crew Weigh-in Practice Race Warning Signal All Boats Afloat Opening Ceremonies/ Competitors Briefing	0815 0830-1700 1000 1700 1730
Thursday	23 September	Competitors Briefing Racing Warning Signal Daily Awards	0815 1000 1800
Friday	24 September	Competitors Briefing Racing Warning Signal Daily Awards	0815 1000 1800
Saturday	25 September	Competitors Briefing Racing Warning Signal Daily Awards	0815 1000 After Racing
Sunday	26 September	Competitors Briefing Racing Warning Signal No warning signal after Closing Ceremonies Awards	0815 1000 1430 After racing

7.2

7.2.1 If there are more than 100 boats and the fleet is split, twelve (12) races are scheduled.

7.2.2 If there are less than 100 boats and boats race as one fleet, ten (10) races are scheduled

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

7.4 Social Schedule:

Monday	20 September	RYC open for lunch and dinner	a la carte –no host
Tuesday	21 September	RYC open for lunch and dinner	a la carte –no host

Wednesday	22 September	Opening Ceremonies/Dinner @ RYC	1730
Thursday	23 September	Social Event @ RYC	1800
Friday	24 September	Social Event @ RYC	1800
Saturday	25 September	Social Event OFF SITE (TBD)	1800
Sunday	26 September	Closing Ceremonies Awards	After racing

8. MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close registration on 22 September at 1700 hrs.
- 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 Registration of sails and limitation stamping will take place during periods stated in 7.1 above. **THERE WILL BE NO FACILITIES FOR INITIAL MEASUREMENT.** Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the Regatta.
- 8.4 In accordance with rule 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 During the regatta checks on conformity with class rules, including measurement requirements may be performed at any time
- 8.6 A boat will provide a minimum of 2 people to facilitate measurement.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at the opening of registration as identified in section 7.1.
- 9.2 They will be posted on the event web site at www.m24northamericans2010.com when available.

10. VENUE

- 10.1 Attachment 'A' shows the location of the regatta harbor and host Clubhouse.
- 10.2 Attachment 'B' shows the location of the racing areas.

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1 The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration with fleet racing.
- 11.2 Spreader/offset marks and leeward gates shall be used.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 12.2 Rule 'Appendix P' (Special Procedures for Rule 42) shall apply.
- 12.3 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3 When from six or more races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Support boats shall be identified as decided by the OA.
- 14.2 The IMCA Coach and Support boat policy shall be in operation and is attachment C.

15. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 15.1 We will have 2 hoists available for your launching; they are located in the east basin of RYC and can be used until the close of registration

- 15.2 All boats shall be afloat by 1700 hours on 22 September 2010
- 15.3 Boats shall be kept on the assigned spaces in the harbor. Fenders and mooring lines will be required.
- 15.4 Bow numbers will 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 regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

17. 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.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 Race information will be given on VHF Channel 09.

19. PRIZES

The prizes will be given as follows:

19.1 Single Fleet

	Open Division	Corinthian Division
Daily Prizes	Winner of each individual race Current series leaders – 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd (excluding final day)	Winner of each individual race Current series leaders – 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd (excluding final day)
Overall Prizes	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top eight boats	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top six boats

19.2 Split Fleet

	Open Division		Corinthian Division	
Daily Prizes – Races 1 to 6	Winner of each individual race on course A Current series leaders – 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd	Winner of each individual race on course B	Winner of each individual race on course A Current series leaders – 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd	Winner of each individual race on course B
Daily Prizes – Race 7 – 12	Winner of each individual race in gold fleet Current series	Winner of each individual race in silver fleet	Winner of each individual race in gold fleet Current series leaders	Winner of each individual race in silver fleet

	leaders – 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd (excluding final day)		– 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd (excluding final day)	
Overall Prizes	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top five boats overall/in the gold fleet	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top five boats in the silver fleet	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top three Corinthian boats overall/in the gold fleet	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top three Corinthian boats in the Silver fleet

19.3 The overall winner will receive the North American Championship Trophy.

19.4 The best Corinthian team will receive the Corinthian Trophy.

19.5 Other prizes may be given at the discretion of the OA.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 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.

21 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with an adequate coverage.

22 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.

23 CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

23.1 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.m24northamericans2010.com.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION and KEY CONTACTS

24.1 For further information about the 2010 North American Championship please contact:

- Event Web Site www.m24northamericans2010.com

- REGATTA CHAIRS

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- M24 INTERNATIONAL MEASURER

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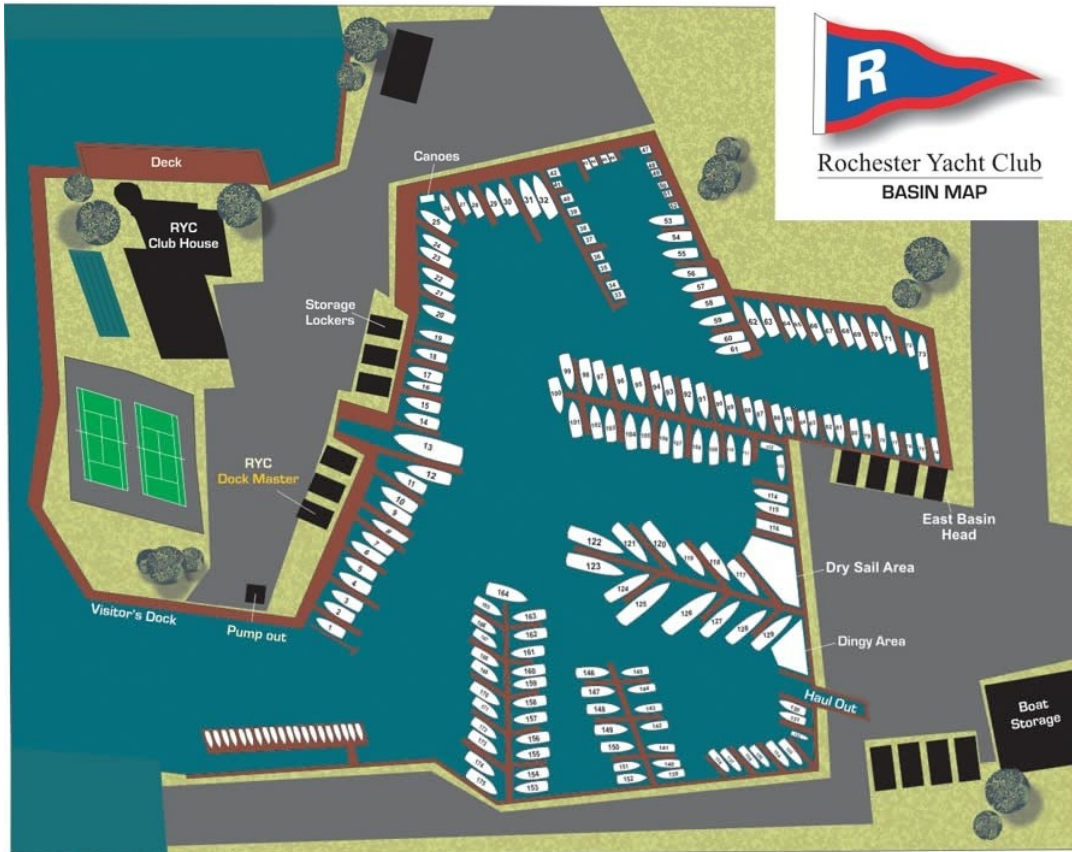
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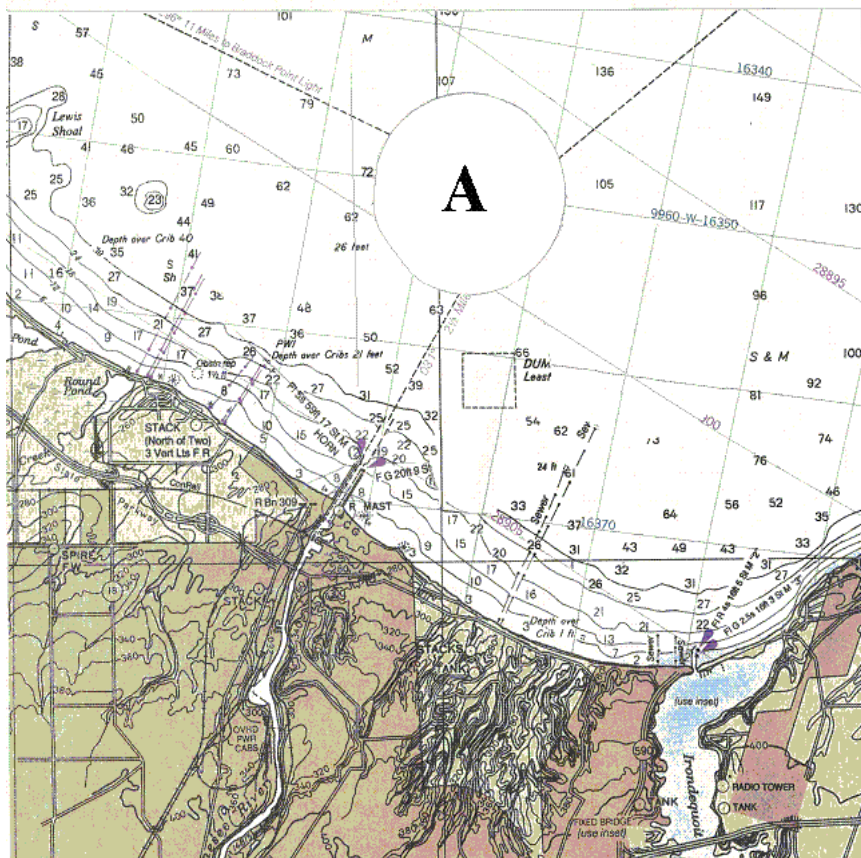
24.2 Social calendar together with tourist information, accommodation availability and other details will be posted on the website when available.

Event Web Site www.m24northamericans2010.com

NOTICE OF RACE ATTACHMENT A
VENUE – Harbor and Clubhouse



NOTICE OF RACE ATTACHMENT B
VENUE- Racing Area



NOTICE OF RACE ATTACHMENT C
COACH, SUPPORT, PRESS & SPECTATOR BOATS

COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

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 flag, or other identification symbol, as may be required by the race committee.
3. No coach boat or support boat shall pass information in any way to a boat that is racing in accordance with rule 41. Infringements of this will be taken very seriously.
4. Coach and support boats shall communicate only with the boats they are registered to, and only by means of voice between races. Radio or mobile telephone communication is prohibited.
5. All Melges 24 boats shall proceed to 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 boats.
7. Coach and support boats shall not go alongside their Melges 24's until after the finish of the last race of the day.
8. Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing.
9. 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 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 BOATS

1. All Press and official spectator boats shall be registered by the race organising authority during registration.
2. Press and spectator boats 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 boats, which will be allowed within the racecourse. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress.
4. Press and spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in anyway and shall stay at a distance outside the racecourse where their wake causes no problem.

NOTICE OF RACE ATTACHMENT D
US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

APPLICABLE US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

D1.1 After RRS 68 add: 'US SAILING prescribes that:

- a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.'

D1.2 After RRS 76.1 add: 'US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, colour, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.'

D1.3 Add RRS 61.4: 'US SAILING prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.'

D1.4 Add RRS 76.3: 'US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6.'