



ONE DESIGN INVITATIONAL

**Olson 25 National Championship
J/24 District 20 Championship
and
Melges 24 Regatta**

August 3rd-4th, 2013

NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: BERKELEY YACHT CLUB
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013 – 2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) with US Sailing Prescriptions in effect.
- 1.2 RRS 40 will be deleted and replaced with: “Competitors shall wear PFDs or other adequate personal buoyancy while sailing in the general racing area and while racing. Personal floatation may be removed briefly whilst shifting clothing/gear.” Note that Flag Y will not be displayed.
- 1.3 For the J/24 class, this regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing as modified by the USJCA (Class Association) and the NOR 14 – 16 (*items below*) will also apply.
- 1.4 For the Melges 24 class, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

- 2.1 The Regatta is open to the J/24, Melges 24, and Olson 25 classes.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration found at <http://regattalog.com/J24D20>

3.0 FEES

- 3.1 Entry fee is \$100. The late entry fee is \$125 for all entries received on, or after Monday, July 29th, 2013.

4.0 MEASUREMENT

- 4.1 All boats and crew must conform to class measurement requirements and weight restrictions.
- 4.2 All boats must return to Berkeley Yacht Club after Saturday’s races and are required to remain in the water from the beginning of racing on Saturday through the last race on Sunday, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul out.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Friday, August 2nd

- 1200 – 1800 Hours – Registration and Crew Weigh-in at BYC Clubhouse.

5.2 Saturday, August 3rd

- 0800 – 0930 Hours – Late Registration and Crew Weigh-in at BYC Clubhouse.
- 0930 – 1000 Hours – Skipper's Meeting at BYC Clubhouse.
- 1130 Hours – Race One First Warning Signal; Races Two, Three, and Four to follow.

5.3 Sunday, August 4th

- 0830 to 0930 Hours Replacement Crew Weigh-in
- 1130 Hours – First Warning Signal, Remaining Races to Follow
- 1630 to 1730 Hours – Trophy Presentation at BYC Clubhouse.

6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online at these web sites:

berkeleyyc.org

j24district20s.com

and in the BYC Bar area by 1200 hours by Friday, August 2nd, 2013.

7.0 RACING and RACE AREA

7.1 The Berkeley Olympic Circle area with windward/leeward, triangular, or a combination of both types of courses set-up using inflatable drop marks.

7.2 The first warning gun each day will be at 1130 hours. The warning gun for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practical. No warning shall be made after 1530 hours.

8.0 SCORING

8.1 Seven races are scheduled and no races will be excluded in a boat's final score.

8.2 One race shall constitute a series.

8.3 The low point scoring system RRSA4 shall be used.

10.0 COMMUNICATIONS The race committee will use VHF radio to communicate information about the racing.

11.0 PRIZES Trophies will be awarded for 1st through 3rd Place.

12.0 BERTHING Berthing will be available at Berkeley Yacht Club guest docks from Thursday, August 1st through Monday, August 5th.

12.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

13.0 FURTHER INFORMATION For additional info please contact regatta chair, Michael Whitfield at michael@touchstonemanagement.com

- 14.0 J/24 CLASS RULES.** NOR Rules 14 – 16 apply only to the J/24 class.
- 14.1 In accordance with the 2014 World Championship qualifying rules, the highest finishing District 20 Skipper of the 2013 J/24 District 20 Championship will automatically qualify to participate in the 2014 J/24 World Championship regatta being held in Newport, Rhode Island in September of 2014.
- 14.2 Competitors participating in this J24 Class event who wish to compete for the US Adult Sailing championship qualifier shall comply with US Sailing Regulation 10 D (Use of personal flotation device).
- 14.3 Competitors participating in this J24 Class event who wish to compete for the US Adult Sailing championship qualifier shall comply with the eligibility requirements set forth in the Conditions of the US Adult Sailing Championship available at:
<http://championships.ussailing.org/Adult/USAdult/Conditions.htm>
and listed below: (Section 3 of the Conditions)
- 3.1. There are no gender restrictions for helmsperson or crews for each team.
 - 3.2. The helmsperson and all crew must 18 years of age or older in the year of competition, except that one member of the crew may be 15 years or older in the year of the event; and,
 - 3.3. be a member of a local sailing organization (LSO)* within the same US Sailing Area as the helmsperson; and
 - 3.4. reside in or regularly compete in the same US Sailing Area where the LSO is geographically located; and
 - 3.5. be an individual or family member of US Sailing.
 - 3.6. comply with crew weight limits which may be imposed. The weight limits and the weigh-in process shall be posted in the Notice of Race
- *Local Sailing organization (LSO) is defined to include a yacht club, sailing club, community sailing program or other sailing organization that is an organizational member of a Regional Sailing Association (RSA) and US Sailing.
- 14.4 Section 8.2.3-8.2.4 of the US Adult Sailing Championship Conditions are not in effect for this event if they conflict with the Rules of the J24 Class that are in effect for this event.
- 14.5 Section 11 of the US Adult Sailing Championship Conditions is not in effect for boats borrowed or chartered for this event.
- 15.0 PROTEST AND APPEALS [J/24 class only]
- 15.1 Decision of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5 However, a decision following a hearing under rule 69.2(a) may be appealed.
- 15.2 Contact information, including e-mail and telephone number, for the helm of each boat entered and for the chairmen of the Protest Committee and the Race Committee shall be posted on the official notice board at all times during the event.
- 15.3 Rule 65.2 INFORMING THE PARTIES AND OTHERS is changed as follows:
A *party* to the hearing is entitled to receive the above information in writing, provided she asks for it in writing and hand-delivers her request to a member of the protest committee no later than the protest time limit on the last day of racing or one hour after being informed of the decision, whichever is later. The committee shall then, within two hours, hand-deliver the information to the *party*, including when relevant, a diagram of the incident prepared or endorsed by the committee.

- 15.4 Rule 66 REOPENING A HEARING is changed as follows:
A hearing may be reopened when the protest committee decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time.
- Area Elimination Reopening
- (a) A party to a hearing of a protest or request for redress may request an Area Semi Final Reopening. The request shall be in writing and include the significant error that the party believes the protest committee made or the nature of the significant new evidence that is available. The request shall be made no later than 24 hours after the hearing or 24 hours after the protest time limit on the last day of racing, whichever is later. The request, along with copies of the original protest or request for redress, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, any new evidence that cannot be presented verbally, and e-mail and phone contact information for all parties to the hearing as well as the chairman of the protest committee, shall be sent by e-mail to the US Sailing Championships Director, LizWalker@ussailing.org and the US Sailing Championships Chairman, swmadero@aol.com.
 - (b) The protest committee for an Area Elimination Reopening shall consist of the chairman of the original protest committee plus four certified judges appointed by US Sailing. A majority of the committee's members shall be Senior or International Judges. US Sailing will appoint its chairman.
 - (c) An Area Elimination Reopening will be conducted by telephone/VOIP conference call. The time and date for the conference call shall be established by the chairman as soon as practicably possible and no later than seven days after the request for reopening is e-mailed. The chairman will e-mail to the parties to the hearing the request for reopening, the facts found, the decision of the protest committee, the time and date of the hearing, the process for joining the call and any other relevant documents.
- 16.0 Breaches of NOR 14.1 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

Registration:

Online/electronic – <http://regattalog.com/J24D20>

The non-electronic/snail-mail option for registration is as follows:

Complete this registration form and return with your check payable to The Berkeley Yacht Club at the following address: **Berkeley Yacht Club, #1 Seawall Drive, Berkeley, CA 94710**

Yacht Name: _____ Sail #: _____

Owner/Skipper: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Please accept this entry application for the 2013 Berkeley Yacht Club One Design Invitational Regatta, which includes the Olson 25 Nationals and the J/24 District 20 Championships. I hereby agree to comply with the current RRS, Prescriptions of US Sailing, applicable Class Rules, the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and the United States Coast Guard regulations. I enter this regatta at my own risk and do hereby release the Berkeley Yacht Club, the event volunteers and sponsors, the Olson 25, J/24 Fleet 17 and Melges 24 Fleets both jointly and severally from any liability for loss, injury or damage to any persons and property that might arise from my participation in this regatta, even if such loss, injury or damage shall be caused by negligence of those so released. I attest that my boat shall conform to USCG, applicable Class and US Sailing regulations.

Signature: _____ Date: _____