



Canadian Championship
Canadian Melges 24 Class Association
September 20-22, 2024
West Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada



The West Vancouver Yacht Club, with the Canadian Melges 24 Class Association, is the Organizing Authority (OA) for the 2024 Canadian Melges 24 Championship.

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).

All times are Pacific Daylight Time (PDT).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. The 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing applies, available at [World Sailing](#).
 - 1.1.1 Appendix T Arbitration applies.
- 1.2 Sail Canada Prescriptions apply, available at [RRS 2021-2024 Sail Canada Prescriptions](#).
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing apply.
- 1.4 International [Melges 24 Class Rules](#) apply.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages, the text written in its original English Document will prevail.
- 1.6 [DP] Boats shall carry the equipment required by law. Particular attention is drawn to the Small Vessel Regulations.
- 1.7 Per RRS 42.3(i), the Sailing Instructions will allow a boat to use their engine to get clear of a danger of collision with commercial traffic, to rescue any person overboard or aid another boat in distress. Boats shall file a report with the Race Committee upon finishing, which gives the speed, the compass heading, the duration and the position from which the engine was used for propulsion and any witnesses to the event.
- 1.8 The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.9 Appendix P will apply.
- 1.10 IM24CA [Coach and Support Boat Regulations](#) shall apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available no later than September 1, 2024 online at clubspot.com.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The on-line official notice board is located at clubspot.com.
- 3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 68 to 72.
- 3.3 Use of hand-held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel to be identified in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, to transmit a hail, the order of hails, or to receive other communications to the fleet, shall not be grounds for redress.
- 3.4 Use of any other communication device is prohibited during racing, and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes (See RRS41).

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The Championship regatta 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 The owner and helmsperson shall be a current member of their National Class Association in accordance with Class Rule B.2.1. Any crew categorized as Group 3 shall be a current full member of their National Class Association, in accordance with Class Rule B.2.2.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration at clubspot.com.
- 4.4 Registration closes on August 1, 2024 at 23h59. Entries may be accepted after this date with late fees approval by the OA on a case-by-case basis and will only be eligible to compete in the Open Division.
- 4.5 To be considered any entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 The World Sailor Classification Code (Regulation 22) will apply to Melges 24 teams competing in the Corinthian division (see RRS 79). For boats competing for the Corinthian Trophy, sailors must register with World Sailing prior to September 1, 2024, and be able to declare their World Sailing Sailor ID and Classification Group on their race entry form. Details regarding the Corinthian Trophy may be found in the IM24CA Championship rules. Protests regarding World Sailing classification may be submitted starting September 2, 2024, and must be submitted by the end of protest time on the first day of racing. Such protests are heard by the protest committee/jury, and the decision of the committee/jury is bound by the opinion or reply of the

Class Authority (See RRS 64.4b). Full details for the Corinthian Division are available at [IM24CA Corinthian Division](#).

- 4.7 All competitors are required to check-in at the WYVC Race Office no later than 09:00, prior to the competitor's meeting on Friday, September 20, 2024. The following must be presented at check-in:
 - 4.7.1 Class measurement certificate
 - 4.7.2 Proof of current class membership for owner and helmsperson
 - 4.7.3 Crew list with full name.
 - 4.7.4 Support boat information, if applicable.
 - 4.7.5 Signed liability waiver (skipper and crew) which can be completed at the online registration site at [clubspot.com](#).
- 4.8 When registering, each competitor will be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property incurred in conjunction with the Championship regatta, on the property of the West Vancouver Yacht Club, or on the water, or during participation in any individual race of the Championship regatta, or from the actions of the Organizing Authority, its officers, the protest committee, The technical committee, the race management team and any sponsors of the Championship regatta and their members, officers, governors and agents, from liability for such damage or injury.
- 4.9 As part of registration, all crew shall be registered and shall be identified in any entry list, scratch sheet, and result listing where the helmsperson, skipper or owner is identified.

5 FEES

- 5.1 All entry fees shall be paid at the time of registration.
- 5.2 Entry fees are non-refundable.
- 5.3 The entry fee is \$530 CDN. If the OA agrees to accept a late registrant, a late fee of \$100 CDN will be charged for registrations after August 1, 2024, and a late fee of \$200 CDN will be charged for registrations after September 1, 2024.
- 5.4 The entry fee will include:
 - a. Five Gala Dinner Tickets
 - b. On water moorage from September 19-22, 2024
 - c. Full guest privileges at the West Vancouver Yacht Club, including all onsite dining and bar services at cost
- 5.5 Additional dinner tickets for the Saturday Gala Dinner may be purchased online or at check-in for \$35 CDN each.

6 CREW RESTRICTIONS

- 6.1 The crew shall consist of a minimum of three (3) to a maximum of six (6) persons.
- 6.2 Replacement Crew: Helm and crew may be substituted during the series only for good and

sufficient reason, and if approved by the Race Committee. If a substitution is applied for, that substitute must weigh within +/- 10% of the original crew member.

7 ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8 SERIES

8.1 The event shall consist of a single series.

9 SCHEDULE

9.1 The number of races scheduled shall be up to 15 (~5 per day).

9.2 The following is the event schedule:

Day	Event	Time
September 19	Check-in	4PM to 8PM
	Commodore's Keg (sponsored) and WVYC dinner menu (at cost)	6 PM
September 20	Competitors meeting	9AM
	Warning for first race	11AM
	WVYC Octoberfest dinner with band (\$25 for Melges competitors, tickets available at check-in)	6 PM
September 21	Warning for first race of day	10:30AM
	M24 Championship Gala Dinner (5 tickets included in registration, extra tickets available at check-in at \$35)	6 PM
September 22	Warning for first race of day	10:30AM
	No race shall be started after	2:30 PM
	Awards	4 PM

9.3 Boats are welcome to register for the Howe Sound Regatta, September 14-15, 2024 as a warm-up and training event, separate to this event. Registration is available at www.wvyc.ca.

10 EQUIPMENT and INSPECTION

- 10.1 Each boat shall hold and produce a valid Measurement Certificate at registration. Boats, sails, and equipment may be measured and inspected at any time in accordance with the Melges 24 Class Rules from September 20-22, 2024.
- 10.2 Sails shall carry a Class Association Sail Label.
- 10.3 Competitors are advised that the Chief Measurer or a designated representative may make spot measurements and inspection of required equipment on or off the water during the Championship.
- 10.4 Sails: Not more than 1 mainsail, 1 headsail and 2 spinnakers shall be carried aboard; Not more than 1 mainsail, 1 headsail and 2 spinnakers shall be presented for registration and used during an event, except when a sail has been lost or damaged beyond repair.

11 CLOTHING

- 11.1 RRS 50 is not changed.
- 11.2 Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device, while racing or all the time while afloat, to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5, or USCG Type III, or AS 4758 Level 50 or equivalent.

12 VENUE

- 12.1 West Vancouver Yacht Club, 5854 Marine Dr, West Vancouver, BC, V7W 2S2.
- 12.2 Racing areas include Howe Sound, English Bay and Salish Sea. A chart of the racing area including fixed marks and exclusion zones will be included in the SIs.

13 COURSES

- 13.1 The courses shall be a windward/leeward configuration, in accordance with the IM24CA Championship Rules and IM24CA Event Regulations. Use of a windward offset and/or a leeward gate will be at the discretion of the Race Committee, as described in the SIs.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The first two sentences of RRS44.1 are changed to read: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when they may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 or Class Rule C.11". This changes RRS 44.21
- 14.2 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 RRS44.2.

- 14.3 If a member of the Jury witnesses a breach of RRS Part 2, RRS31 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 14.1. If no penalty is taken the Jury may protest.
- 14.4 Appendix P (Special Procedures for Rule 42) will apply. RRSP2.3 will not apply and RRSP2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. The penalty under RRSP2.1 is changed to be a one-turn penalty. This changes RRS Appendix P.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Scoring will be per Appendix A, as modified so that:
 - 15.1.1 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores.
 - 15.1.2 When fewer than nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst score.
 - 15.1.3 When ten or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of their race scores excluding their worst two scores.
 - 15.1.4 This changes Appendix A.
- 15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16 SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

- 16.1 Support and coach boats must register with the OA during the registration hours and shall comply with [Coach and Support Boat Regulations](#).
- 16.2 The penalty for failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in disqualification of all boats associated with the infringing support or coach boat.
- 16.3 Support and coach boats must fly a flag provided at registration.
- 16.4 Support and coach boats shall not communicate with competitors on the water unless the Race Committee requests that they do so for safety reasons.
- 16.5 Support and coach boats must monitor the VHF channel being used by Race Committee to communicate to boats, as identified in the Sailing Instructions, and are required to respond if hailed by Race Committee.

17 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 17.1 A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of class rules, provided that the Race Committee has approved their sail identification before the first race.

18 BERTHING [DP]

18.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.

19 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

19.1 The boats shall be wet sailed and written permission to haul-out during the Championship regatta must be obtained from the Technical Committee.

20 CLEANING OF BOATS

20.1 There will be no undue restrictions on cleaning of boats. 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.

21 RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1 RRS 3 Decision to Race 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.** 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 Championship regatta.
- 21.2 Safety of the boat and crew is the sole responsibility of the owner/skipper. All competitors shall comply with the boating safety regulations as issued by the government of their registry. It is recommended that competitors wear PFDs at all times while racing. When considering the safety of their vessels, all owners/skippers are advised to review World Sailing 2020-2021 Offshore Special Regulations (generally, and specifically Appendix B).
- 21.3 Competitors, including without limiting the foregoing, the owner and operators of each vessel, agree to indemnify the West Vancouver Yacht Club, Canadian Melges 24 Class Association, and Championship regatta organizers for any claims by or on behalf of any competitor, participant, operator or crew members resulting from participation in the Championship regatta.

22 INSURANCE

- 22.1 Boats shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum of \$1.5MCAD per incident or the equivalent. This insurance coverage is consistent with the Canada's Marine Liability Act statutory limit for claims for loss of life or personal injury and death of \$1.5MCAD. The Persons in Charge must ensure that they carry a hard copy of their insurance policy on board while racing. A copy of insurance company documents establishing that such coverage is current shall be produced if requested by the OA.

23 PRIZES

- 23.1 Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for both Open and Corinthian Divisions at the end of the 2024 Melges 24 Canadian National Championship.
- 23.2 1st place boats overall in the Open and Corinthian Divisions will be awarded the Melges 24 Canadian Championship perpetual trophies, respectively. The perpetual trophies shall be held by the winning crew or owner(s) until the next championship, but will remain the property of the CM24CA. It will be the responsibility of the holder(s) to see that the trophies are cared for and in the hands of the organizing authority by the start of the next Championship.
- 23.3 Additional prizes may be awarded by the Organizing Authority.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 24.1 For further information please contact:
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