



## Double Handed Melges 24 Distance Race

Dates: May 14-15, 2019

*Preliminary*

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1. Organizing Authority

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be Oakcliff Sailing.

#### 2. Venue

The venue will be Oyster Bay, New York, USA and Long Island Sound.

#### 3. Provisional Program

##### 3.1. Schedule

3.1.1. Briefing for competitors: May 15 at 0900

3.1.2. First Signal is scheduled for May 15 at 1500

3.1.3. Target finish window May 16 between 1700 and 1900

3.1.4. Prize giving ashore following the race.

##### 3.2. Unless Excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

3.2.1. Briefing for competitors.

3.2.2. Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

#### 4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1. Up to six (6) teams will be invited to this event.

4.2. Teams will be invited from interested 2019 Oakcliff Trainees.

4.3. Invited teams should register by process described in their invitation.

## 5. Crew

- 5.1. The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be two comprised of one male and one female.
- 5.2. The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall be between 325 and 375 pounds.
- 5.3. The OA may establish a weight limit on personal gear.
- 5.4. The OA may place observers or safety officers on board any boat at discretion of the OA. This person shall not take any part in sailing the boat except for in cases of emergency.

## 6. Rules

- 6.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS.
- 6.2. Melges 24 class rules will not apply.
- 6.3. Oakcliff Shorthanded Sailing Safety Protocol
- 6.4. Changes to the RRS
  - 6.4.1. RRS 33 is changed to allow the RC to change the next leg of the course via VHF Radio
  - 6.4.2. 60.1(a) is changed to not allow protests for any breaches of advertising rules
  - 6.4.3. The Sailing Instructions may change other rules and will make provisions for holding protest hearings via telephone on the water while racing.

## 7. Boats and Sails

- 7.1. The event will be sailed in Melges 24 type boats.
- 7.2. Up to six (6) boats will be provided.
- 7.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.
- 7.4. Each boat will be provided with required safety equipment and electronics.

## 8. The Course

- 8.1. The course will be located in Long Island Sound.
- 8.2. The start will be off Llyod Neck between the Signal Boat and an inflatable buoy.
- 8.3. The Course will be comprised of government marks around Long Island Sound as announced by the RC at the skippers meeting.
- 8.4. The RC may announce a course change via VHF radio before the first competitor starts the leg of the race to be changed. The RC will seek confirmation from each boat. This changes RRS 33.
- 8.5. The Finish will be between the Signal Boat and an inflatable buoy in Cold Spring harbor or Oyster Bay Harbor.
- 8.6. Government marks do not need to be honored unless designated by the RC as a mark of the course.

## 9. Advertising

- 9.1. As boats and equipment will be supplied by the OA, WS regulation 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- 9.2. Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- 9.3. Boats will not be permitted to right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This amends RRS 60.1(a).

## 10. Prizes

Oakcliff prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) finishers

## 11. Media, Images, and Sound

- 11.1. The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge. This includes, but is not limited to, live broadcasting of video and sounds from on board devices, drones, and interviews.
- 11.2. Competitors shall not interfere with or disable any equipment placed on board by the OA.

## 12. Disclaimer

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates, and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury, or inconvenience incurred, however so caused.

## OA Contact Information

For questions, more information regarding this event, or to request an invitation after the deadline, please email: [regatta@oakcliffsailing.org](mailto:regatta@oakcliffsailing.org) or go online to [www.oakcliffsailing.org](http://www.oakcliffsailing.org).

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