



**Thermopylae Regatta &
Melges 24 Canadian Championship**

**Royal Victoria Yacht Club &
Canadian Melges 24 Class Association**

**September 30th - October 3rd, 2021
Victoria, BC Canada**

Notice of Race (NoR)

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal Victoria Yacht Club (RVYC) in conjunction with the Canadian Melges 24 Class Association (CM24CA).

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).

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The *Sail Canada Prescriptions to The Racing Rules of Sailing*, available at https://www.sailing.ca/uploads/2020/10/Sail-Canada-Prescriptions-to-the-RRS_2021-2024.pdf, applies.

1.3 For handicap fleets the 2021 PHRF-BC Class Rules, available at <https://bcsailing.bc.ca/phrforc/>, applies.

1.4 For the Melges 24 fleet the International Melges 24 Class Rules, available at <https://www.sailing.org/28322.php>, applies.

1.5 For all other one-design fleets their respective one-design Class Rules applies.

1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions (SI) will be available after 1800hrs on Wednesday, September 29th online at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/LBpNe1LVgR>. Hardcopies will be printed upon request and made available before sailing begins. Requests shall be made at check-in.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/LBpNe1LVgR>

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the international VHF maritime mobile band.

3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on

VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SI.

- 3.4** [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** The Thermopylae Regatta is open to all boats with a valid PHRF-BC rating. Boats registered with PHRF-BC must have a valid 2021 certificate. Boats with PHRF-NW certificates must have their ratings normalised to PHRF-BC by the Club handicapper prior to the close of registration. To apply for normalization e-mail to: kirkvpalmer@gmail.com

- 4.2** The Melges 24 Championship 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. The owner and helmsman shall be a full member of the IM24CA in accordance with Class Rule B.2.1.

(a) The World Sailor Classification Code (Regulation 22) will apply to Melges 24 teams competing in the Corinthian division (see RRS 79).

(b) For boats that qualify for the Melges 24 Corinthian division, entrants shall submit a Corinthian Declaration Form that includes sailor classifications, World Sailing sailor ID numbers and date of expiration for helmsman and all crew to the OA no later than 2400 on Wednesday September 15th, 2021 by emailing to info@rvyc.ca. The Corinthian Declaration Form will be posted online at: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/LBpNe1LVgR> (See as Addendum A).

(c) Entries accepted after Wednesday, September 15th, 2021 shall not be eligible for the Corinthian division and will sail in the open division.

(d) Full details for the Corinthian division is available at [IM24CA Corinthian Division](#).

(e) Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member between the closing date of entries and the start of the regatta, the name of the new crew member with their valid World Sailing sailor ID and group number shall be submitted to the OA for approval.

- 4.3** Other One Design (OD) fleets wishing to sail in the Thermopylae Regatta may request that the Race Officer (RO) designate a specific OD division.
- Requests must be made to the RO before midnight on Monday, September 27, 2021.
 - A minimum of 5 OD boats of a particular kind must be registered before an application for that OD division can be made.
 - The RO is not required to accede to a request for OD Division(s). The RO's decision is final.

4.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/LBpNe1LVgR/class>

4.5 To be considered an entrant in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees including crantage, trailer storage, berthing and one dinner ticket for the Saturday evening dinner & dance are as follows:

Class	Early Entry Fee until 2400hrs on Sunday September 26 th , 2021	Standard Fee after 0000hrs on Monday September 27 th , 2021
PHRF	\$85	\$115
One-design other than Melges 24	\$85	\$115
Melges 24	\$150	\$180

5.2 Other fees:

Additional dinner tickets for the Saturday dinner may be purchased online or at check-in for \$30 each.

6 [NP][DP]ADVERTISING

6.1 Advertising will conform to World Sailing Regulation 20 and the class Rules.

6.1 Boats may be required to display sponsors' advertising for the duration of the event chosen and supplied by the OA.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Day 1 - Thursday, September 30th, 2021

Melges 24 Canadian Championship registration closes at 1800
Melges 24 check-in and crew weigh-in from 1800 to 2100
No host bar and food service available from 1200 to 2000

7.2 Day 2 - Friday October 1st, 2021

Melges 24 check-in and crew weigh-in from 0800 to 1000
Melges 24 competitors meeting at 1000
Melges 24 racing first warning at 1130
Thermopylae Regatta registration closes at 1800
Thermopylae Regatta Check-in and welcome from 1800 to 2100
No host bar and food service available from 1200 to 2100

- 7.3** Day 3 - Saturday, October 2nd, 2021
Thermopylae competitors meeting at 0900
All fleets racing first warning at 1030
Dinner and dance for all competitors from 1830 to midnight
- 7.4** Day 4 - Sunday October 3rd, 2021
All fleets racing first warning at 1030
No warning signal will be made after 1500
Awards ceremony, (location TBD) at 1630, or as soon thereafter as racing permits
- 7.5** The Race Committee will run as many races as possible each day with consideration given for the planned social events.
- 7.6** Planned social events are subject to change at the discretion of the OA with respect to local and provincial COVID restrictions.

8 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1** Each handicap (PHRF) fleet boat shall produce or verify the existence of a valid PHRF-BC rating at check-in.
- 8.2** Each one-design boat wishing to sail in a One Design fleet in the Thermopylae Regatta shall produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate at check-in.
- 8.3** Melges 24 boats shall produce a valid measurement certificate in the current owner's name at check-in.
- 8.4** Melges 24 crews will weigh-in at check-in.
- 8.5** Boats may be inspected at any time.

9 VENUE

- 9.1** The racing area is located in the vicinity of Cadboro Bay and Oak Bay. A chart of the racing area including fixed marks and exclusion zones will be included in the SI.
- 9.2** The event venue is the Royal Victoria Yacht Club located at 3475 Ripon Road, Victoria, BC.

10 COURSES

- 10.1** (a) The Melges 24 courses shall be of 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 RO.
- (b) Thermopylae Regatta courses for the various fleets will be chosen by the RO

to suit the fleets and conditions. Courses will be configured using a variety of fixed hard and movable inflatable marks.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, except when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

12 SCORING

- 12.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series, except for the Melges 24 class where a minimum of three races are required.
- 12.2** (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) 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.

13 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 13.1** [DP] Support person vessels for the Melges 24 fleet shall comply with Coach and Support Boat Regulations, available at <https://www.melges24.com/sites/default/files/2021-04/COACH%20AND%20SUPPORT%20BOATS%20Nov%202020.3.pdf>.

14 CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS

- 14.1** A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided that the race committee has approved her sail identification before the first race.

15 BERTHING

- 15.1** Visiting boats will be provided crane-in, moorage and crane-out at RVYC. Please notify RVYC Foreshore at 250.592.3433 or foreshore@ryvc.bc.ca at your earliest convenience. Boats may be required to be rafted together.

16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1** Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- 17.1** Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the event.

18 RISK STATEMENT

- 18.1** RRS 3 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.**

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).

Competitors, including without limiting the foregoing, the owner and operators of each vessel, agree to indemnify RVYC and regatta organizers for any claims by or on behalf of any competitor, participant, operator or crew members resulting from participation in the regatta.

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000 CAD per incident or the equivalent.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1** Prizes will be given as follows:

1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall in each Thermopylae Regatta division.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall in the Melges 24 fleet.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Corinthian division of the Melges 24 fleet.

1st place overall in the Melges 24 fleet will be awarded the Melges 24 Canadian Championship perpetual trophy. The perpetual trophy shall be held by the winning crew or owner until the next championship, but will remain the property of the CM24CA. It will be the responsibility of the holder to see that the trophy is cared for and in the hands of the organizing authority by the start of the next Championship.

The OA may award additional prizes.

21 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 21.1** For further information please contact:

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