



# Seattle Yacht Club

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## The CSR Marine 2012 Melges 24 US National Championship

June 14-17, 2012

### Sailing Instructions

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The prescriptions of US Sailing to the following rules apply: RRS 34, 40, 48, 55, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 63.4, 64.3(b), 68, 70.5(a), 76.1, 76.3, 82, 86.3, 88.2, Appendix F, and G2. The text of these prescriptions is available from the US Sailing web site at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org).
- 1.3 Other changes to the rules may be noted elsewhere in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. If the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are in conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall have precedence.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board.
- 2.2 The official notice board will be located near the east entrance of the Corinthian Yacht Club clubhouse and, before and after the dates of the event, on the Seattle Yacht Club web site at [www.seattleyachtclub.org](http://www.seattleyachtclub.org) under the Sailing / Regattas tab.
- 2.3 The race committee may provide unofficial communication at any time by hail or over VHF 72. Any communication not defined by the rules is unofficial communication. A request for redress may not be based on any aspect of unofficial communication, including content, timeliness, existence, or failure to hear. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions posted on the official notice board will be posted by 0900 the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect.

#### 4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The schedule is as follows:

##### Thursday (June 14)

0900 – 1200	Check in
1300	Practice races first warning
1600 – 2000	Check in

##### Friday

0800 – 0900	Late check in
0900 – 0915	Competitor's briefing
1100	First warning signal
After racing	Fleet BBQ at Corinthian YC of Seattle

##### Saturday

1100	First warning signal
After racing	Dinner party at Seattle Yacht Club

##### Sunday

1100	First warning signal
1630	No warning signal after this time
After racing	Awards presentation at regatta site

- 4.2 A maximum of twelve races are scheduled for the regatta, with a target of three or four and a maximum of five races each day, except a maximum of three races on Sunday. The target duration for the first boat in each race is approximately 60 ± 15 minutes.

#### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the race committee signal boat while moored at Shilshole Marina within sight of dock X.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the removal of AP unless at that time the race is postponed again or abandoned. This changes RRS Race Signals AP.

#### 6 RACING AREA AND RACE COMMITTEE SIGNAL BOAT

- 6.1 The racing area is Puget Sound in the vicinity of Shilshole Bay and the area north of Meadow Point.
- 6.2 The race committee signal boat will be the Seattle Yacht Club M/V *Portage Bay*. If necessary, an alternate race committee signal boat may be used. The race committee signal boat will display the Seattle Yacht Club burgee and a blue "R/C" flag or sign.

#### 7 CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class to race is the International Melges 24 Class.
- 7.2 The class flag will be a Melges 24 class flag.



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## **8 COURSES AND MARKS**

- 8.1 The race committee signal boat will display a number placard to signal the course. Course descriptions are in Attachment A: Course Descriptions.
- 8.2 Under the course number, the race committee may display the approximate distance in nautical miles (middle row) and bearing magnetic (bottom row) from the race committee signal boat to the anticipated location of the windward mark.
- 8.3 All marks other than the race committee signal boat will be inflatable buoys. The starting mark buoy will be orange. The windward rounding mark will be yellow. The leeward rounding gate marks will be yellow. The finishing mark buoy will be red.
- 8.4 The windward rounding mark shall be left to port.
- 8.5 The leeward rounding mark will be a gate mark. If one of the gate marks is missing, the course at that mark is to round the remaining mark to port.
- 8.6 If a mark has been substituted by an object displaying flag M, the attachment of a buoy, including the original mark, to the object will not be considered temporary or accidental for its purpose of identification or protection, and the buoy will be considered part of the mark.
- 8.7 If a starting or finishing mark is substituted by an object displaying flag M, repetitive sound signals are not required. This changes RRS 34.

## **9 THE START**

- 9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark buoy.
- 9.2 If a boat is subject to RRS 29.1, Individual Recall, or RRS 30, Starting Penalties, the race committee may attempt to hail her sail number directly and/or on VHF 72. This is unofficial communication as in Sailing Instructions 2.3.
- 9.3 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.2 and A5.
- 9.4 The race committee signal boat may maneuver to maintain the starting line at any time, including while anchored.

## **10 THE FINISH**

- 10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark buoy.
- 10.2 The race committee may adjust the finishing marks to maintain the finishing line at any time without regard to RRS 33.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 11.1 RRS Appendix P will apply. In RRS P2.1, the word "first" is deleted. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 are deleted.

- 11.2 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.3 A boat may not protest another boat for Sailing Instructions 15.1, 15.2, 15.3, or 15.7. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

## **12 TIME LIMIT**

- 12.1 The time limit is the maximum allowable time from a boat's starting signal to her finish time.
- 12.2 The time limit is 90 minutes for the first boat and 30 minutes after the first boat for other boats.
- 12.3 A boat that does not finish within her time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35.

## **13 PROTESTS**

- 13.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress for an incident that occurred while racing must orally notify the race committee signal boat as soon as reasonably possible after retiring or finishing by hail or VHF 72 until she receives an oral confirmation from the race committee. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 13.2 Written protests and requests for redress must be delivered within the protest time limit to a representative of the protest committee near the official notice board.
- 13.3 The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board after racing each day. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the end of the last race each day or 10 minutes after the posting of the time limit, whichever is later.
- 13.4 Hearing notices will be posted on the official notice board within 5 minutes after the protest time limit to inform parties of the time and place of the hearing. Hearings may commence at any time if parties are present and prepared; otherwise, hearings may be scheduled as early as 10 minutes after the protest time limit. The posting of hearing notices shall be considered notice as required by RRS 63.2.

## **14 SCORING**

- 14.1 Three races will constitute a series.
- 14.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, except that a boat's worst score will be excluded if six or more races are completed in the series. This changes RRS A2.

## **15 EQUIPMENT AND OPERATING REQUIREMENTS**

- 15.1 Boats must check in with the race committee signal boat at the starting area each day before their first warning signal. Boats should check in by hail unless safety requires checking in by VHF 72.
- 15.2 A boat that retires while racing must orally notify the race committee as soon as possible after retiring by hail or VHF 72.



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- 15.3 Boats must display bow numbers and advertising bow stickers provided at check-in according to display regulations provided at check-in.
- 15.4 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.
- 15.5 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.
- 15.6 Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the warning signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.
- 15.7 Boats are responsible for their support boats (including coach and spectator boats). Boats must register their support boats at check in. Support boats may not do the following with boats that are racing: communicate, be within 100 meters, or materially impact with a wake. Unless granted permission by the race committee, support boats may not do the following with a boat after the boat leaves the dock until she finishes the last race of the day: tow the boat, transfer items to or from the boat. Support boats may be required to carry an identification flag provided by the organizing authority and be prepared to communicate with the race committee with VHF radio.

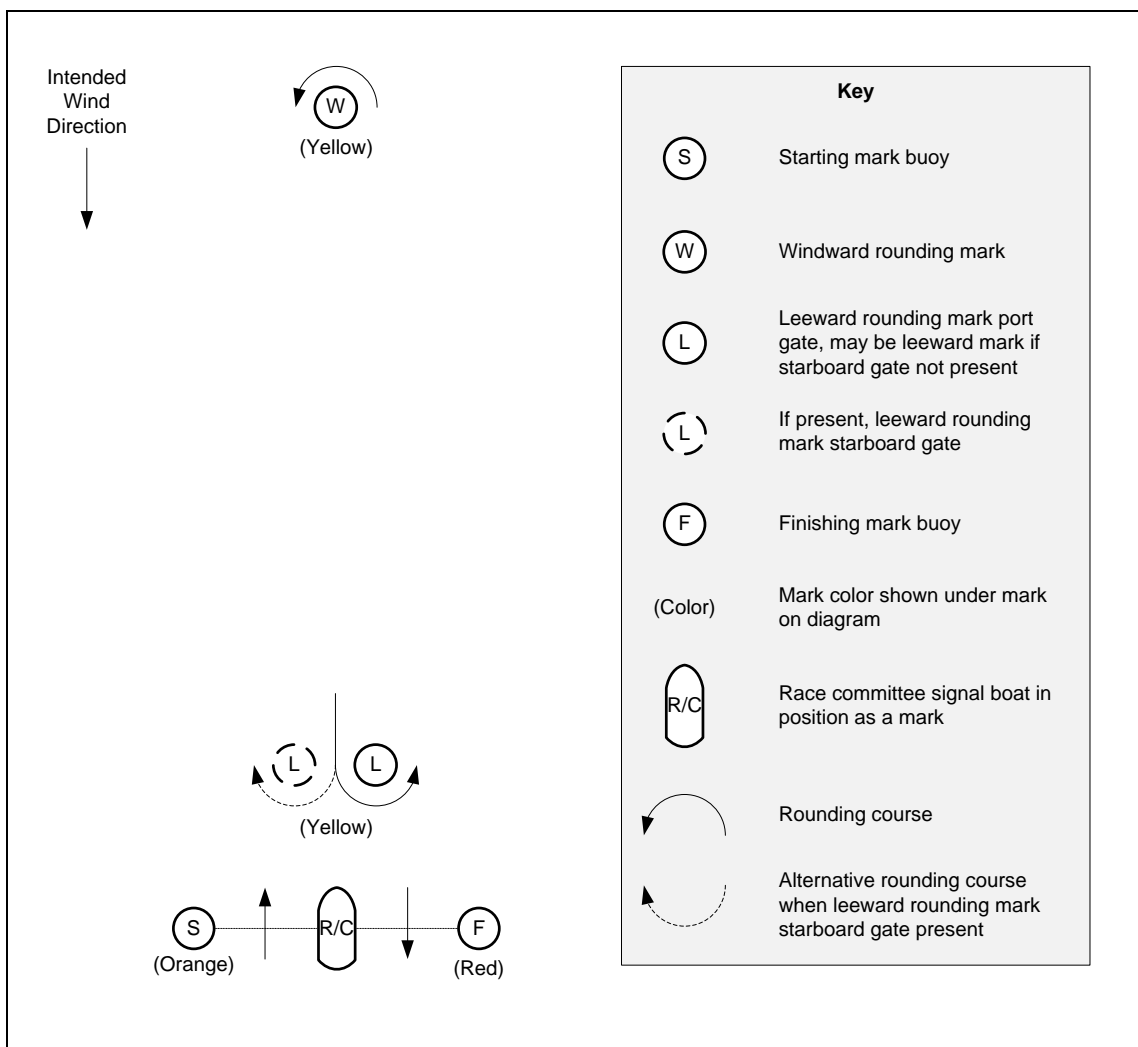


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## ATTACHMENT A: COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The course diagram below shows the general orientation of the race committee signal boat ("R/C"), other marks (identified by the letters S, W, L, and F), and the intended wind direction. Positions are approximate and the diagram is not to scale. The course signal displayed by the race committee signal boat will identify the marks and their required sequence according to the table below. The first letter in the mark sequence is the starting mark buoy, the last letter is the finishing mark buoy, and the letters between are rounding marks. The required side for each mark is as shown in the diagram.



### Course Signal

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### Mark Sequence

S-W-F

S-W-L-W-F