



**Farris Bad**

**Open Norwegian Championship**

**Melges 24**

**September 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**Larvik, Norway**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

<b>Venue and date of the event:</b>	<b>Larvik, September 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 2014</b>
<b>Organizer:</b>	<b>Larvik Yacht Club (Larvik Seilforening)</b>
<b>Race Officer:</b>	<b>Mr. Pål A. Næss</b>
<b>Head of the Jury:</b>	<b>Mr. Tore Hansen</b>

## RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016.3
- 1.2 The following prescription and rules of the Norwegian Sailing Federation (NSF) will apply:
  - Norwegian Sailing Federation (NSF) rules for Norwegian Championship.
  - Scandinavian Sailing Federation prescription to RRS 30.2 and 30.3 will apply and will be stated in full in the sailing instructions.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4 The RC will use VHF radio to communicate to the fleet. Failure to make this broadcasts or failure to hear the broadcast shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

## 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 ISAF advertising Code will apply
- 2.2 Boats are required to display bow numbers and event advertising chosen and supplied by the organizer.
- 2.3 Norwegian boats displaying their own advertisement are required to show a valid advertisement licence

## 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats complying to the class rules of the International Melges 24 class.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may make their entry through a link that is found on our website:  
[www.larvikseilforening.no](http://www.larvikseilforening.no)
- 3.3 Closing date for the entry is August 7<sup>th</sup> 2014.
- 3.4 If not a sufficient number of participants are registered to qualify as a Norwegian Championship it will be considered a Class Championship

## 4 FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is 2.000 NOK plus any bank charges and transfer fees , and is not refundable.
- 4.2 Late entries and fees of 2.500 NOK may be accepted at the discretion of the organizer.
- 4.3 The entry is not valid until the entry fee has been received by the organizer or external service provider in full.
- 4.4 The entry fee includes craning, parking in designated areas, mooring September 4<sup>th</sup> 12'00 hours to September 7<sup>th</sup> 20'00 hours 2014, 1 small meal and 1 beer/beverage September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and 1 or 2 Tune-up races on September 4<sup>th</sup> if possible. No parking outside the designated areas.
- 4.5 The regatta dinner and concert is supplementary.

## 5 EVENT SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration and measuring

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> of September 2014	17:00 – 21:00 hours
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> of September 2014	08:00 – 10:00 hours
- 5.2 Racing

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> of September 2014	16:00 hours	1-2 Tune-up races
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> of September 2014	11:00	Skippers meeting by the regatta office
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> of September 2014	12:00 hours	2-4 races

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 11:00 hours 2-4 races

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 10:00 hours 1-3 races

5.3 No warning signal will be given after 14'00 hours on September 7<sup>th</sup> 2014.

#### 5.4 Socializing

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of September 18:00 Ignition of Self Service Barbeque and Melges bar

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of September Boat of the day prize giving, small meal with beer/beverage, Melges bar after sail

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of September Boat of the day prize giving, small meal with beer/beverage, Melges bar after sail

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of September 20:00 Regatta dinner

21:00 Rock the tables concert with "Splitter Pine"

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 Boat of the day prize giving

15:30 Official Prize giving ceremony

Boat of the day prizes are courtesy of Hotel Farris Bad.

## 6 REGISTRATION AND MEASURING

6.1 Registration at the regatta office at "Holmen" by the harbour closes on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2014 at 10:00 hours.

6.2 All boats must present

- valid class certificate
- sail registration form
- safety checklist
- self declaration form/crew list
- valid third party liability insurance

6.3 Helmsman and crew weight will be checked at registration

6.4 Weigh, sails, safety equipment and licences may be checked randomly before, during and after the races.

## 7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The sailing instructions will be handed out to competing boats from September 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 17:00 hours, upon completion of the registration process, but not before all the requirements have been approved by the organizer/race committee.

## 8 REGATTA OFFICE AND OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

8.1 The regatta office and official notice board is located at "Holmen", a cabin just beside the harbour of Larvik Yacht Club.

## 9 RACING AREA

9.1 The main racing area will be in the outskirts of the fiord of Larvik approx. 2,5 n.m. from the event harbour. Attachment A shows the location of the different possible racing areas.

## 10 COURSES

10.1 A windward - leeward type of course will be sailed using an offset mark to the port of the topmark if possible and a gate at the bottom mark. See attachment B for course configurations. The starting line and the finish line is the same. Attachment B shows the race course.

## **11 PENALTY SYSTEM**

11.1 The RRS 44 is changed from a 2 turn penalty to a 1 turn penalty.

## **12 SCORING**

12.1 The low point scoring system of RRS A will apply.

12.2 8 – 11 races are scheduled.

12.3 Minimum 4 races are required for a valid championship.

12.4 With 9 or more races completed the 2 races with the highest score will be discarded for the final score.

12.5 With 5 - 8 races completed the race with the highest score will be discarded for the final score.

12.6 With 4 or less regattas completed no races will be discarded for the final score.

## **13 BOATS ONSHORE**

13.1 Boats must stay onshore during the event from the starting signal of the first regatta to the finish of the last regatta of the series.

13.2 Only with the written permission from the protest committee in order to carry our repairs which are not possible to carry out onshore, may a boat be taken ashore during the event.

## **14 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

14.1 With the exception of an emergency a boat shall neither send nor receive radio communication that is not available to all the boats, while racing. This applies also to cell phones.

14.2 Race information will be given on a designated marine VHF Channel, which will be further described in the sailing instructions.

## **15 PRIZES**

15.1 The Norwegian Sail Federeation's Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded to the crew members of the top 3 Norwegian boats of the championship.

15.2 Larvik Yacht Club will award prizes to the top 10 boats of the championship.

## **16 SUPPORT BOATS**

16.1 Support boats shall be marked as decided by the Organizing Authority.

16.2 The IMCA Coach and Support boat appendix shall be in operation.

## **17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

17.1 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.

## **18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

18.1 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.

## **19 INSURANCE**

19.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with a valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of nok 4.000.00 or the equivalent from time of arrival to time of departure from Larvik Seilforening.

## **20 CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE**

20.1 The Organizing Authority may change the Notice of Race; see RRS 89.2(a). Any such changes will be posted on the regatta website [www.larvikseilforening.no](http://www.larvikseilforening.no).

## **21 COMMERCIAL SHIPPING TRAFFIC**

21.1 The Organizing Authority reminds the participants that there is commercial shipping traffic in the vicinity of the race area and the participants are expected to observe the IRPCAS in relation to all such vessels.

## **22 MEDIA RIGHTS**

Competitors grant the Organizing Authority an unrestricted right and permission in perpetuity to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information without any compensation to the competitor or the crew. In this respect, competitors' and crew names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. Larvik Seilforening is granted the right to receive any compensation that is negotiated with any third party that wish to publish, broadcast or otherwise use such material. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember can be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights (ref 6.4).

Attachment A



