



**Audi**

**MELGES<sup>20</sup>**

**L.O. Series Event #3  
Hosted by: Port Credit Yacht Club  
September 8-9, 2012**



# **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Organizing Authority and Host: Port Credit Yacht Club in coordination with the  
International Audi Melges 20 Class Association (IAM20CA)**

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
- 1.2. All competing boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF Channels (International) for safety purposes and Race Committee communication only. The Race Committee will be on Channel 71. PCYC Harbour Master monitors Channel 68.
- 1.3. A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions (except from the specified Race Committee VHF Channel) (including cellular telephone) while racing (*RRS 41*).
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between a rule in the NOR and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. (This changes *RRS 63.7.*)
- 1.5. Boats shall not put trash in the water.

## **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the first floor of the Port Credit Yacht Club at the bottom of the stairs.
- 2.2. Competitors should monitor VHF Channel 71 at 0830 and again at 0900 each race day for any of the Race Committee announcements.

## **3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Any changes will be posted by 0900 on the day they will take effect, except that any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted by the latest protest time limit on the day before they take effect (Sailing Instruction 16.2).
- 3.2. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water. The Race Committee Signal Boat shall display code Flag "L" and announce the change on the Race Committee VHF Channel in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Competitors may also approach the Committee Boat and verbally receive the change while Code Flag "L" is displayed.

## **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the Port Credit Yacht Club.
- 4.2. Code Flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in Sailing Instructions or other notice to competitors has been posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 4.3. Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the lowering of this signal.
- 4.4. Code Flag "AP" over "A" and 2 sounds when signalled ashore means that all racing is abandoned for today.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

### Friday September 7th

0000 2000 Launching and berthing  
1300 1700 Practice Course Set Up  
1800 2000 Registration (All teams shall check-in)  
1730 Welcome Social at PCYC

### Saturday September 8th: Race Day One

0900 Skippers Meeting at the BBQ hut  
1100 First Warning Signal  
After Racing Social, BBQ hut

### Sunday September 9: Race Day Two

1100 First Warning Signal  
1500 No Initial Warning Signal will be made after this time

After Racing Awards Ceremony at PCYC

**It is the intention of the Race Committee to run as many races as practicable on each day.**

## 6. CLASS FLAG

6.1. The Class Flag will be the Melges 20 Insignia on a white flag.

## 7. RACING AREAS

7.1. Racing will take place on the fresh waters of Lake Ontario adjacent to the entrance to Port Credit Yacht Club. The Signal Boat will anchor approximately 2 nautical miles on a bearing of 135 from the entrance to Port Credit Yacht Club.

7.2. The Race Committee may change the location of the Course to suit the conditions. They will hoist Code Flag "L" and make announcements on Channel 71 while moving to the new location.

## 8. THE COURSES

8.1. Courses will be described below and in Appendix #1 –"COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS".

8.2. Course Designations:

**COURSE #1** – (Numeral Pennant 1 displayed on Signal Boat) Start, Windward, Offset, Leeward Gate, Windward, Offset, Finish.

**COURSE #2** – (Numeral Pennant 2 displayed on Signal Boat) Start, Windward, Offset, Leeward Gate, Windward, Offset, Leeward Gate, Finish.

8.3. The Windward Mark and the accompanying offset mark shall be left to port.

8.4. Distance will be displayed on the Signal Boat prior to the Warning Signal for each race. This changes RRS 27.1.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1. The Windward Mark will be a Yellow tetrahedron mark.
- 9.2. The Windward Offset will be a Yellow tetrahedron mark. The offset mark will be laid approximately 30 metres to port of the Windward Mark.
- 9.3. A Leeward Gate will be placed to windward of the Starting Line. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.
- 9.4. If one of the leeward gate marks or the Offset Mark is missing, boats shall round the existing mark to port.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end of the line or an orange inflatable mark.
- 10.3. The Signal Boat may deploy a “keep away” buoy which shall rank as a starting mark. Any boat touching this buoy will have broken RRS 31 and shall act in accordance with RRS 44.1. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the Signal Boat when approaching the line to start. The area between the limit mark and the Signal boat does not rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 18, 19 and 20.
- 10.4. A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS A4.1.

## **11. RECALLS**

- 11.1. In the event of an individual recall, the sail numbers, bow numbers or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS may be announced on the Race Committee VHF Channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a hail on the VHF Channel shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).
- 11.2. If Code Flag “I” or “Z” are used, the Signal Boat may attempt to hail boats that are over the line within the last minute of the sequence. Failure of a boat to hear her notification and the timing and order of such hails will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).

## **12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 12.1. If the change is for a windward leg, the new mark will be a tetrahedron of a different colour, unless the change is for the Finish leg of Course #2 in which case the finish line will be in the new position.
- 12.2. If the change is for a leeward leg, the gate marks will be moved into the new position unless it is the final leg of Course #1 in which case the finish line will be

in the new position. There may be a different Race Committee boat acting as the Finish Boat.

12.3. The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast any course changes of the specified VHF Channel.

### **13. FINISH**

13.1. The Finish line for Leeward Finishes (Course 1) will be on the opposite side of the Race Committee Boat from the Starting Line. The Finish Line will be between an Orange flag on the Signal Boat and the nearby mark.

13.2. The Finish line for Windward Finishes (Course 2) will be between the orange flag on the Signal boat and a nearby mark.

### **14. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2**

14.1. The Penalty for Breaking a Rule of RRS Part 2 is changed in that if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 her penalty will be a One-Turn Penalty including one tack and one jibe. This changes RRS 44.1.

### **15. TIME LIMITS**

15.1. Any race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes or where there is no finisher within 2 hours of the start shall be abandoned. Any boats not finishing within 45 minutes of the finish time of the first boat will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). The TLE score for such boats shall be one point more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4.1 and A4.2).

### **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

16.1. A boat intending to protest is requested to notify a Race Committee Finish boat of its intention and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing.

16.2. Protest forms will be available at the Jury desk at PCYC. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be delivered to the Jury desk within the protest time limit. The time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Finish Boat docks or when a race is abandoned ashore. Protest hearings will be held at PCYC as soon as possible and the approximate order in which they were filed.

16.3. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Official Notice Board at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Should any party fail to appear when called for a hearing, the Jury may proceed in accordance with RRS 63.3(b).

16.4. Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Jury desk until excused by the Jury.

#### **16.5. CONDUCT OF HEARINGS:**

a) Videos and photos taken from any support and/or coach boat shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This alters RRS 63.6(b).

b) The representative from each yacht who attends the hearing shall be the owner or the Category 1 helmsman. Category 3 sailors are not allowed in the hearing, or to be in contact with the representatives at the hearing.

## **17. SCORING**

17.1. The Low Point Scoring System described in Appendix A of the RRS shall apply.

## **18. BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

18.1. Each boat shall have clearly identifiable Sail numbers on their mainsail in accordance with Class Rule C.10.3(a) (1).

## **19. TEAM and PRIVATE SUPPORT BOATS**

19.1. All Support and Coach boats are required to register with the Race Committee. They must have a VHF radio and monitor the Race Committee Channel in case they need to be contacted. They shall obey all the instructions of the Race Committee.

19.2. All Support and Coach Boats are required to conform to the Class Rules.

## **20. HAULOUT RESTRICTION**

20.1. All boats must be in the water by 2000 on the day before racing begins.

20.2. No boats shall be hauled out during the regatta except according to the written terms and with the permission of the Principal Race Officer or the Chief Judge for the event.

## **21. PRIZES**

22.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers overall and will count toward overall series winners.

## **22. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

22.1. A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee and receive an acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the Jury Desk on shore at PCYC.

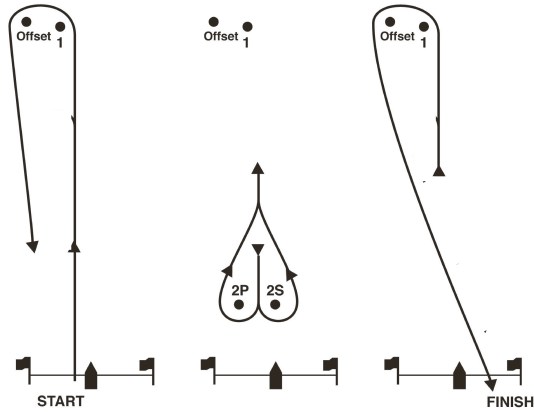
## **23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

23.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Host Club, Melges Performance Sailboats, and their officers, employees and volunteers will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## APPENDIX 1 – Course Diagrams

### ***COURSE #1 (Numeral Pennant #1 displayed)***

Start, 1(Windward), Offset, 2P or 2S (Leeward Gate), 1(Windward), Offset, Finish



### ***COURSE #2 (Numeral Pennant #2 displayed)***

Start, Windward, Offset, Leeward Gate, Windward, Offset, Leeward Gate, Finish

