



NOTICE OF RACE  
for the  
Evolution Rigging  
Melges 24 UK National and Open  
Championships

Organising Authority  
Melges 24 UK Class Association  
in conjunction with  
Felixstowe Regatta, Suffolk Yacht Harbour (SYH), Haven Ports Yacht Club



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017

All times Local Time (UTC+1)

Date	High water (Harwich)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	15:45
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	16:25
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	17:10

## 1. RULES

1.1. The Regatta and the Championships, will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2017 – 2020 together with the National Prescriptions of the UK. Except that rules 44.3 and 52 shall not apply, rules 29.2, 33, 62.1. (a) and 41 are altered.

1.2. Royal Yachting Association prescriptions will apply and will be stated in full in the sailing instructions;

1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply;

1.4 The rules of the International Melges 24 Class Association and the UK Melges 24 Class Association will apply;

1.5 The owner and helmsman shall be a current member of their National Class Association

## 2. ADVERTISING

2.1. Boats shall comply with ISAF regulation 20 – advertising code

2.2 A Evolution Rigging bow sticker will be provided for the port and starboard sides throughout the regatta

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### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1. The Championships are open to boats of the International Melges 24 Class;
- 3.2. **The cut-off time for entries is 1000 hours Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** after which time no further entries will be accepted;
- 3.3. The provisional entry list will be posted online at [www.melges24uk.co.uk](http://www.melges24uk.co.uk).

### 4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. The ISAF Sailor Classification code will apply to the Corinthian Trophy (For details, see ISAF's website: [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org));
- 4.2. Competitors shall indicate their classification and the unique ISAF User ID number for each sailor on the entry form if entering for the Corinthian Trophy.

### 5. FEES

- 5.1. An entry fee of £120 will apply
- 5.2. Fees include race entry & crannage see Paragraph 12 below
- 5.3. Fees will not be refunded except at the Organising Authority's sole discretion;
- 5.4 Berthing – there are no berthing fees during the event, see Para 12, below.

### 6. SCHEDULE – (See Schedule 1.1 attached)

- 6.1. Registration and crew weighing will take place at Haven Ports Yacht Club on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July from 1600 to 2000 hrs.
- 6.2. The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 10:15 hours each day;
- 6.3. Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July – no warning signal will be made after 1400 hours;

### 7. MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1. Each boat shall deliver a valid measurement certificate at registration;
- 7.2. The Organising Authority or race committee may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and or her equipment before, during or after a race;
- 7.3. There will be no facilities for initial measurement.

### 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions will be available from the website [www.melges24uk.co.uk](http://www.melges24uk.co.uk) after 31<sup>st</sup> May and at registration on completion of entry form accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.

### 9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. Racing will be held in Dovercourt Bay, Harwich Harbour approaches and/or off Felixstowe. Suggested charts - Admiralty 5607/2 and 5607/4.  
In the event of extreme weather conditions the race area may be moved to the river Stour.
- 9.2. Course details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

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## 11. SCORING

11.1. Three races are required to constitute a series;

11.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score when six or more races are completed. No score will be excluded when less than six races are completed.

## 12. BERTHING & CRANAGE

12.1. Suffolk Yacht Harbour will provide complimentary berthing for competing boats in the Marina from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July until Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July inclusive;

12.2. Visiting boats intending to arrive earlier must contact the Marina.

12.3 Craning in/out facilities will be available, the owner must contact Suffolk Yacht Harbour directly to organise there crantage prior to the event.

12.4 All boats are to be afloat by 0800 on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July and shall not be hauled or dried out during the event except in an emergency or with the written permission of the race committee.

## 13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 All race instructions will be given by the race committee on VHF channel 72 – all boats will be required to monitor this channel and communicate with the committee if required

## 14. PRIZES will be awarded as follows:

14.1. The UK National Trophy will be awarded to the UK boat with the lowest series score;

14.2. Perpetual trophies will be awarded as indicated in the Race Programme (Schedule 1.1);

14.3. Place prizes for each day:

No place prize will be awarded where only one boat is entered;

When 2 boats are entered - a first prize only will be awarded;

When 3 boats are entered - first and second prizes only will be awarded;

When 4 or more boats are entered - first, second and third prizes only will be awarded;

14.4. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthian with the lowest series score;

14.5. 1<sup>st</sup> Non-UK boat with the lowest series score;

14.6. The John Merricks Memorial Trophy for the UK boat with the lowest score on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, all races to count.

14.7 Overall Winner of UK Open Championships

Note: The prize-giving will take place at Haven Ports Yacht Club Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 1600

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## 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1. A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety whether afloat or ashore and nothing whether in the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility;

15.2. It is for the boat to decide whether it is fit to sail in the conditions in which it will find itself. By launching or going to sea, the boat confirms that it is fit for those conditions and that its crew is competent to sail and compete in them;

15.3. Nothing done by the Organising Authority will reduce the responsibility of the boat nor will it make the Organising Authority responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however it may have occurred, as a result of the boat taking part in the event. The Organising Authority encompasses everyone helping to run the racing and the event and includes the Organising Authority, the race committee, the race officers, patrol boats, beach-masters and other authorised helpers;

15.4. The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the boat of its responsibilities. Although reasonable efforts will be made to provide patrol boat cover, competitors are reminded that, particularly in extreme weather conditions, cover should not be relied upon, and in any event they can only be given such assistance as can be practically provided in the circumstances;

15.5. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see rule 4 'Decision to Race'. The Organising 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 event.

**16. INSURANCE** – each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000, such insurance to include racing.

**17. FURTHER INFORMATION** – For further information, please contact the Regatta Secretary, Brian Fennessy at:

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SCHEDULE 1.1 REGATTA SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event	Time
Thursday	13 <sup>th</sup> July	Cranage – to be organised with SYH Registration and crew weigh in Competitors Briefing @ HPYC	TBA 16:00 – 20:00 20:15
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> July	Race day (4 races back to back) Competitors food at HPYC	First warning 10:15 After racing
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> July	Race day (4 races back to back) Regatta Steak Night	First warning 10:15 After racing
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> July	Race day (2 races back to back) No warning signal after Cranage – to be organised with SYH Prizegiving	First warning 10:15 14:00 TBA 16.00

Note: Succeeding races will start as soon as possible after the finish of the preceding race in accordance with any time limit. It should be noted that the racing is alongside and part of the Felixstowe Regatta and therefore subject to the needs of the whole sailing fleet.

**Note: Warning Signal times will be confirmed in the Sailing Instructions.**

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