



Marstrand Segelsällskap



Marstrand Big Boat Race 2025



Sailing Instructions (SI)

- Dates:** May 23 – 25, 2025
- Location:** Marstrand
- Boat classes:** The competition is open to Melges 24 and all boats with SRS or SRSv 1,0 and higher.
- Organizing authority:** SportsPartner in collaboration with Marstrands Segelsällskap ("MaSS"),

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028 ("RRS") and the class rules for single hull boats according to the Swedish Respite System ("SRS").
SRS is the Swedish Sailing Federation's Rating System for keelboats, multihulls, and dinghies.
- 1.2 The regatta is divided into two classes: (i) Melges 24 and (ii) all other boats.
- (i) Melges 24 race against each other in fleet racing in a straight series, and will be scored according to RRS Appendix A.
 - (ii) all other boats are racing against each other and will be scored according to SRS.



- 1.3 The race committee may use VHF radio to provide information to the fleet. Failure to make this broadcast or failure to hear the broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes to RRS 61. Information about the VHF channel will be given at the Skippers' meeting.

2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official noticeboard not later than one hour before the warning signal of a race. The official noticeboard is at: <https://sailracesystem.no/regatta?regatta=3937>.

The race committee will also try to put the same information on a noticeboard close to the H-jetty, but this is not a rule and failure to do so shall not be grounds for redress. This changes to RRS 61.

3. Time schedule

- 3.1 Races are scheduled according to the program as follows:

Friday May 23	
10.00	North Sails Clinic
14.00	Practice Race / Tune-up
16.00 – 20.00	Registration
17.30 – 19.00	After Sail by Liros
Saturday May 24	
08.00 – 09.00	Registration
09.00	Skippers' meeting on the H-jetty
10.25	First warning signal of the day
19.00	Regatta Dinner at the Carlsten Fortress
Sunday May 25	
09.00	Skippers' meeting on the H-jetty
10.25	First warning signal of the day
ASAP when the regatta is completed	Prizegiving ceremony at Oscarsparken, close to the H-jetty

- 3.2 On Sunday May 25, no warning signal will be made after 16.00.

- 3.3 Six races are scheduled in total, i.e. three races per day.



4. The start

4.1 The starting procedure will be as shown below. This changes to RRS 26.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal	Sound signal	Means
At least 10	Orange flag	One long	Starting line in place
5	Warning flag	One	Warning signal
4	P, U or Black flag	One	Preparatory signal
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute
0	Warning flag removed	One	Starting signal

4.2 As Melges 24 will be started individually from the rest of the fleet, i.e. the two classes will start one after the other, the orange flag will be displayed all the time unless the races are abandoned and/or postponed for more than one hour.

4.3 (i) Warning flag for Melges 24 is flag E:



(ii) Warning flag for all other boats is flag F:



4.4 The race committee will try to communicate the commencement of a new starting sequence and other information, for example sail numbers of boats being on the course side before the start ("OCS") etc. on VHF channel 72 or such other VHF channel announced at the Skippers' meeting. Any omission by the race committee shall not be grounds for redress. This changes to RRS 61.


4.5 A boat starting more than five minutes after the starting signal will be scored as did not start (DNS)

5. The Course

5.1 The course is described below and showed in Enclosure 1, and will be sailed in two laps:

START – 1 – 1A – 2A/2B – 1 – 1A – 4 – FINISH.



- 5.2 As regards Melges 24, the race committee may display flag T  at the same time as the Warning signal, which means that the course shall be sailed three laps instead of two. In such case, the course is to be sailed:

START – 1 – 1A – 2A/2B – 1 – 1A – 2A/2B – 1 – 1A – 4 – FINISH.

6. Marks

- 6.1 The starting line is between a pole with an orange flag on the starting vessel and a buoy with a pole with an orange flag.
- 6.2 The finishing line will be between a pole with a blue flag on the committee boat and a buoy with a pole with a blue flag.

- 6.3 The rounding mark no. 1 is a yellow “Jumbo” =

2A, 2B, are yellow buoys =



1A is a red buoy



4 is a buoy with a pole with an orange flag, e.g. the same buoy/pole as in the starting sequence.

7.0 Time limits

- 7.1 The race committee will try to set the course so that a race will take approximately 50 minutes to sail.
- 7.2 The time limit for the first boat to finish is 75 minutes.
- 7.3 A boat that does not finish within 25 minutes after the first boat has finished will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes to RRS 35.

8. Reporting

- 8.1 A boat that does not start or retires shall inform the race committee as soon as possible. Such information shall be given through a text message in the WhatsApp-group-chat announced at registration.



9. Protests and requests for hearings

- 9.1 Protests and requests for hearings shall be filed at the race office within the protest time limit stipulated in 9.2 below but otherwise comply with the requirements of RRS 60.3.
- 9.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished in the last race of the day, or after the race committee has signalled no more racing today, whichever is the latest. This changes to RRS 60.3
- 9.3 A notice of hearing, with the time and place of the hearing, shall be posted no later than 30 minutes after the end of the protest time.

10. Scoring

- 10.1 The low point scoring system of RRS A will apply, modified so that when three or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

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Enclosure 1

Schematic image of the course

