

MELGES 24 2019 Australian Championships

Incorporating the Melges 24 NSW Championships.

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**9th – 10th March 2019 – NSW
Championships**

**12th – 15th March 2019 –
Australian Championships**

LAKE MACQUARIE YACHT CLUB

NOTICE OF RACE

The organizing authority, Lake Macquarie Yacht Club (LMYC), invites entries for both the 2019 Melges 24 NSW Championships and the 2019 Melges 24 Australian Championships to be run on Lake Macquarie, from the Lake Macquarie Yacht Club. These championships will be conducted on the basis outlined below.

1.0 RULES

Both series shall be governed by:

- 1.1 The 2017-2020 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing;
- 1.2 Boats must comply with the 2017-2020 Yachting Australia Special Regulations equipment requirements for Category 7;
- 1.3 The current class rules of the International Melges 24 Class Association (IM24CA) shall apply;
- 1.4 RRS 44.1 Penalty System is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1;
- 1.5 IM24CA Rule C.11 Boat handling Rules will be enforced;
- 1.6 IM24CA Rule C.2.2 Crews shall be weighed only during the registration period prior to racing . A **crew** found over the maximum weight shall not race.
- 1.7 All competing boats shall carry a functional hand held or cockpit mounted VHF radio for both safety purposes and Race Committee communication;
- 1.8 The Race Committee shall consist of the PRO , a member of LMYC Sailing Committee and a nominee from the class association;
- 1.9 IM24CA Rule H.3 Bow Numbers will apply.
- 1.10 Where there is conflict with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All yachts complying with the current class rules of the IM24CA;
- 2.2 All participating boats shall have appropriate marine Public Liability and Third Party Property insurance for the period of the regatta, policy stating the name of the boat, in sum not less than AUD 10 million for any one event;
- 2.3 Helmspersons shall comply with ISAF Eligibility code (ISAF Regulation 19) which requires that all competing helmspersons shall be members of their Member National Authority (M24 Australian Class Associations & IM24CA);
- 2.4 Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate prior to racing;
- 2.5 All sails used or carried aboard shall bear the class royalty badge.

3.0 ENTRY

- 3.1 Eligible boats must enter via the online entry system available at: www.lmyc.com.au/site/online-race-entries no later than Saturday the 19th January 2019. There will be separate entries for each event;
- 3.2 All entries must be accompanied by a copy of the boats current 2018-19 Special Regulations Category 7 Certificate and Insurance Policy Certificate (if not already registered at the club). Certificates can be emailed to racing@lmyc.com.au or functions@lmyc.com.au ;
- 3.3 Entry Fee (incl GST), payable at the time of entry for the NSW Championships is - \$200-00;
- 3.4 Entry Fee (incl GST), payable at the time of entry for the Australian Championships is - \$450-00; Late entry fee will be \$500-00.

4.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1 Melges 24 NSW Championships.

Friday, 8 th March	Registration and Weigh In	From 3pm to 5pm
Saturday, 9 th March	Registration and Weigh In	From 9am to 10am
	3 Races Windward Leeward	First Warning 1155
Sunday, 10 th March	3 Races Windward Leeward	First Warning 1155

4.2 Melges 24 Australian Championships

Monday, 11 th March	Registration and Weigh-in	From 3pm to 5pm
Tuesday, 12 th March	Registration and Weigh-in	From 9am to 10am
	Boats to be in water	1000
	3 Races Windward Leeward	First Warning 1255
Wednesday, 13 th March	3 Races Windward Leeward	First Warning 1255
Thursday, 14 th March	3 Races Windward Leeward	First Warning 1255
Friday, 15 th March	2 Races Windward Leeward	First Warning 1155

Note: Additional races may be sailed on any race day at the discretion of the PRO.

5.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the LMYC website (<https://lmyc.com.au/sailing-instructions/>) by 10am Wednesday 7nd March 2019 or at registration.

6.0 COURSES AND COURSE AREA

- 6.1 Courses will be windward /leeward courses as defined in the Sailing Instructions
- 6.2 Courses will be sailed in an area bounded by LMYC, Marks Pt, Carey Bay and Cardiff Pt.

7.0 EVENT CLASSIFICATION

- 7.1 Both regattas are classified as Category C events in accordance with ISAF Advertising Code
- 7.2 Each yacht may be required to display event advertising. The event advertising will be provided by the Organizing Authority.

8.0 SCORING

8.1 RRS Appendix A (A4) Low Point System will apply

8.2 NSW Championships.

A minimum of 3 races shall be completed to constitute a series. If 5 or more races are completed a yacht shall discard her worst score. If less than 5 races are completed all scores shall count. Up to 4 races per day may be sailed.

8.3 Australian Championships

A minimum of 5 races shall be completed to constitute a series. If 5 or more races are completed a yacht shall discard her worst score. If less than 5 races are completed all scores shall count. Up to 4 races per day may be sailed.

9.0 LAUNCHING

It would be of assistance if all boats could be in the water as early as possible on Saturday the 9th March. This will help ease congestion in the car park and launching area. Both regattas are a “wet” series and boats shall only be removed from the water during each regatta in exceptional circumstances to effect repairs once approved by the race committee.

Boats may be removed from the water between regattas.

Boat trailers should not be left in the LMYC car park but may be left in the gravel area adjacent to the car park.

10.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information can be obtained from

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M24 Kevin Nixon

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11.0 BOAT STORAGE

Boats may be left at LMYC for one week either side of the regattas without cost.

12.0 MEDIA & IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER

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.

13.0 DISCLAIMER;

13.1 All those taking part in the regatta do so entirely at their own risk and responsibility.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS 4 which states; "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone;

13.2 It is the competitor's decision to enter the Event or to start and continue in any race.

Competitors shall accept that their participation in the Event is at their exclusive risk in every respect. By way of entry in the Event competitors shall indemnify the Organising Authority, and the Host Club, their Officers, Members, Staff and Agents in respect to all claims and demands of whatever nature which may be made upon them in connection with or howsoever arising from their participation or intended participation in the Event.

13.3 The Organising Authority, and its Officers, Members, Staff and Agents accept no responsibility in respect of loss of life, personal injury or loss or damage to property which may be sustained by reason of their participation or intended participation in the Event or howsoever arising in connection with the Event.