



Double Handed Melges 24 Distance Race

Dates: May 14-15, 2019

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. Oakcliff Shorthanded Training program May 10-13

3.1.2. Safety at sea May 10-11

3.1.3. Briefing for competitors: May 14 at 0900

3.1.4. First Signal is scheduled for May 14 at 1500, the RC and OA may adjust for forecasted weather

3.1.5. Target finish window May 15 between 1700 and 1900

3.1.6. Debrief and put away boats May 16 and 17

3.1.7. Prize giving May 17

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

3.2.1. Training programs as provided by the OA

3.2.2. Briefing for competitors

3.2.3. Debrief and putting away boats (boats must be put away as prescribed by the OA before sailors depart).

3.2.4. 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 2019 Oakcliff Trainees and should register by the process described in their invitation.

4.3. Entry fee is included in Oakcliff Tuition and includes Boats and Sails as detailed in NoR 8, provisions, pre-race instruction, and post-race de-brief.

4.4. Every entry requires a damage deposit of \$1000 on file before going sailing.

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 shall not apply.
- 6.3. The Oakcliff Shorthanded Sailing Safety Protocol shall apply.
- 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 and other electronic communications.
 - 6.4.2. 60.1(a) is changed to not allow protests for any breaches of advertising rules
 - 6.4.3. Autopilots powered by an energy source other than manual force to steer to compass bearing may be used. This changes RRS 52.
 - 6.4.4. The Sailing Instructions may change other rules and will make provisions for holding protest hearings via telephone on the water while racing changing RRS 63.
 - 6.4.5. Competitors observed by Race HQ, the RC or PC, including through live streaming media devices and recordings of on-board streams, not complying with Part 3: Safety Practices of the Oakcliff Shorthanded Safety Protocol may be disqualified from the Race without a hearing. Boats disqualified under this instruction shall immediately stop racing and return to Oakcliff Base. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

7. Protests and Penalties

- 7.1. Decisions of an international jury are final in accordance with RRS 70.5
- 7.2. The SIs will detail protest procedures that will include hearings by telephone on the water changing RRS 63.

8. Boats, Sails, and Equipment

- 8.1. The event will be sailed in Melges 24 type boats.
- 8.2. Up to six (6) boats will be provided by the OA.
- 8.3. The following sails will be provided for each boat: Mainsail, Jib, and Spinnaker.
- 8.4. Each boat will be provided with required safety equipment and electronics, that the sailors must keep in working order. This list of equipment can be found in the Oakcliff Shorthanded Safety Protocol.
- 8.5. Basic tool kit and sail repair kit will be provided.
- 8.6. Breakdowns while racing are the responsibility of the competitors. Any assistance by support staff while racing will be considered a breach of RRS 41.
- 8.7. Cell Phones active on US networks must be provided by each competitor with their numbers registered with the RC.
 - 8.7.1. They may be used for direct communications with the RC and PC for safety and protest matters.
 - 8.7.2. They may also be used for navigational and weather forecast purposes accessing information that is freely available to all competitors.
 - 8.7.3. Competitors may be required by the OA to run race tracking and/ or live streaming on their devices throughout the race.
- 8.8. Personal Sailing gear will not be provided.

9. The Course

- 9.1. The course will be located in Long Island Sound.
- 9.2. The start will be off Llyod Neck.
- 9.3. The Course will be comprised of government marks around Long Island Sound as distributed by the RC at the skippers meeting.
- 9.4. The RC may announce a course change via VHF radio, electronic messages, and phone calls before the first competitor starts the leg of the race to be changed. The RC may request confirmation from each boat racing. This changes RRS 33.
- 9.5. The Finish will be located in Cold Spring harbor or Oyster Bay Harbor.
- 9.6. Government marks are not marks of the course unless specifically designated by the RC.

10. Advertising

- 10.1. 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.
- 10.2. Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the OA.
- 10.3. The OA may allow competitors to display sponsor advertising on personal equipment.
- 10.4. Boats will not be permitted to right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising. This amends RRS 60.1(a).

11. Prizes

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

12. Media, Images, and Sound

12.1. 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 internet broadcasting of video and sounds from on board devices, drones, and interviews.

12.2. Competitors shall not interfere with or disable any equipment placed on board by the OA.

13. Disclaimer

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The failure of any of competitor to comply with any reasonable request of any Race Official or staff of the OA and its representatives may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the race.

OA Contact Information

For questions or more information regarding this event, please email: regatta@oakcliffsailing.org or go online to www.oakcliffsailing.org. For questions or more information on Oakcliff training programs contact training@oakcliffsailing.org or go online to oakcliffsailing.org.

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