



Little Traverse Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE
Melges 24 Pre-Worlds
Harbor Springs, Michigan — August 29–30, 2026

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Little Travers Yacht Club in conjunction with the US Melges 24 Class Association.

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: The prescription to the preamble of Part 5, prescriptions to RRS 65.1 and 76.1, and Appendix V2. These prescriptions are attached as NoR Addendum A.

1.3 Class rules: The Melges 24 Class Rules apply except as modified by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

1.4 The Melges 24 Support Vessel requirements will **NOT** be enforced for this event.

1.5 Racing with robotic (uncrewed) marks is authorized; these marks shall be considered official marks and shall be used in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

1.6 Rule P2.1 is changed so that 'Two-Turns Penalty' is replaced with 'One-Turn Penalty.'

1.7 The OA will include the Vakaros Atlas 2 RaceSense as required equipment for this event. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided by the OA for a fee. A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device will be posted on the ONB

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2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

13 **3.1** The Event is open to all boats of the Melges 24 class that meet the
14 requirements of the CR and, when relevant, their Member National Authority
15 (MNA)

16 **3.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing online entry and paying the required
17 fee by the entry deadline. Entry may be limited at the OA's discretion.

18 **3.3** Competitors will be required to present valid ID and a credit card to establish
19 temporary membership and privileges at LTYC. This is also required of the World
20 Championship, and membership will carry through World Championship. This is
21 done in order to comply with state liquor laws and club liabilities.

15 **4 FEES**

16 The event entry fee is \$250 (USD) per boat. Entry fee includes participation,
17 regatta program, and on-shore social activities as described in registration
18 materials.

19 **5 SCHEDULE**

20 **5.1** Schedule of events:

21 **Friday, August 28**

22 0900-1200 Registration / Check-in / Vakaros compliance

23 1200 Competitors 'briefing

24 13:30 Official practice racing- expect on-water/verbal instructions.

25 **Saturday, August 29**

26 0900-1100 Registration / Check-in / Late Vakaros compliance

27 1130 Competitors 'briefing

28 1230 First warning signal (multiple races scheduled)

29 Apres sailing; expect weather and schedule briefing for Sunday. LTYC cash
bar/food available

30 **Sunday, August 30**

31 1030 Competitors 'briefing

32 1130 First warning signal (multiple races scheduled)

33 No warning signal after 1500

34 Awards presentation at LTYC following racing

35 **5.2** Number of races: Up to 5 races are scheduled, with a maximum of 3 races
36 per day.

37 **6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

38 Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at registration and may be posted
39 online prior to the event.

40 **7 VENUE AND RACING AREA**

41 Racing will take place on Little Traverse Bay, Harbor Springs, Michigan. The
42 approximate racing area and course types will be as described in the 2026 NoR
43 for the World Championship.

44 **8 SCORING**

8.1 The low point scoring system, RRS A, will apply.

8.2 A boat's score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS Appendix A 2.1

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply as changed by the SIs.

10 SUPPORT VESSELS

Support vessels shall register with the OA and comply with any requirements in the SIs. Note: Melges 24 Support Vessel rules will NOT be enforced for this event.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATION & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

11.1 Boats shall carry a working VHF radio capable of receiving transmissions on designated race frequencies.

11.2 Except when communicating with the Race Committee, Coast Guard, or in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions not available to all competitors.

11.3 Vakaros race sense starting system will be used. Competitors are required to provide and carry/use a fully charged unit with up-to-date software and a calibrated compass mounted to the back of the mast between the boom and deck.

12 ROBOTIC (UNCREWED) MARKS

Robotic (uncrewed) marks will be used and shall be treated as official marks as specified in the SIs. Boats shall not interfere with robotic marks and shall follow any special procedures in the SIs regarding them.

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to top finishers as detailed in the SIs.

14 LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage, illness, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. All competitors shall sign liability waivers during registration.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000.00 per Event or the equivalent.

16 MEDIA RIGHTS

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 advertising, or sponsor purposes. All competitors and coaches shall sign media rights waivers during registration/check-in

17 BERTHING

Competitors will be required to organize their own berthing as well as launching and hauling arrangements. Berthing and launch/haul information will be included on the Yacht Scoring website as a separate document.

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FURTHER INFORMATION / CONTACT

For entry, registration, and event information contact:

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Class Contact: US Melges 24 Class Association <https://www.melges24.com>

CHANGES TO THIS NOTICE

This Notice of Race may be amended. Amendments will be posted on the event website and/or distributed to entrants.

NoR Addendum A – US Sailing Prescriptions

Add to the preamble to Part 5:

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Add to rule 65.1: US Sailing prescribes that

- (a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for monetary damages.
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for monetary damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for monetary damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

Add to rule 76.1:

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age. However, an organizing authority or race committee may exclude a competitor who is a citizen of, or holds a World Sailing ID as an MNA member of, a country listed on the US Sailing website under 'Exclusion' at ussailing.org/rules.

V2 POST-RACE PENALTIES

When rule V2 applies it does not replace any penalty that may be taken under rule 44.1. The availability of the penalty provided in rule V2 does not eliminate the need for a boat to promptly take an appropriate penalty or action in accordance with the Basic Principle, Sportsmanship and the Rules.

- (a) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
- (c) A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the race office a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.