



# 2017 Melges 20 National Championship

August 17-19, 2017  
Newport, Rhode Island USA

## NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the International Melges 20 Class Association (IM20CA) with support from Sail Newport and Melges USA.

## **1. VENUE**

- 1.1. The International Melges 20 Class Association (IM20CA) is the Organizing Authority (OA) and Sail Newport is the host.
- 1.2. Onshore functions will be hosted at Sail Newport unless posted otherwise.
- 1.3. Dockage for all competitors shall be at the Alofsin Piers at Sail Newport.
- 1.4. Websites:
  - International Melges 20 Class Association ([www.melges20.com](http://www.melges20.com))
  - Sail Newport ([www.sailnewport.org](http://www.sailnewport.org))
  - Melges USA ([www.melges.com](http://www.melges.com))

## **2. RULES**

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 2.2. The class rules for the purpose of the definition of *rules* are the International Melges 20 Class Rules (IM20CR).
- 2.3. Only the prescriptions of US SAILING to rules 67 and 76.1 as well as to rule 61.4 shall apply. These prescriptions will be posted on the regatta website.
- 2.4. The International Melges 20 Class Rules (IM20CR) shall apply except as specifically changed in this Notice of Race (NOR) or in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 2.5. The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules, or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 2.6. In the case of a conflict between languages, this English text shall prevail.

## **3. ADVERTISING**

- 3.1. IM20CR I (ADVERTISING) shall apply.
- 3.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. If provided, flags and/or decals shall be displayed throughout the entirety of the event.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the International Melges 20 Class that meet the requirements of the IM20CR, and whose owners are current members of the Melges 20 Class.
- 4.2. All Melges 20s competing shall race with International Melges 20 Class Association Bow Numbers affixed as instructed in IM20CA Bow Number Policies and Procedures
- 4.3. Each entry is required to complete a Sail Declaration found on Yachtscoring.com before the close of registration on Wednesday, August 16th, 2017.

#### **5. REGISTRATION**

- 5.1. To complete registration, all competitors shall have:
  - Completed entry online
  - Submitted all required Class forms
  - Paid all entry fees
  - Signed Release Agreement with original signatures.
- 5.2. Only boats that have completed registration by 1800 hours on Wednesday, August 16th, 2017 will be eligible to race. Late registration may be allowed only with the prior approval of the OA.

#### **7. FEES**

- 7.1. The entry fee is US\$800. This entry fee includes the following -
  - Dockage @ Sail Newport between August 15-20
  - Launching and hauling of competing boats @ Sail Newport
  - Trailer storage @ Sail Newport
  - Professional race management
  - Daily social functions @ Sail Newport
  - On-Site class Administrator
- 7.2. Teams are responsible for any costs other than those described in NOR 7.1 such as launching and hauling of support boats and support trailer storage.

#### **8. REGATTA SCHEDULE**

**Wednesday, 16 August - NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PRACTICE DAY**

1600-1800

Registration/Check-In @ Sail Newport

1400

Practice Racing – Racing Area TBD

1800 Skippers Meeting @ Sail Newport

**Thursday, 17 August – NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY ONE**

1100 Initial Warning Signal  
After Racing Daily Awards/Social

**Friday, 18 August - NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY TWO**

1100 Initial Warning Signal  
After Racing Daily Awards/Social

**Saturday, 19 August - NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY THREE**

1100 Initial Warning Signal  
1400 No initial Warning Signal after this time  
After Racing Final Awards Ceremony @ Sail Newport

- 8.1. Up to eight (8) races are scheduled for the National Championship. The Race Committee (RC) may run fewer races at its discretion and may make up a race on any day, if needed. A maximum of four races may be sailed on any day.

**9. MEASUREMENTS**

- 9.1. The OA and/or Class Association representative may weigh, measure, or inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails before, during, or after the races.
- 9.2. In accordance with RRS G3, chartered or loaned boats may display national letters and sail numbers in contravention of class rules.
- 9.3. IM20CR I.2 (SAIL LIMITATION MARKS) shall apply. Sails without valid certification marks may be fully measured by prior appointment. Boats seeking such measurement may be charged for services.

**10. REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

- 10.1. Crew substitutions before and during the event are permitted with the prior written approval of the OA.

**11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 11.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available no later than 1600 hours on Wednesday, August 16th, at Registration, and online on the event website.

**12. VENUE | RACING AREA**

12.1. The racing area will in the waters of Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound.

### **13. THE COURSES**

13.1. The courses to be sailed will be a windward/leeward configuration as described in the SIs.

### **14. SCORING**

14.1. In accordance with IM20CR I.3.1(c) and IM20CR I.3.2 (b) & (c) (Scoring), the following changes to rule A2 shall apply:

- (a) Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (b) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### **15. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS**

15.1. IM20CR part III I.4 (OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE) shall apply.

15.2. Coach and support boats shall be registered with the OA during Check-in. Only support boats that have registered with the OA and carry identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area.

15.3. In addition to the requirements of IM20CR part III 1.4, Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing. Any coach or support boat that interferes with the racing in any way, including creating excess wash or hindering an official boat carrying out its duties, shall cause their affiliated boat(s) to be liable for a penalty at the discretion of the Jury.

### **16. PRESS AND OFFICIAL SPECTATOR BOATS**

16.1. All press and official spectator boats shall be registered with the OA during Check-in.

16.2. Press and spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in any way and shall stay at a distance outside the race-course where their wake causes no problem.

16.3. The OA may appoint one or more press and photo boat(s) that may be allowed within the race course. The position or effects of this boat(s) shall not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

16.4. Press and spectator boats may be required to display an identification flag, which shall be supplied by the OA.

## **17. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING**

17.1. As part of the entry fee, each boat shall be provided with dockage at Sail Newport. All competitors must use dockage provided at Sail Newport.

17.2. Each team is responsible for making its own arrangements for launching/hauling, trailer storage, work trailer storage, RIB/support boat and trailer storage. RIB/support boat dockage and trailer space will be provided by Sail Newport for an additional fee.

17.3. Information about other support facilities in the area will be posted on the regatta website.

## **18. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

18.1. All competing boats shall be afloat by 1700 Wednesday, August 16th, 2017.

18.2. Boats shall not be hauled out during the Championship except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the OA.

## **19. PRIZES**

19.1. Trophies and Prizes will be awarded to:

- (a) The Top Finishing Corinthian Team as defined in the Melges 20 Class Rules.
- (b) The winning helmsman and each crew member for the top three boats overall.
- (c) The winner of each race.
- (d) Additional prizes at the discretion of the OA.

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

20.1. Liability Waiver Form - As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual

participating crew member shall sign a liability waiver/media release. The fully executed Liability Waiver Form shall be submitted at registration prior to racing. The Liability Waiver Form will be posted on the regatta website and available at registration.

20.2. Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury.

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. Sail Newport and its volunteers, Fort Adams State Park, The State of Rhode Island, International Melges 20 Class Association, any sponsors and affiliated companies, and each of their officers, directors, employees, sponsors and agents (collectively as "Releasees"), 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.

## **21. INSURANCE**

21.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent if expressed in other currency. Proof of insurance shall be provided upon request.

## **22. CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE**

22.1. The organization reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race in accordance with rule 89.2 (a). Any change made to this Notice of Race will be published on the regatta website.

## **23. MEDIA RIGHTS**

23.1. Each participant shall acknowledge that all media and commercial rights belong exclusively to the OA and the IM20CA and shall grant to the OA and IM20CA 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 Melges 20 National 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. Unless previously authorized by the OA or IM20CA, participants shall not reproduce, publicly communicate or distribute images of the race in any way or form.

## **24. FURTHER INFORMATION**

**International Melges 20 Class Association**

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