



2015 / 2016 International Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series

Miami, FL (Biscayne Bay)

NOTICE OF RACE

Event No. 1: December 11 – 13, 2015
Event No. 2: February 5 – 7, 2016
Event No. 3: March 4 – 6, 2016
(All are stand-alone Melges 20 regattas.)

Hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club
Supported by Melges Performance Sailboats & Shake-A-Leg Miami

1. Authority / Venue

- 1.1 The International Audi Melges 20 Class Association (IAM20CA) is the Organizing Authority (OA) and the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is the host.
- 1.2 On-shore functions for Miami Winter Series (except for the trophy presentation, trailer storage and launching) will be at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC) located at 2990 S. Bayshore Dr., Coconut Grove, FL 33133. Ph: (305) 444-4571.
- 1.3 In the water dockage and moorage will be at Coconut Grove Sailing Club with any overflow at Shake-A-Leg, unless boats make other arrangements. Once the dock and mooring space is full at CGSC, all other boats will dock at Shake-A-Leg or elsewhere.
- 1.4 The Coconut Grove Sailing Club launch service to its moorings operates 24 hours per day. The Dock Office monitors VHF 78.
- 1.5 Trailer storage and boat launch / haul out facilities for the Miami Winter Series will be at Shake-A-Leg Miami's facility located at 2620 S. Bayshore Dr., Coconut Grove. Phone: (305) 858-5550. (Shake-A-Leg is located 1/2 mile from CGSC.)
- 1.6 Each boat utilizing the Shake-A-Leg facilities shall complete a Storage Application and send it to Shake-A-Leg along with the required fee as directed on the application. **The Storage Application will be on the International Audi Melges 20 website.**

1.7 Additional trailer storage and boat launch / haul out facilities may be available at the US Sailing Center. Each boat utilizing the US Sailing Center shall contact Pat Downey, Executive Director to make a reservation and arrange for payment of the required fees. E-mail usscmiami@bellsouth.net or call (305) 854-1058.

1.8 Miami Winter Series Trophy Presentations will be at Shake-A-Leg.

1.9 Websites:

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| IAM20CA: | www.melges20.com (Official Regatta website) |
| Coconut Grove Sailing Club: | www.cgsc.org |
| Shake-A-Leg: | www.shakealegmiami.org |

2. RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2.2 The International Audi Melges 20 Class Rules (IAM20CR), including Part 3, Section I (EVENT RULES), will apply except as specifically changed in the Notice of Race (NOR) or in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).

2.3 The following Prescriptions of US Sailing are the only Prescriptions that will apply: Appendix R and prescriptions to rules 61.4, 67 and 76.1.

2.4 The *Equipment Rules of Sailing* (ERS) will apply.

2.5 Competitor advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.

Boats may be required to display identification numbers 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.

2.6 Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels. The Race Committee's VHF communication channel will be posted on the Official Notice Board and announced at the Skipper's Meeting.

2.7 For the purposes of RRS 43.2, the anti-hiking strap does not constitute a lifeline.

2.8 RRS 42.3(c) is modified to allow the spinnaker sheet to be pumped without restriction to promote surfing or planing.

2.9 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 International Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series are open to all boats of the International Audi Melges 20 Class that meet the obligations of the class rules.

Competitors should anticipate that a measuring protocol will be in place prior to launching.

- 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 the Miami Winter Series by visiting the International Audi Melges 20 website, completing the regatta's online entry process and paying the required fees (online).
- 3.4 **Entry Deadlines:** All entries must be received no later than seven (7) days prior to each event. Late entries may only be accepted with the approval of the IAM20CA Administrator.
- 3.5 On Site Registration: Registration, including presenting Proof of Insurance if requested, and the required Class Forms to the Registration Staff and receiving event materials, must be completed by 1700 on the day prior to the start of racing at each regatta.

The required IAM20CA forms are:

- * Approved Helmsman Application Form, per Class Rule Appendix 8
- * Sail Declaration Form per Class Rule Appendix 2

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee for Event No. 1 is US \$360 if received by November 27, 2015. Entries received after this date will be assessed a late fee of \$100.
- 4.2 The entry fee for Event No. 2 is US \$360 if received by January 22, 2016. Entries received after this date will be assessed a late fee of \$100.
- 4.3 The entry fee for Event No. 3 is US \$360 if received by February 19, 2016. Entries received after this date will be assessed a late fee of \$100.

Note: The entry fee will include appetizers for skippers and crews in conjunction with the Skippers Meeting and following racing, except for Saturday, February 7th when a dinner is scheduled. In addition, there will be a free keg, soft drinks and water at the awards presentations.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Event No. 1

Thursday, December 10

Launching: 0900 – 1700
Registration: 1500 – 1700 (CGSC)
Skippers Meeting: 1800 Appetizers for Skippers and Crews to follow (CGSC)

Friday, December 11

First Warning Signal 1200 Additional race(s) to follow ASAP
Post-Race de-brief-Melges USA With appetizers and beer (CGSC)

Saturday, December 12

First Warning Signal 1200 Additional race(s) to follow ASAP
Post-Race Social Appetizers for skippers and crews (CGSC)

Sunday, December 13

First Warning Signal 1050 Additional race(s) to follow ASAP
Awards Ceremony Appetizers for Skippers and Crews (Shake-A-Leg)

Eight races are scheduled. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion.

PLEASE NOTE: On the final day of the regatta, the Initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1330 hours. However, after this Initial Warning, any Warning Signal that follows one or more General Recalls may occur after 1330.

5.2 Event No. 2

Thursday, February 4

Launching: 0900 – 1700
Registration: 1500 – 1700 (CGSC)
Skippers Meeting: 1800 Appetizers for Skippers and Crews to follow (CGSC)

Friday, February 5

First Warning Signal 1200 Additional race(s) to follow ASAP
Post-Race de-brief-Melges USA With appetizers and beer (CGSC)

Saturday, February 6

First Warning Signal 1200 Additional race(s) to follow ASAP
Regatta Dinner 1900 Buffet Dinner for competitors (CGSC)

Sunday, February 7

First Warning Signal 1050 Additional race(s) to follow ASAP
Awards Ceremony Appetizers for Skippers and Crews (Shake-A-Leg)

Eight races are scheduled. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion.

PLEASE NOTE: On the final day of the regatta, the Initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1330 hours. However, after this Initial Warning, any Warning Signal that follows one or more General Recalls may occur after 1330.

5.3 Event No. 3 (Melges 20 and 24's)

Thursday, March 3

Launching: 0900 – 1700
Registration: 1500 – 1700 (CGSC)
Skippers Meeting: 1800 Appetizers for Skippers and Crews to follow (CGSC)

Friday, March 4

First Warning Signal 1200 Additional race(s) to follow ASAP

Post-Race de-brief-Melges USA With appetizers and beer (CGSC)

Saturday, March 5

First Warning Signal 1200 Additional race(s) to follow ASAP
Post-Race Social Appetizers for skippers and crews (CGSC)
Melges Rocks Party! 2030 Location TBA

Saturday, March 6

First Warning Signal 1050 Additional race(s) to follow ASAP
Awards Ceremony Appetizers for Skippers and Crews (Shake-A-Leg)

Eight races are scheduled. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion.

PLEASE NOTE: On the final day of this regatta only, the Initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1400 hours. However, after this Initial Warning, any Warning Signal that follows one or more General Recalls may occur after 1400.

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 All competitors shall conform to Class Measurement Rules.
- 6.2 The OA and/or a Class Association representative may measure or inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails before, during, or after the races, for compliance to class rules.

7. LAUNCHING AND MOORAGE

- 7.1 All boats must be in the water by 1730 on the day before racing begins.
- 7.2 All boats shall remain in the water until the end of racing, unless granted prior permission by the Regatta Chairman or the Principle Race Officer.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The SIs will be available at registration and posted online prior to each Event.

9. COURSES

- 9.1 The course to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration.

10. SCORING

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

At each regatta, 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. One race is necessary to constitute a series.

- 10.2 All boats entering a 2015 / 2016 International Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series regatta are eligible to be scored in the series. Place scores from each individual regatta of the series will be used with a Low Point Scoring System. The boat with the lowest score will be the winner of the 2016 International Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 The top 5 boats overall will receive prizes. In addition, the top three placing All Corinthian sailed boats will also receive prizes.

- 11.2 The following trophies and prizes will be awarded to:

- A. the best boat that includes in the crew at least one sailor under 21.
- B. the best boat that includes one female sailor
- C. the best boat that has an all-female crew
- D. the best boat that has a helmsman under 21 throughout the event
- E. the best boat that has a Masters helmsman over 60 throughout the event.

- 11.3 For the International Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series overall, the top five boats will receive prizes. In addition, the top overall all Corinthian team will receive a prize.

12. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 Only support boats that have registered with the OA (during the specified Registration time) will be allowed in the racing area. All support boats must display the support boat flag issued to each boat at Registration at all times during the event. All support boats are required to monitor the Event's designated Race Committee VHF channel when in the race course area.

- 12.2 Additional support boat instructions will be stated in the SI's.

13. INSURANCE

- 13.1 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 upon request.

14. MEDIA RIGHTS

Each participant shall acknowledge that all media and commercial rights belong exclusively to the organizing authority and the IAM20CA and shall grant to the OA 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 Miami Winter Series 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.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. 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 (AM20CA), Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official who 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 shore-side or on-the-water activities. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

The OA may amend this notice. Amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board at CGSC and posted on the International Audi Melges 20 website.

16. FUTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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| Regatta Chairman: | Ron Rostorfer - (954) 401-5335 // | ronsailon@comcast.net |
| Class Admin: | Joy Dunigan - (912) 756-6706 // | usafleet@melges20.com |
| Melges USA: | Andy Burdick - (262) 275-1110 // | andy@melges.com |
| PRO: | Blake Middleton – (612) 991-2727 // | racemanager@cgsc.org |