



The Gulf Coast Sailing Club
Presents The 34th Annual
Southwest Florida Regatta



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OF NAPLES
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2010 Porsche of Naples Cup

3rd Annual Naples Melges 24 Regatta
A Southwest Florida Boat of the Year Event
A Melges 24 Southeast Circuit Point Event

Saturday, March 27 – Sunday, March 28

NOTICE of RACE

Liability Disclaimer: Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Participants in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any participant, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each participant, or in the case of minors, each participant's parent or guardian agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such participant's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Organizing Authority (OA): Gulf Coast Sailing Club, PO Box 2121, Naples, Florida, 34106.

Regatta Headquarters (RH): Hamilton Harbor YC, 7065 Hamilton Avenue, Naples, Florida.

1. RULES:

1.1 - The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the Prescriptions of US SAILING and Melges 24 class association. Applicable class rules of the West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Federation (WFPHRF) will apply. This is a WFPHRF BOTY event, and will be re-scored accordingly.

1.2 – The following RRS are to be amended; 29.1 (individual recalls), 30 (starting penalties), 35 (establishes time limits); 60.1(b) (redress), 62.1(a) (redress), and Appendix A (scoring).

2. ELIGIBILITY:

2.1 - Open to all Multi-hull and self-righting single-hulled enclosed cabin sailboats that conform to their class rules and hold a valid West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) rating, are assigned a rating by the OA, or are recognized one-design racing in a one design class only.

2.2 - Boat owners who are not members of WFPHRF will have a WFPHRF equivalent rating not subject to appeal assigned to them by the OA for this regatta only.

2.3 - Boat owners must be a member in good standing of a Sailing Club.

3. ENTREES AND FEES:

3.1 - The entry fee, to participate in The Southwest Florida Porsche Cup is \$125 for members of US Sailing (USS) or \$135 for non-USS members.

FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED BY Tuesday, March 16th, the entry fee is REDUCED to \$110 for members of US Sailing (USS) or \$120 for non USS members.

The entry fee includes ONE (1) event shirt and admission for ONE (1) to all weekend activities. Additional weekend wristbands are available for purchase at \$45.00 each (Saturday only at \$35.00)

3.2 – Entries shall be made at or at Regatta Network or on the Official Entry Form, which is available at www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org. It shall be accompanied by Entry Form Liability Disclaimer, Copy of Boat Insurance, if docking at HHYC, and a copy of a WPHRF Rating Certificate (if not in a one design class) and a check for the entry fee made payable to the Gulf Coast Sailing Club.

3.3 - Entry Deadline is 1900 hours, Friday, March 26, 2010.

4. 2010 PORSCHE of NAPLES REGATTA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & RACE TIMES:

Friday, March 26

Noon – 4:30pm Lift available for putting boats put in water (Melges 24)
5 – 7 pm Registration & Check-in at the Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club
6:30pm Skippers' meeting and light dinner at HHYC
Sponsored by CrossCurrent Marine



Saturday, March 27

8 – 9:30 am Lift available for putting boats in water (Melges 24)
11 am First Warning Signal followed by subsequent daily races
5:30 pm Cocktail and Tasting Party by **Vodka Slavianskaya**
6 pm 1st Day's Results sponsored by Judy Hansen of Hansen Homes
6:30 pm Buffet

Sunday, March 28

11 am First Warning Signal followed by subsequent daily races
3 – 5:30 pm Lift available for taking boats out of the water (Melges 24)
5 pm Post Race Social & Reception
5:30 pm Awards Presentation

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

5.1 – Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be provided at the Skipper's Meeting.

6. CLASSES and AWARDS:

6.1 – The following classes may be formed depending upon the number of entries received: Melges 24, PHRF Spinnaker A, PHRF Spinnaker B, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, PHRF True Cruising, PHRF Multihull and small boat one designs. Boats registering in the PHRF Spinnaker class will be assigned to either Spinnaker "A" or "B" classes based upon PHRF ratings. A minimum of three entries are required to form a class.

7. REGISTRATION and SKIPPERS MEETING:

7.1 – At least one representative from each entered boat must register at Friday's Skippers' Meeting and pick up a skipper's bag including race instructions and class streamer.

8. RACING AREAS will be in the Gulf of Mexico near the Gordon Pass of Naples, FL.

8.1 - "Racing Area 1" is located north of Gordon Pass, near the Naples Pier. All boats with the possible exception of the Melges 24 Class will race in Racing Area 1.

8.2 - "Racing Area 2" is located south of Gordon Pass may be used for the Melges 24 Class. The RC will announce their intention for the use of Racing Area 2 at the Skipper's Meeting.

8.3 - "Racing Area 3" is located in the Naples Bay may be used for the Dingy and small boat classes. The RC will announce their intention for the use of Racing Area 3 at the Skipper's Meeting.

8.4 -One race will constitute the regatta and no score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.



9. COURSES:

9.1 – The course to be sailed, the bearing and approximate distance to the first mark will be posted on the course board displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat. Possible course layouts will be depicted in Addendum A of the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCORING:

10.1 – This event will be scored using RRS Appendix "A" the low point system.

Corrected times shall be calculated based on the boat's WFPHRF rating (or assigned rating, see 2.2), the distance of the course sailed, and the actual elapsed time in which the course was sailed (time on distance).

10.2 – WFPHRF's RLC rating shall be used for all races in which less than approximately 75% of the total distance of the course requires the boats to either tack or gybe. For races of 75% or greater, the BUOY rating shall be used. If there is any doubt, the RLC rating shall be used. The PRO is solely responsible for determining which rating category is used and the decision may not be appealed through redress. This amends RRS #60.1(b).

13. DOCKAGE:

13.1 - For dockage in Naples contact Gary Schwarting at 239-850-8155. Proof of boat insurance is required when requesting dockage. Limited complimentary dockage is available HHYC for Friday & Saturday nights. Reservations must be to GCSC by March 15th.

Marinas

HHYC – To leave your boat at HHYC prior to or after our regatta - contacting them at 239-775-0506.

Port-O-Call - 550 Port O Call Way Naples, FL 34102 (239) 774-0479

Naples City Dock – Phone 239-213-3070, fax: 239-213-3072 and email:citydock@naplesgov.com.

14. LODGING:

14.1 - [LaQuinta Inns & Suites](#) 1555 5th Avenue South Naples, FL 34102

Phone: (239) 793-4646 or 800-531-5900

[Fairfield Inn](#) 1785 Fifth Avenue South Naples, FL 34102

Phone: (239) 261-3500

[Lemon Tree Inn](#) 250 9th St South Naples, FL 34102 US

Phone: (239) 239) 262-1414 or 1.888.800.LEMO

[Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club](#)

851 Gulf Shore Boulevard North Naples, FL 34102 US

Phone: (239) 261-2222

15. FURTHER INFORMATION:

15.1 – For further information, please contact Gary Schwarting at 239-850-8155.