



MELGES UK NATIONALS 2005



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Dear Melges Sailor

I am sure you are aware that the Melges 2005 Nationals are to be held in Jersey over the period of June 15th to 18th with registration taking place on Tuesday 14th. We do hope that you will be entering the regatta and take this opportunity of enclosing various information to help you make that decision and make the process easier!

An entry form is enclosed which should be returned by 23rd May 2005 to take advantage of the early booking discount of £50.00. In addition, the first 10 non C.I. boats entering will receive a £200 refund upon registration. So don't delay – get your form in now as this could mean you have virtually FREE entry to the regatta!!

Also enclosed is a form for the booking of sea travel with Condor Ferries, to allow reservation with substantial discounts to their normal advertised rates. A schedule of costs is also enclosed and contact details of Len Le Page in Guernsey who will help you with the booking procedure if you require.

Don't forget that FlyBe have regular, competitively priced, flights from Southampton, Exeter and various other airports should you wish to send your boat over unaccompanied with Condor and fly to the event. We will collect your boat from the docks and deliver it to the crane to be lifted into the water at La Collette where pontoons are reserved for the duration of the event. Upon completion of the racing we will then deliver the boats back to the docks where they will be shipped with Condor for you to collect in Portsmouth.

Accommodation on the Island ranges from bed and breakfast to 5 stars so you should be able to find something to suit your tastes! Jersey Tourism brochures are enclosed to help you decide.

Should you wish to travel with your own 'Mother' boat we have managed to secure a pontoon adjacent to the Melges in La Collette Yacht Basin for visiting support craft. The event is based around St Helier Yacht Club which, (as you will note from the enclosed Visiting Yachtsmen's Guide to the Channels Islands) is an easy walk to your boat.

The event is hosted jointly by St Helier and Royal Channel Islands Yacht Clubs where the prize giving functions will be held after each day's racing. These daily prize givings are sponsored by various groups including Link Insurance, Sports Leisure and Culture, Jersey Tourism, WKD (Beverage Brands) and the joint yacht clubs.

The Final Grand Prize Giving Ball is to be held on Saturday evening at the Grand Hotel where overall prizes are to be presented courtesy of Condor Ferries.

Jersey's waters offer great sailing and superb opportunities for the entertainment of non-sailing family members ! Your OOD, Bob Milner is going to provide great courses and race organisation – so send in the enclosed form - NOW - and we look forward to welcoming you to Jersey !

With very best wishes,

Melges Steering Group Committee