



October 9-11, 2026

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Davis Island Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule.
The notation '[DP]' in a rule means the Protest Jury may award a penalty other than disqualification.*

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. [NP] [DP] Parking on DIYC property is limited to members and those displaying a parking permit signed by the DIYC Club Manager. Registrants with a full season dry slip are allowed parking for one vehicle in the dry slip assigned to their boat. All other vehicles must be parked outside of the gate at the boundary of DIYC property. On Sundays, ALL non-member vehicles must be parked outside the boundary of DIYC property. The Organizing Authority retains the right to limit any individual or team's access to the club at its sole discretion.
- 1.3. [DP] [NP] Limited Coaching will be allowed between races.
- 1.4. This event counts toward the 2026 USM24CA Southeast Racing Series Standings and the rules governing the scoring of the series shall apply.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions (SI) will be available online 24 hours before the opening of on-site check-In.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located online at the event's Yacht Scoring on this link:
https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary/50962
- 3.2. An unofficial Notice Board may also be located on DIYC's west wall downstairs.
- 3.3. [DP] [NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard channels.
- 3.4. On the water, the race committee (RC) may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.5. [DP] [NP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmission and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats from the time the boat leaves the dock until it returns.

4. [NP] ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Melges 24 Class that conform to the current Class Rules. 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form on Yacht Scoring on by clicking on this link paying the required fees <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50962>
- 4.3. All competitors, including those who registered and made the required payments online, are required to report to the Check-In desk during the scheduled hours to confirm and complete their registration.
- 4.4. The full crew must complete waivers online or during Check-In hours.
- 4.5. This event will offer Open and Corinthian divisions. Competitors wishing to compete in the Corinthian

division shall fill the crew list found here: <https://usmelges24.com/corinthian-declaration-form> and email it to communications@usmelges24.com with World Sailing Classification numbers by 1800 Friday, October 2, 2026. Teams that do not provide this list will be scored only in the Open Division.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fee is \$150 (\$139.53 plus \$10.47 tax)
- 5.2. Entry fee includes boat storage from October 8 to October 12, car and trailer parking outside of the member area, use of boat hoist, dockage during the regatta, Saturday and Sunday beer keg and soft drinks, Saturday Pizza.
- 5.3. A late fee of \$50 (\$46.51 + \$3.49 tax) will be added for teams paying their registration fee after September 25, 2026
- 5.4. An entry will not be considered final, nor storage confirmed until all fees are paid, and all required forms are submitted.

6. [NP] ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

7. RACING/SOCIAL SCHEDULE

What	Date	Time
Arrivals	Friday, October 9	All Day
Launching		All Day
Check in		1700-1900
Skippers Meeting	Saturday, October 10	0930
First Scheduled Warning		1100
Regatta Pizza/Beer	After Racing	
First Scheduled Warning	Saturday, October 11	1000
Last Possible Warning	After Racing	1500
Beer/Awards	After Racing	

8. VENUE

The racing area will be on Hillsborough Bay approximately 1-2 miles south of the DIYC Clubhouse.

9. VAKAROS RACESENSE

- 9.1. This event will run using the VAKAROS RACESENSE SYSTEM.
- 9.2. All boats must have an updated Vakaros Atlas 2 or a Vakaros Edge instrument.
- 9.3. All start times and OCS line calls will be done through the Vakaros RaceSense System.
- 9.4. Competitors need to check in with their Vakaros Unit at the Check in desk to register their unit with the RC Team
- 9.5. Other Vakaros RaceSense details will be available in the SIs

10. COURSES

The course will be a windward-leeward configuration and further described in the SIs.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) shall apply.

12. SCORING

- 12.1. One (1) completed race is necessary to constitute a regatta.
- 12.2. If four (4) or fewer races are completed, a boat's event score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.3. If five (5) or more races are completed, a boat's event score will be the total of her scores excluding her

worst score.

12.4. Open and Corinthian divisions race as one fleet.

12.5. The Corinthian division is a subset of the Open Division.

13. [NP] BERTHING

13.1. [DP] Boats and trailers shall be kept in their assigned places while on DIYC property.

13.2. Once launched, all boats shall remain in the water until the end of the event, unless granted written prior permission by the OA, Protest Committee, or the PRO.

14. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

15. [NP] INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent. It is the owner's inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to competing in the event.

16. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in the Open and Corinthian Divisions. 16.2. Additional prizes may be awarded.

17. STORAGE

Non-member boats or trailers will be allowed on the premises only from Thursday, October 8 and until Monday, October 12, 2026.

18. SUPPORT VESSELS AND PERSONEL

18.1. All support vessels shall be registered with the organizing authority at check-in and will be required to comply with event support vessel requests.

18.2. Support vessels with team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

18.3. All outboard-equipped support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person (operator) at all times when the engine is on. Support vessels shall check-in with the RC Signal vessel before the first race of each day to demonstrate compliance.

19. REGATTA CONTACTS:

Regatta Chair: Nadia Daggett, (813) 527-1030, Nadia@investingnflorida.com

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