

# 2016 MELGES 20 PRE-WORLDS & MELGES 20 RUSSIAN OPEN

19-21 AUGUST 2016

CLUB NAUTICO SCARLINO

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No National Authorities prescriptions will apply except prescriptions of the FIV (Italian Sailing Federation), regarding FIV membership and medical certificate which will apply only to Italian competitors.
- 1.3 Recorded video and images from any boat support, press, media and / or support boat, or data / video of positioning electronic devices cannot be used as evidence during the hearings and may not be a reason for redress request. This changes the RRS 63.3 - 63.6 - 60.1 (b).
- 1.4 In case of conflict between the Italian version and English version, the English version shall prevail.
- 1.5 **CODE OF CONDUCT - professional foul.**  
Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official, organizing committee member, Class official and other competitors, including the participation as party or witnesses in protest hearing or investigations. It is mandatory to participate to the social events and to any official meeting.  
The penalty for a breach to this SI can be a scoring penalty but also a disqualification or other disciplinary actions.

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located **near the Race Office at the Regatta Village.**

### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signal made ashore will be displayed at the flag-pole located **near the Race Office at the Regatta Village.**
- 4.2 (a) When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 40 minutes" in the race signal AP.  
(b) When together with the signal as per 4.2 (a) the IC flag "D" is displayed the competitors are forbidden to leave the dock until the signal is lowered.
- 4.3 When flag Y is displayed, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

#### 5.1 Races and Events schedule:

##### **Thursday, August 18th**

09.00-18.00 Registration and Measurements

##### **Friday, August 19th**

09.00-10.00 Registration and Measurements

10.00 Skipper briefing @ Regatta village

13.30 First Warning Signal

##### **Saturday, August 20th**

TBD Races

##### **Sunday, August 21st**

TBD Races

After Races Prize Giving @ Regatta Village

#### 5.2 Number of races:

A maximum of **8** races is planned.

A maximum of 3 races can be sailed on any racing day.

#### 5.3 The scheduled time of warning signal for the first race is **Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> h. 13.30**

#### 5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made

5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after **16.30**.

## 6 CLASS FLAG

Class Flag will be a white flag with "MELGES 20" in black.

## 7 RACING AREAS

Races will be held in the water in front of the town hosting the event.

## 8 THE COURSES

Diagram in Appendix A shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

### 8.1 Course 1

*Start – W – WO – Gate – W – WO – Finish (Downwind).*

8.4 *No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.*

8.5 *Courses can be shortened provided that a shortened race has a minimum of 3 legs.*

*The legs described as follows are not legs on the purpose of SI 8.5:*

*W – WO*

***This changes rule 32.***

## 9 MARKS

9.1 Marks W/ GS / GP will be cylindrical inflatable YELLOW buoy. WO will be a thin cylindrical inflatable YELLOW buoy.

9.2 <spare>

9.3 The finishing mark will be a cylindrical inflatable ORANGE buoy or another race committee boat displaying an orange flag.

9.4 The starting Mark will be RC boats on both end of the line, if not applicable the mark at the port-end of the starting line will be cylindrical inflatable ORANGE buoy.

9.5 All the marks, except the gate, shall be left to port. *At the gate if one mark is missing the other one shall be left to port; this change RRS 34. The finishing mark shall be left to starboard.*

9.6 New W mark, as described in SI 12.1, will be cylindrical inflatable ORANGE buoy.

9.7 A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

## 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

In case of Sailing forbidden areas these will be notified on the Official Notice Board.

When these areas are notified, these will be considered "obstruction" as per definition & related application of RRS 19 & 20.

## 11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC starting vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC pin-end vessel.

In case of absence of the pin-end vessel the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC starting vessel and the course side of the mark at the port-end of the line as per SI 9.4.

11.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scores DID NOT START (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A 4.

11.4 The Race Committee may communicate by radio **VHF 74** individual and general recalls.

In such case, bow numbers, sail numbers or boat names may be called out for their identification.

Delay in the radio communication of these calls, or the order in which they are made, or any omission or failure in the emission or reception of these, shall not be grounds for a request for redress. (This modifies RRS 62.1.a).

This rule does not reduce, modify or exonerate each boat's responsibility to start in accordance with the RRS.

11.5 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or re-sailed. This changes RRS 26, 63.1 and A5. RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) does not apply. The scoring abbreviation under this rule is UFD. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviation.

11.6 Boats to be scored BFD or UFD under SI 11.5 will be hailed as described in SI 11.4. If hailed, such boats are to remove themselves from the race course at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new W mark or move the finishing line and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. Offset mark will be re-located.

When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1.

## 13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staffs displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and the finishing mark, as defined at SI 9.3.

**14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 IM20CR I.3.1 (a) is CHANGED to read:

**RRS 44.1 is changed to read:**

44.1 Taking a Penalty

(a) A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing within the zone of a mark.

(b) A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing outside the zone of a mark or rule 31.

(c) However, if a boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

**RRS 44.2 is changed to read:**

44.2 One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties

After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty by promptly making the required number of turns in the same direction, each turn including one tack and one gybe. However, unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties within the zone of the windward mark or penalties on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

**15 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

15.1 Time limits and target time are as follow:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Target Time</i>	<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Time limite for Mark 1</i>
Melges 20	60'	90'	25'

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This change RRS 62.1(a).

15.2 The boats not finishing within 15' from the finish of the first boat, will be classified as "DNF Not Finished" without hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

**16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

16.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

16.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the Club Nautico Scarlino.

16.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

16.5 (a) Breaches of S.I. 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

(b) Penalties as per point a) will be percentage based on the total number of boat of the fleet. Percentage will be between 10% and 30%. The race score for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the number of places stated in the sailing instructions. However, she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish. The scores of other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score.

(c) The Protest Committee may impose penalties as described in 16.5(b), for breaches of Class Rules or other non-Part 2 rules.

(d) If the Protest Committee decides that a breach of a *rule* has had no significant effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty or make any other arrangement it decides is fair for all boats affected, which may be to impose no penalty.

This change RRS 64.1.

16.6 On the last scheduled racing day a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered.

(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day .This change rule 66.

16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

**16.8** **Arbitration system. One or more Judges may be positioned on the course area on boats displaying letter "J". This Judge/s will display a red flag, in case of any infringements of Rules of PART 2 RRS or Rule 31 RRS. The Judge will not identify any boat. The participant could decide if taking a penalty or not.**

**17 SCORING**

**17.1** The scoring system will be the Low Point scoring system.

**17.2** One (1) race is needed for the regatta to be scored as single event.

**17.3** (a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**18.1** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**18.2** Boats not leaving the harbour for the races of the day (DNC) shall inform the race office as soon as possible.

**18.3** Boats not starting or retiring from a race (DNS - DNF) shall inform the race office or the race committee as soon as possible.

**18.4** All boats shall return only to their allocated moorings.

**19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**19.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.

**19.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

**20.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**20.2** Boats registered with an outboard fuel engine shall leave the shore carrying on board 4,5 liters of fuel instead of 3 liters (class rule C.5.1 (b)(4)). this supplementary quantity of 1,5 liters can be used only for emergency and the use shall be reported to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**21 EVENT ADVERTISING**

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority as per Annex 1 of Notice of Race.

**22 OFFICIAL BOATS**

The official boats will be identified by displaying flags as follows:

Race Committee Boat	RC Flag
Jury Boats	YELLOW flag with black J
Measurer Boat	White flag with a "M"
Media	White flag with a "P"

**23 SUPPORT BOATS**

**23.1** Refer to IM20CR I.4

**23.2** Support boat will be identified by displaying a flag as provided by the OA (White flag with number)

**24 TRASH DISPOSAL**

According to IM20CR I.4 Trash shall remain onboard until the end of the last race of the day but to throw the trash on the water will be considered a breach even between races.

**25 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

The boats shall not be hauled out during the Regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

**26 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

**28 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as per Notice of Race.

**29 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**28 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND**

(a) The OA may require media personnel, equipment and electronic devices to be carried on board at any time.

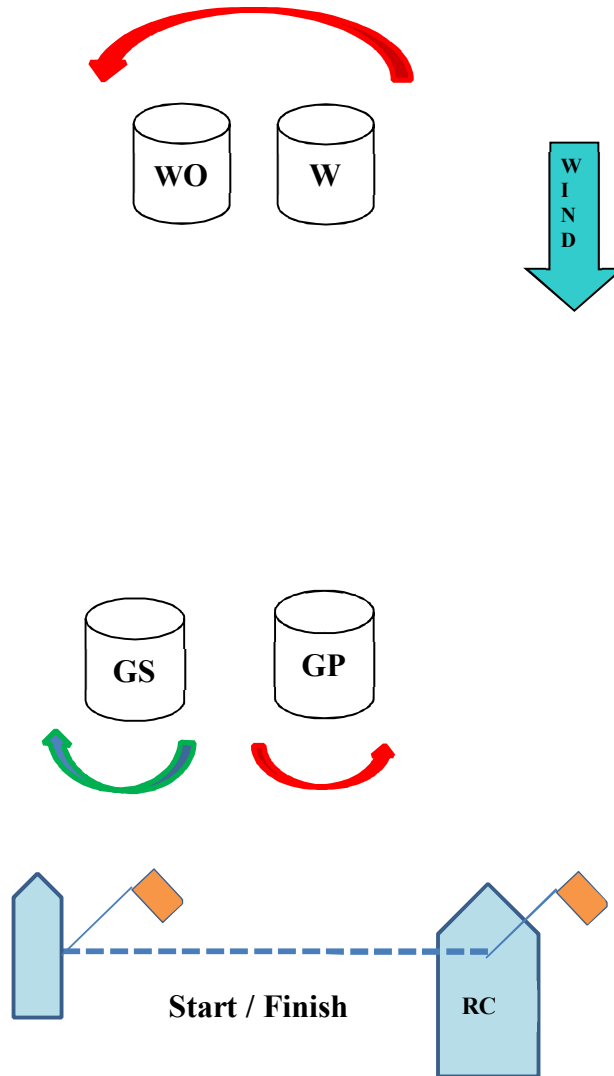
- (b) The position of these personnel and equipment will be determined by the RC and may be advised verbally.
- (c) The OA shall have the right to use any image, sound recorded and navigation data.

**The Race Committee**

# Appendix A

SCHEMATIC DRAWING OF THE COURSE. THE DISTANCES AND MARK POSITIONS ARE NOT IN SCALE.

## COURSE 1



Start – W – WO – Gate – W – WO – Finish (Downwind).