

**2006 MELGES 24 US NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
NOVEMBER 15 - 18, 2006
THE FLORIDA YACHT CLUB
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES: The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the current rules of the United States Melges 24 Class Association (USMCA). The same crews and sails must be used through out the entire regatta. There can be substitutions only with the approval of the protest committee.

2. ELIGIBILITY: The Regatta is open to all Melges 24's as defined by the rules of the USMCA. Competitors must meet all ownership, class membership and boat measurement requirements and must have paid all the event fees before beginning official competition. All crews must be weighed before beginning official competition and must meet USMCA rules.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Nine races are scheduled with three races on each championship race day, conditions permitting.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2006

Registration/Check in (Fleet Center)	1300 - 1800
Weigh in (2 nd floor clubhouse)	1300 - 1800
Practice race course available	1500 -1800
Pre race party and Oyster Roast (Fleet Center)	1830

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2006

Buffet Breakfast (Grand Ball Room, 2 nd Floor, Clubhouse)	0800
Competitor's Meeting (Grand Ball Room)	0900
Warning signal race #1	1100
(Successive races to follow ASAP)	
After race party	1830

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2006

Warning signal first race of the day	1030
(Successive races to follow ASAP)	
After race party	1830

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2006

Warning signal first race of the day	1030
(Successive races to follow ASAP)	
Awards banquet(Grand Ball Room)	1830-2300

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2006

Haul boats, de-rigging, travel day

4. FEES:

Regatta Entry(received by Nov 16, 2005)	\$ 350.00
Regatta Entry(received after Nov. 16, 2005)	\$ 385.00
Additional Wristbands (4 included w/registration)	\$ 50.00

The entry fee includes participation in the regatta and in all social events

You may register by printing the entry form which is available on the FYC web site and mailing the completed entry form and entry fee to Skip Miller, Waterfront Director, Florida Yacht Club, 5210 Yacht Club Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32210. Make checks payable to The Florida Yacht Club. Alternatively, you may forward the completed entry form without payment and make your payment by credit card at the registration /check in desk.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS and COURSES: The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration/Check in on Wednesday November 15th. The course will be windward leeward with an offset mark to weather and a leeward gate as further described in the sailing instructions.

6. INSPECTION AND MEASUREMENT: At registration all participants will be required to present a current measurement certificate, certified by their respective class representative, and must present a valid insurance policy for boat damage and 3rd party liability coverage. All crews shall weigh in prior to competing in the first race of the regatta. Boats may be measured only by prior appointment. All sails must be presented and those without a valid measurement stamp may be measured. In addition boats may be measured and or inspected at any time during the regatta at the discretion of the Race Committee.

7. LAUNCH, MOORING & HAUL OUT: Boats may be launched before and hauled out after the regatta using FYC's hoist or launching ramp. The fleet will be moored at FYC either in the main harbor or in Pirates Cove. All participating boats shall be afloat by the start of the first race on Thursday November 16th and shall not be hauled out before the completion of the regatta without prior written permission of the Protest Committee. Rudders shall remain affixed. Careening and dive cleaning (using underwater breathing apparatus) will not be permitted after the launching deadline during the regatta.

8. COMMUNICATIONS: It is the intent of the Race Committee to use marine VHF radio channel 74 to communicate with the fleet when outside the FYC harbor.

9. SCORING: The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will be used except that each yacht's series score will be the total of all her scores. This modifies A2. The scoring penalty as provided by rule 44.3 of the RRS will apply. The championship will be valid if three (3) or more races are completed.

10. PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers. Daily awards will be presented.

11. LODGING: There are several national motels within ten to fifteen minutes south of the club in Orange Park near the I-295 and US #17 intersection. The Race Committee has reserved a block of rooms at The Holiday Inn in Orange Park (904-264-9513) for \$67.00 per room per night. Please indicate that you are participating in the regatta when making your reservations at this hotel. Other hotels include: the Comfort Inn Orange Park (904-644-4444), Best Western Hotel (904-264-4466), Quality Inn (800-533-1211), Days Inn (800-325-2525) and Fairfield Inn (904-278-7442).

12. GUEST CARDS: Charging privileges for use in the club's dining room and bar will be granted to those individuals who have obtained a Guest Card. Guest cards will be available at registration and will be valid for the duration of the regatta. To obtain a guest card please provide a major credit card during registration. Regatta entry fees may be paid by credit card as well.

13. TEMPORARY DRY STORAGE: Limited dry storage is available up to three weeks prior to the regatta at a member's home with out charge. All boats must be removed from the club property following the regatta. However, dry storage after the event will be available at Public Storage on Roosevelt Boulevard, which is about five minutes from the club. Call (904) 772-6110 for rates and availability. For storage prior to the regatta please contact Pat Lambert whose e-mail address is below

14. DIRECTIONS: Southbound on I-95, exit I-10 westbound and get in the far left lane. Exit U.S. #17 (Roosevelt Blvd.), southbound go approximately 5.3 miles and turn left onto Yacht Club Road, go to the end. **Northbound** on I-95, exit south of Jacksonville on I-295 North. After crossing the St. John's River, exit U.S.#17 (Roosevelt Blvd) northbound and proceed approximately 4.5 miles. Turn right on Yacht Club Road, go to the end. **Eastbound** on I-10, exit at McDuff Ave., and proceed about six blocks to U.S. #17 South. Proceed southward on #17 to Yacht Club Road, turn left, go to the end. See attached Yahoo maps.

15. BOW NUMBERS: Bow numbers will be provided by the FYC and are required to be in place during the regatta.

16. THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION ON RACE DAY. All competitors must register in advance or as provided on Wednesday, November 15, 2006.

17. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS: Competitors are prohibited from discharging any refuse overboard including but not limited to cans, bottles, paper and plastic, The penalty for breaking this rule will be disqualification from the regatta. This modifies rule 63.1. Such disqualification will be posted.

18.FURTHER INFORMATION: Call The Florida Yacht Club at (904) 387-1653, Fax (904) 389-9993, or B) Pat Lambert, Regatta Chairman (904) 237-9369 or e-mail:patrick@diller-brown.com, C) Ryan Hamm, USMCA Southeast District Governor e-mail ryanhamm@sadlerandhamm.com, or D) Rick Preston, PRO, (904) 489-3111 or e-mail at rick.preston@wachovia.com

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