



Audi

MELGES²⁰

2015 World Championship

Belvedere, CA (San Francisco Bay)



THE SAN FRANCISCO
YACHT CLUB

MELGES
Performance Sailboats

NOTICE OF RACE

September 28 – October 3, 2015

Hosted by The San Francisco Yacht Club
Sponsored By Melges Performance Sailboats

1. VENUE / AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The International Audi Melges 20 Class Association (IAM20CA) will be the Organizing Authority (OA) and The San Francisco Yacht Club (SFYC) will be the event host.
- 1.2 The San Francisco Yacht Club is located at: 98 Beach Rd, Belvedere, CA 94920
Phone: (415) 435-9133
- 1.3 Event launching, hauling and docking will be provided for at The San Francisco Yacht Club.
- 1.4 Websites:
Audi Melges 20 Class Association: www.melges20.com (Official Regatta site)
The San Francisco Yacht Club: www.sfyc.org

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The International Audi Melges 20 Class Rules (IAM20CR) will apply except as specifically changed in the Notice of Race (NOR) or in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 2.2 The following Prescriptions of US Sailing are the only Prescriptions that will apply: Appendix R and prescriptions to rules 61.4, 67, 76.1 and 82.
- 2.3 Competitor advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules. Boats may be required to display event and sponsors' advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4. These items will be supplied free of charge by the organizing authority (OA) at registration.
- 2.4 The *Equipment Rules of Sailing* (ERS) will apply.
- 2.5 For the purposes of RRS 43.2, the anti hiking strap does not constitute a lifeline.
- 2.6 RRS 42.3(c) is modified to allow the spinnaker sheet to be pumped without restriction to promote surfing or planing.
- 2.7 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) as specified by the class rules while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification as deemed appropriate only by the International Jury.
- 2.8 Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving USA VHF channels. The specific radio channel and further instructions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.9 In accordance with rule G3, a boat chartered or loaned for this event may carry national letters or a sail number in contravention of the Class Rules.
- 2.10 Where there is a conflict between this NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Audi Melges 20 class.
- 3.2 Boats will conform to IAM20 class rules regarding sailor classification in accordance with The ISAF Sailor Classification Code 22. Details of the ISAF Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on ISAF's website at www.sailing.org/classification.

- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by visiting the Audi Melges 20 website and completing the regatta's online entry process and paying the required fees (online at Yachtscoring).
- 3.4 **Entry Deadline: All entries must be received no later than September 8, 2015.** Late entries may only be accepted with the approval of the Organizing Authority, and will be subject to a late fee as described in NOR 4.1.
- 3.5 **On Site Registration:** Registration and presenting the required Forms to the registration staff and receiving event materials, must be completed by 1700 on Tuesday, September 29.

The required forms are:

- * Sail Declaration Form per Class Rule Appendix 2
- * Valid manufacturer declaration
- * Owner Declaration
- * Liability Waiver provided at registration (skipper and crew must sign).
- * **Proof of Insurance (per NOR Section 13)**

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is US \$900 if received by September 8, 2015. Entries received after this time will be assessed a late fee of \$100 upon approval of the OA .
- 4.2 The entry fee includes "Social Events / Food and Beverage tickets" for each registered sailing crew per boat.
- 4.3 For family, friends, coaches, etc., five (5) day "Social Event / Food and Beverage tickets" may be purchased for \$99 per person. These tickets may be purchased when entering on the Yachtscoring regatta page or at on-site registration.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Monday, September 28

Registration & Boat Checks	0900 – 1800
3 Race Practice Regatta	1200 (Organized & run by the coaches. See #5.4)

Tuesday, September 29

Registration & Boat Checks	0900 – 1700 (Registration must be completed by 1700)
RC Announcement on VHF	1000 (Regarding Practice Race)
Practice Race	1200 (Warning Signal)
Launching Deadline	1730

Skippers' Meeting & Opening Ceremony	1730
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Wednesday, September 30

First Warning Signal 1200 (additional races to follow ASAP)
Social & Daily Awards Following Racing

Thursday, October 1

First Warning Signal 1200 (additional races to follow ASAP)
Social & Daily Awards Following Racing
Annual Class Meeting 1800

Friday, October 2

First Warning Signal 1200 (additional races to follow ASAP)
Social & Daily Awards Following Racing

Saturday, October 3

First Warning Signal 1200 (additional race(s) to follow ASAP)
Dinner & Awards Ceremony Specific time TBD

5.2 Eleven (11) races are scheduled. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion.

5.3 On the final day of the regatta, the Initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1500 hours. However, after this Initial Warning, any Warning Signal that follows one or more General Recalls may occur after 1500.

5.4 On Monday, Sept. 28, Melges 20 coaches will run a 3 race practice regatta on the Worlds' race course. The first Warning Signal is scheduled for 1200. Additional instructions will be posted on the regatta website.

5.5 On Tuesday, Sept. 29, the Worlds' Race Committee will run a practice race on the World's race course. The Warning Signal is scheduled for 1200. There will be a RC Announcement on the RC VHF at 1000.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1 All competitors shall conform to Class Measurement Rules.

6.2 Each boat shall produce a valid manufacturer declaration at registration.

6.3 The Class Association representative may weigh, measure, or inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails at any time during the regatta.

6.4 Every sail should have valid certification marks (Class rule B.1.1 & G.2.2.a). Sails that do not have a valid certification mark, may be fully measured only before or after the scheduled equipment control time, if an official measurer will be available; owners will be charged for these certifications.

6.5 There may be the following control checks:

- Sail dimensions
- Corrector weights
- Boat weighing
- Anti-hiking straps
- Safety equipment
- Random measurement checks

6.6 The official measurer, the ICA the MNA or the ISAF may use destructive testing to determine compliance with construction and/or Class rules.

7. LAUNCHING AND MOORAGE

7.1 All boats must be in the water by 1730 on September 29, 2015.

7.2 All boats shall remain in the water until the end of racing, unless granted prior permission by the Regatta Chairman or Principle Race Officer.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI's will be available at registration and will be posted on the regatta website.

9. COURSES

9.1 Courses to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration as described in the SI's.

9.2 Attachment 1 shows the approximate racing areas.

10. SCORING

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, with the following modification:

When fewer than six races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores; when six or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.2 Three completed races are necessary to constitute a series.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1 The top 5 boats overall will receive prizes. The winner shall receive the International Audi Melges 20 World Championship Trophy.
- 12.2 In addition, the top three placing all Corinthian International Audi Melges 20's will receive prizes.

13. COACH, SUPPORT AND SPECTATOR BOATS

- 13.1 **All coach, support and spectator boats shall be registered with the OA (Joy Dunigan) during the Registration times.** Only coach, support and spectator boats that have registered with the OA and carry regatta identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area.

A \$20.00 deposit will be required for each coach, support and spectator boat flag at registration. The deposit will be refunded when the flag is returned.

- 13.2 All support boats must comply with class rules governing their actions on the water and shall comply with any specific instructions given to them by the race committee concerning their location and actions on the water. Additional instructions will be stated in the SI's.
- 12.3 All coach, support and spectator boats are required to monitor the event's designated Race Committee VHF channel when in the race course area.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent if expressed in other currency. **Proof of insurance shall be provided at Registration.**

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers include the Organizing Authority, The San Francisco Yacht Club, Race Committee, International Jury, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event during shoreside or on-the-water activities. In consideration of the acceptance of my race entry by The San Francisco Yacht Club (SFYC), I acknowledge and agree as follows:

- 1. I certify that my boat is equipped to conform with U.S. Coast Guard and Class/Fleet safety requirements, including a personal flotation device for myself. I represent that I am physically fit to participate in the race.
- 2. I have read the Notice of Race for this event and will abide by its terms. I am fully responsible for the operation of my boat. I will comply with all US SAILING rules, the

sailing instructions and laws governing the race and use of the marina, including the California Harbors & Navigation Code.

3. ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I acknowledge that sailboat racing involves risks, and I freely assume all risks, including the risks of serious personal injury, death or disability from accident, drowning, exposure, overexertion, adverse sea or weather conditions, loss or damage of my boat and equipment, as well as all unforeseen risks. My participation in this recreational event is voluntary, and I am free to withdraw at any time if I deem it prudent under existing conditions.

4. LIABILITY WAIVER & RELEASE. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, I WAIVE THE RIGHT TO SUE AND I FOREVER RELEASE SFYC, THE INTERNATIONAL AUDI MELGES 20 CLASS ASSOCIATION AND MELGES PERFORMANCE SAILBOATS FROM ALL LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE RACE, AND ANY ORDINARY ACTIVE OR PASSIVE NEGLIGENCE OF SFYC.

5. HOLD HARMLESS. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD SFYC, THE INTERNATIONAL AUDI MELGES 20 CLASS ASSOCIATION AND MELGES PERFORMANCE SAILBOATS HARMLESS FROM ANY CLAIM, DAMAGE, LIABILITY, LOSS, SUIT, COST OR EXPENSE INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES, ARISING FROM MY ACTS OR OMISSIONS, AND FROM ANY SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST SFYC, THE INTERNATIONAL AUDI MELGES 20 CLASS ASSOCIATION AND MELGES PERFORMANCE SAILBOATS IN VIOLATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

6. This Agreement contains all the understandings between SFYC, The International Audi Melges 20 Class Association and Melges Performance Sailboats and me regarding the subject matter hereof. The terms of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such a way as to render them valid whenever possible, and shall not be strictly construed against SFYC. If any part of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect. As used herein, "SFYC" means The San Francisco Yacht Club, its owners, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, race committee members and officials acting in their official capacities.

This is a contract that strictly limits SFYC's, The International Audi Melges 20 Class Association and Melges Performance Sailboats' liability to its gross negligence or willful misconduct.

16. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

The OA may amend this notice. Amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board, and if practical, posted on www.melges20.com.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS

Each participant shall acknowledge that all media and commercial rights belong exclusively to SFYC, the Organizing Authority and the IAM20CA and shall grant to the SFYC, Organizing Authority and IAM20CA the unrestricted right and permission to use and publish any biographical information, text and images arising from the championship

including name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media worldwide (being television, print and digital media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the Audi Melges 20 World Championship and the participants in the regatta. The OA will exercise these rights in its sole discretion or as it may agree with the event sponsors. Participants shall not reproduce, publicly communicate or distribute images of the race in any way or form without previous authorization from the OA or the IAM20CA.

18. CHARTER BOATS

Please contact Andy Burdick via email at andy@melges.com for charter information.

19. PARKING

Two (2) parking passes for the SFYC lot will be issued to each participating boat. One (1) pass shall be used for a vehicle and one (1) pass for the boat's trailer. Additional vehicles must be parked off site.

20. SFYC RULES

20.1 Smoking is prohibited in all Club Facilities and at any location on Club property, indoors or outdoors, including the Harbor, deck, parking lot and lawn areas.

20.2 Guests' pets are not allowed on Club property, including the Harbor, deck, parking lot and lawn areas.

20.3 All participants are welcome guests of SFYC and are encouraged to use the bar and dining facilities (reservations encouraged) with payment by credit card only.

21. FUTURE INFORMATION, please contact:

Regatta Chair:

Angie Lackey - (415) 847-9707 // lackeyad@comcast.net

Class Admin:

Joy Dunigan - (912) 756-6706 // usafleet@melges20.com

Melges Boatworks:

Andy Burdick - (262) 275-1110 // andy@melges.com

Audi Melges 20 Class Local Representative:

Seadon Wijzen - (415) 339-3000 // seadon@sales.northsails.com

Regatta PRO:

Bruce Golison - bruce@golison.com

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Attachment #1

Racing Areas

(Primary location will be at Circle 1)

