

THE MKB BANK MELGES 24 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

2nd – 9th May, 2014
MKB Bank Sailing Club
Balatonfüred, Anna sétány 1-3., Hungary

NOTICE OF RACE

(15 January 2014)

The Melges 24 European Championship will be organised by the MKB Bank Sailing Club, in co-operation with Hungarian Melges 24 Class Association and the International 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.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 The following rules will be changed:
 - 1.6.1 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices. This changes RRS 40.
 - 1.6.2 The RC will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet. Failure to make this broadcasts or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
 - 1.6.3 Appendix P will apply, and will be changed as described in NOR 12.2. change for correct one.
- 1.7 The sailing instructions will, with respect to rule 86, change rule 64 so that the international jury may impose suitable penalties (DPI), other than disqualification (DSQ), for a breach of a rule. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules in accordance with rule 80.
- 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. These items will be supplied free of charge by the Organising Authority (OA) at registration.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta 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 Competitors shall comply with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) eligibility code (ISAF Regulation 19) which requires that all competitors (helmsmen and all other crew) shall be members of their Member National Authority or one of its affiliated organizations. The Yacht Club or organization name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form. Proof of membership shall be presented at registration.
- 3.3 Sailors must be registered with ISAF and be able to declare their Sailor ID on the entry form.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online and sending it, together with the required fee.
- 3.5 No entries/payments will be accepted after 2nd April, 2014, unless approved by the OA.
- 3.6 The Organising Authority will acknowledge complete entries upon receipt via email and post on the official event website at www.melges24europeans14.com.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply to teams in the Corinthian Trophy (see rule 79). Please refer to ISAF's 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 3.5 above.
- 4.4 Sailors must be registered with ISAF prior to the date identified in 3.5 and be able to declare their User ID number on the entry form.
- 4.5 Late entries cannot be considered for this trophy.
- 4.6 Classification will be checked at registration. A final list will be published at the close of registration.
- 4.7 Protest regarding ISAF classification must be submitted by the end of the protest time limit on the first day of racing for the championship.
- 4.8 Full details for the Corinthian Trophy can be found in IMCA Championship rules.
- 4.9 A representative of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission may be present during registration and may carry out spot checks.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee will be as follows:

Date Payment made	Fee	
Before February 1 st	750 EUROS	Standard entry fee
01 Feb – 28 Feb	975 EUROS	30% late surcharge
01 March – 02 April	1125 EUROS	50% late surcharge
After 02 April	See OA	PER NOR 3.5

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 (Opening Ceremony, Gala Dinner, Closing Ceremony, and after race social events) for all competing crew. Additional social event tickets may be purchased before and during registration, please contact the OA before or during registration.

- 5.2 Entry fees should be paid by bank transfer to the following account:

Account holder: MKB Bank Vitorlás Klub
 Address of account holder: 1056 Budapest, Váci utca 38. Hungary
 Account number: IBAN: HU20 10300002 – 20330880 – 48820019
 SWIFT: MKKB HUHB
 Name of Bank: MKB Bank Zrt.
 Address of Bank: 1056 Budapest, Váci utca 38. Hungary
 Note: Melges 24 EC – sail number

- 5.3 Entries will not be valid until payment is received and confirmed by the OA.

6. REGATTA FORMAT

- 6.1 There will be only one fleet racing if there are less than 100 boats registered.
- 6.2 The OA reserves the right to split the fleet if more than 100 boats are registered.
- 6.2.1 If the OA splits the fleet, the fleet will be divided into 4 equal groups to sail the qualification series. After the qualification series the RC will divide the fleet into GOLD/SILVER. Additional format instructions will be issued if the OA selects this option.
- 6.3 All boats will sail on the same race circle.
- 6.4 If there is a single fleet a maximum of 10 races will be scheduled.
- 6.5 If there is a split fleet a maximum of 12 will be scheduled.
- 6.6 The RC may run as many as three (3) races each day.
- 6.7 The OA will announce single or split fleet format following the close of entry on 02 April 2014.



7. SCHEDULE

7.1

Day	Date	Event	Time
Friday	2 nd May	Measurement and Equipment Inspection Check-in, Registration and Crew weigh-in	1400-1800 1100-1300 ; 1400- 1800
Saturday	3 rd May	Measurement and Equipment Inspection Check-in, Registration and Crew weigh-in	0900-1800 1100-1300 ; 1400- 1800
Sunday	4 th May	Measurement and Equipment Inspection Registration and Measurement and Crew weigh-in Warning signal for the Practice Racing Opening Ceremony/ Competitors Meeting All boats afloat	0900-1700 1000-1300 ; 1400- 1700 1300 1800 1800
Monday	5 th May	Competitors Briefing Warning signal for the first race Daily Awards	0900 1100 15 minutes after drop of "B"
Tuesday	6 th May	Competitors Briefing Warning signal for the first race of the day Daily Awards	0900 1100 15 minutes after drop of "B"
Wednesday	7 th May	Competitors Briefing Warning signal for the first race of the day Daily Awards GALA Dinner at MKB regatta center	0900 1100 15 minutes after drop of "B" 1800
Thursday	8 th May	Competitors Briefing Warning signal for the first race of the day Daily Awards	0900 1100 15 minutes after drop of "B"
Friday	9 th May	Competitors Briefing Warning signal for the first race of the day No warning signal after Awards Ceremony	0800 1000 1400 1700 (target time)
Saturday	10 th May	Departure of teams	

7.2 The OA and/or the RC reserve the right to modify the programme due to weather conditions or other causes.

8. MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate before the close registration, 1700 on 03 May 2014. Documents may be submitted before registration to IMCA Administrator Piret Salmistu via email at Piret@melges24.com.
- 8.2 The Organisers 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 during registration.
- 9.2 They will be posted on the event web site www.melges24europeans14.com when available.

10. VENUE

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



11. THE COURSES

- 11.1 The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward.
 11.2 Spreader/offset marks and leeward gates will 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, except that if the penalty is given by the jury it shall be a Two-Turn Penalty. This changes rule 44.1.
 12.2 Rule 'Appendix P' (Special Procedures for Rule 42) shall apply. Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. This changes RRS appendix P.
 12.3 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute the championship.
 13.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 13.3 When six (6) 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 marked as decided by the OA and described in the Sailing Instructions.
 14.2 Lake Balaton is under natural preservation and the use of powerboats is strictly regulated by Hungarian law. To obtain temporary permits, support boats shall register at the Organizing Authority (contact in NoR 24.) on or before 15th February 2014 where all details will be communicated included the exact fee that applies to the permit. A limited number of support boats are available to be chartered. For further information, please contact the Organizing Authority.
 14.3 The IMCA Coach and Support boat appendix as modified by the NOR shall be in operation and is attached to this NoR. (see Attachment C)

15. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 15.1 There will be two locations for cranage. Each team shall notify the OA about their planned arrival to the venue in order to set up a cranage schedule. OA will confirm the cranage times and cranage location to each team.
 15.2 Cranage will be available at the following times:

Day	Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday	1 st May	Cranage	1300 – 1800	MKB Crane
Friday	2 nd May	Cranage	1000 – 1900	MKB Crane
Saturday	3 rd May	Cranage	1000 – 1900 1000 – 1900	MKB Crane Alternative Crane
Sunday	4 th May	Cranage	1000 – 1800 1000 – 1800	MKB Crane Alternative Crane

*Cranage outside these hours will be subject to additional charge.

- 15.3 All boats shall be afloat by 1800 hours on Sunday, 4th May.
 15.4 Boats shall be kept on the assigned pontoons in the harbour. Fenders and mooring lines will be required.
 15.5 Bow numbers will establish the priority or order of berthing assignments, haul out order, and other items at the discretion of the OA.
 15.6 Boats shall use their motors to exit and enter the marina area. Sailing in the marina is not allowed.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 16.1 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

- 17.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race of the Championship series and the end of the regatta. Snorkels may be used in accordance with Class Rules.

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 a designated VHF Channel, which will be communicated by the RC in the sailing instructions.

19. PRIZES

19.1 The prizes will be given as follows:

INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 CLASS ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE SCHEDULE

Single Fleet	Open Division	Corinthian Division
Daily Prizes	Winner of each individual race	Winner of each individual race
Overall Prizes	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member of top (8) eight boats	Prizes for winning helmsman and each crew member of top six (6) boats

19.2 If the fleet is split the prizes will be modified accordingly.

19.3 Additional Prizes may be given at the discretion of the OA.

19.4 The overall championship will be the winner of the open division and awarded the MKB Bank Melges 24 European Championship Trophy.

19.5 The winner of the Corinthian Division will be awarded the MKB Bank Melges 24 European Corinthian Trophy.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 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. Liability waivers shall be signed by all competitors during registration/check-in.

21. INSURANCE

21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1.5 million per event or the equivalent.

22. TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

22.1 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. Media rights waivers shall be signed by all competitors during registration/check-in.

23. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

23.1 The Organising Authority may change the Notice of Race; see rule 89.2(a). Any such changes will be posted on the regatta web site, www.melges24europeans14.com.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION and KEY CONTACTS

24.1 For further information about the European Championship 2014 please contact:

- Event Web Site www.melges24europeans14.com
- REGATTA COORDINATOR
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24.2 Social calendar together with tourist information, accommodation contacts and other details will be posted on the website when available. Event Web Site www.melges24europeans14.com

NOTICE OF RACE ATTACHMENT A – Venue – Harbour and Clubhouse

NOTICE OF RACE ATTACHMENT B – Racing Area

NOTICE OF RACE ATTACHMENT C – Coach, support, press & spectator boats



ATTACHMENT A

Venue – Harbour and Clubhouse



ATTACHMENT B

Racing Area



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. 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. Closed VHF 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.
12. Coach and Support boats shall not tow competitors after racing back to the harbour, unless the RC displays flag G with a sound, indicating that for reasons of safety towing is permitted.

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 organisers may appoint one or more photo boats, which will be allowed within the race course. 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.
5. Press and Spectator boats shall not tow competitors after racing back to the harbour, unless the RC displays flag G with a sound, indicating that for reasons of safety towing is permitted.

