

International Melges 24 Class Finnish National Championship

**17 - 19.6.2016
Helsinki, Finland**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

This event will be organized by FSRO r.y. in co-operation with the Finnish Melges 24 Class Association

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 apply 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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the mobile notice board located on "WhatsApp" to which all registered helmsmen have been invited.
- 3.2 Any questions concerning these sailing instructions, scoring, or any other racing issues shall be submitted in writing to the Race Office. Forms to submit inquiries are available there. All written inquiries and responses will be posted on the official notice board.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the short flagpole located on pontoon in lagoon area.
- 5.2 When ICF flag AP is displayed ashore, it means: "All races not started are postponed. Don't leave the harbour prior further information." Also '1 minute' is

replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the Race Signal AP. This changes rule Race Signals.

- 5.3 Flag B hoisted with one sound signal means "Protest time has begun. When lowered it means "Protest time has ended".

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Registration and measurements:

Friday the 17th of June 12:00 – 14:00

- 6.2 The scheduled racing times:

Friday the 17th of June First warning signal 15:55

Saturday the 18th of June First warning signal 10:55

Sunday the 19th of June First warning signal 09:55

- 6.3 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15.00.

- 6.4 The total of 9 races will be scheduled

7 RACING AREAS

Appendix A shows the location of racing areas.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration with fleet racing. Spreader marks shall be used.

- 8.2. The diagram in Appendix B shows the course, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

- 8.3. The number of sailed rounds shall be shown with the numeral pennant for each race. Numeral pennant shall be shown no later than at the time of the preparatory signal

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 2 and 3 will be orange inflatable buoys

- 9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be orange buoys.

- 9.3 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 11.1. Hindrance by such a boat or her failure to be on station or to display her signal shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: no obstructions.

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the committee vessel and a orange inflatable buoy at the pin end of the line.

- 11.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed while boats are finishing. Orange flag will be lowered 1 minute before Warning Signal

- 11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 11.5 Class flag is F

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or remove the original mark) as soon as practicable.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between the orange flag on the committee boat and a orange inflatable buoy on left hand side of the RC boat

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under rule 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.
- 14.3 Appendix P will apply.
- 14.4 Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.

15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2 All boats not finishing within 20 minutes of the finish time of the first boat to finish a race shall be scored "DNF" (Did Not Finish). This changes RRS 35, A 4.1 and A 4.2.
- 15.3 The target time of a race will be 75 minutes

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 The boat protesting shall inform the RC boat about protest immediately after finishing the race.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the time limit.
- 16.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after code flag "B" – SI 4.3. This will be hoisted as soon as practical as the boats return to harbour. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room at HSK club house beginning at the time posted. All protest parties shall be transported from Hernesaarenranta to HSK and back with motorboat.
- 16.5 Notices of protests by the RC or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 16.6 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

- 16.7 Breaches of instructions 19, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.
- 16.8 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.
- 16.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.10 Action or lack of action by the protest committee under SI 15 shall not be grounds for redress. The jury boats may be positioned anywhere on the course area. Their position at any time shall not be grounds for redress.

17 SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system of rule Appendix A, as changed below shall apply.
- 17.2 Five (5) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When 5 or less races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4 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.
- 17.5 The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under SI 15.7 will be "DPI". This changes rule A11.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Protest Committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall comply with Appendix C.

22 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of written permission of the race committee.

23 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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 regatta.

24 RADIO COMMUNICATION

25.1 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.

25.2 The RC may use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet, including the location of the starting area, countdown to the start, OCS, sail numbers, General Recalls and Postponements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

25.3. If VHF used the VHF channel 77 will be used to communicate with competitors

25 PRIZES

Prize giving ceremony will be held on Sunday the 19th June. The exact time and place will be announced at official notice board. Top three boats will awarded.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.

27 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.

28 MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors grant the Organising Authority and IMCA, the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press

and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

29 TRASH DISPOSAL

RRS 55 applies. The penalty is in the discretion of Protest Committee and may be less than disqualification.

30 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the harbour area of Hernesaarenranta.

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APPENDIX A Race area

APPENDIX B Courses

APPENDIX C Coaches