

INTERNATIONAL MELGES 24 CLASS
NORDIC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
ESTONIAN & FINNISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

July 31 – August 2, 2009

Kalev Yacht Club, Tallinn, Estonia

The International Melges 24 Class Open Nordic, Estonian and Finnish Championship will be organised by the Kalev Yacht Club in co-operation with The Finnish Melges 24 Class Association and E4.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES.

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by The *Rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

The event is classified Category 'C'.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Championship is open to all boats of the Melges 24 class that meet with the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority, in the case that a National Authority exists.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form on www.melges24.fi – Nordic Open Championship banner. Entry is not valid until the entry fee has been paid. The entry fee shall be paid directly to the bank account of the organising club. Entry closes on July 16th.
- 3.3 Late entries will be accepted subject to a 20% surcharge.

4. FEES

4.1. The Entry Fee will be €300. This Entry Fee includes launching at commencement and recovery at conclusion of the Regatta at designated times, berthing for the event, trailer storage and tickets to the principal events for all competing crew. Entry Fee after July 16th will be €360.

4.2. Entry Fee will be paid to the bank account of the ESS Kalev Jahtklubi 10220003061010 in SEB Bank.

International payments will be paid:

Beneficiary: ESS Kalev Jahtklubi Beneficiary` s IBAN: EE65 2200 2210 0210 0774.
Beneficiary` s bank: Hansapank, 8 Liivalaia Str, 15040 Tallinn, Estonia. Bank SWIFT/BIC code: HABAE2X

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Registration, boat measurement, sail registration, crew weigh-in and inspection will take place at the Race Office at Kalev Yacht Club as follows:

Thursday 30 of July 18.00 -20.30

Friday 31 of July 9.30 – 12.30

All boats are to be afloat before 13.00 on the 31 of July. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta, except with written permission of the Jury.

5.2. Dates of racing:

Friday, 31.07. 14.00 start time for the day's first race, 3 races scheduled.

Saturday, 01.08. 11.00 start time for the day's first race, 3 races scheduled.

Sunday, 02.08. 11.00 start time for the day's first race, 3 races scheduled. On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15.00

5.3. Social

Friday 31.07. Welcome Party. Dress: Smart Team or Club.

Saturday 01.08. Dinner. Dress: Smart Team or Club.

Sunday: Prizegiving.

6. MEASUREMENTS

6.1. Each boat shall produce a valid measurement certificate.

6.2. The organisers may weigh measure or inspect any boat and /or equipment before, during or after the races. Measurements and sail registration shall initially take place during the same times as registration (6.1, above). **There will be no facilities for initial measurements.**

6.3. Chartered or loaned boats may display National letters and Sail numbers in contradiction to the Class Rules. A valid measurement certificate for the chartered or loaned boat shall be presented. Boats shall comply with Class Rule C.2.3.2. and C.1.2.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on July 30th after 18.00 hours on Regatta Office in Kalev Yacht Club at Registration.

8. VENUE

8.1 Attachment 'A' shows the location of Pirita TOP Harbour and Kalev Yacht Club.

8.2 Attachment 'B' shows the location of the racing areas.

9. THE COURSES

The course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration with fleet racing. Spreader marks and leeward gates may be used.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

10.2 Appendix 'P' (Immediate penalties for breaking Rule 42) shall apply.

10.3 Decisions of the International Jury constituted in accordance with Appendix 'N' will be final as provided in Rule 70.4.

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix 'A' will apply.

11.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

11.3 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from six to nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1. Support boats shall be identified as decided by the Organisers.

12.2. The Coach and Support boat appendix shall be in operation (attached)

13. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

13.1 All boats are to be afloat before 13.00 on the 31 of July.

13.2 Boats shall be kept on the assigned pontoons in the harbour. Fenders and mooring lines will be required.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out, or kept on a "hydro hoist" or other flotation devices during the regatta.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus (including snorkels) and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 Race information will be given on VHF Channel, which to be announced in Sailing Instructions.

17. PRIZES

The prizes will be given as follows: The Nordic Open Championship Trophy will be awarded to the boat with the overall lowest score. The Estonian & Finnish Open Championship Trophies will be awarded to the boat with the overall lowest score. Prizes will be awarded to the next two (2) positions.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta 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 regatta.

19. INSURANCE

The boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

20. TELEVISION & PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

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.

21. ACCOMMODATION AND FERRY BOOKINGS

Competitors should make their own arrangements. Pirita TOP SPA Hotell, phone: + 372 6398600, Fax: + 372 639 8821, e-mail: reservation@topspa.ee (Password: "Kalevi Jahtklubi"), www.topspa.ee

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

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