



Notice of Race — Melges 24 Space Coast Cup

Inaugural Melges 24 Space Coast Cup

December 11–13, 2026 · Merritt Island and Port Canaveral, Florida

Organizing Authority: Melges Watersports Center, 2550 N. Banana River Drive, Merritt Island, FL 32952, in partnership with Port Canaveral Yacht Club and in cooperation with the U.S. Melges 24 Class Association.

The notation [DP] in a rule means the penalty for a breach may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation [NP] means a breach is not grounds for a protest by a boat (changes RRS 60.1(a)).

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing will apply.
- 1.3 The International Melges 24 Class Rules will apply.

2. Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be posted on the [official notice board](#) no later than 1800 EST on Thursday, December 10, 2026.

3. Communication

- 3.1 The online official notice board is the [Melges 24 Space Coast Cup event page on Clubspot](#).
- 3.2 Each yacht shall have a functioning VHF and Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge with active RaceSense Pass for use of Racesense.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency or for medically necessary reasons, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.4 [DP] a boat shall not have contact with a coach boat from the first warning signal until finishing the last race of the day.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Melges 24 class whose crew are each members of US Sailing or their own national authority.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration and paying the entry fee on the Clubspot event page no later than November 1, 2026 to avoid late fee.

4.3 The owner or charterer of each boat shall be a member in good standing of a national Melges 24 class association. Each crew member shall be a current member of US Sailing or of their own national authority.

4.4 Every competitor shall sign the event liability waiver before racing.

4.5 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organizing authority.

4.6 [NP][DP] Each yacht will set up a charge account for purchasing drinks at the PCYC bar.

5. Fees

Fee	Amount (USD)	Deadline
Entry fee	\$595.00	November 1, 2026
Late entry fee	\$200.00 (\$795 total)	After November 1.
Crane launch and haul-out	included	—

The entry fee includes Launch/Haul, dockage at PCYC, Friday Welcome Party, Saturday Dinner for entire Crew, Awards, Racing Saturday and Sunday].

6. Crew Limitations and Advertising

6.1 Crew number shall comply with the International Melges 24 Class Rules.

6.2 [DP] [NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7. Schedule

Date	Time (EST)	Event
Thurs, Dec 10	1400-1700	Crane launching at Port Canaveral Yacht Club- must set appointment.
Fri, Dec 11	0800-1200 1330-1700 1800	Rigging and launching Practice Races Competitors briefing and welcome party @PCYC

Date	Time (EST)	Event
Sat, Dec 12	1100	First warning signal; races to follow
	1800	Space Coast Dinner @ PCYC
Sun, Dec 13	1030	First warning signal; races to follow
	1330	No warning after this time
	Immediately after sailing	Haul out and awards

7.1 7 races are scheduled, with no more than 4 races per day.

7.2 On Sunday, December 13, no warning signal will be made after 1330.

8. Equipment Inspection and Measurement

8.1 Boats and equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

9. Venue and Courses

9.1 Event headquarters and social activities will be at Port Canaveral Yacht Club.

9.2 Boats will launch and haul out using the crane facilities at Port Canaveral Yacht Club, with direct access to the ocean. Boats will be docked at PCYC. All boats shall bring proper dock lines and fenders as rafting will be required. Crane times are shown in NOR 7 - Schedule. Please contact Allan Terhune at contact below with any questions. A public ramp is also available next door to PCYC.

9.3 Racing will take place in the Atlantic Ocean off Port Canaveral. The racing area will be described in the sailing instructions.

9.4 Courses will be windward–leeward.

10. Penalty System and Scoring

10.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10.2 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.3 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11. Support Boats, Charter Boats.

11.1 [DP] Support persons and support boats shall register with the organizing authority and comply with the support boat regulations in the sailing instructions. Except as directed by the race committee, support boats shall not tow competitor boats to or from the racing area.

11.2 [DP] A chartered or loaned boat may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of her class rules, provided the race committee approved the sail identification before the first race.

12. Prizes, Risk Statement, Insurance and Further Information

12.1 **Prizes** will be awarded to the top 3 boats overall. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of organizing authority

12.2 **Risk statement.** 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, including strong winds, rough seas, sudden weather changes, equipment failure, boat-handling errors, and physical injury. Competitors take part entirely at their own risk.

12.3 **Insurance.** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

12.4 **Further information.** Contact Allan Terhune @ 732 644 1051. Allan@melges.com