



Audi

MELGES²⁰

2012 U.S. NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP

Tiburon, CA (San Francisco Bay)



NOTICE OF RACE

October 5 – 7, 2012

Hosted by Corinthian Yacht Club
Sponsored By Melges Performance Sailboats

1. Venue / Authority

- 1.1 The Audi Melges 20 Class Association (AM20CA) is the Organizing Authority (OA) and the Corinthian Yacht Club is the host.
- 1.2 Corinthian Yacht Club is located at: 43 Main St., Belvedere, CA 94920
PH: (415) 435-4771
- 1.3 Trailer storage will be available in Tiburon or nearby Sausalito (for the west coast events). Further updates will be posted on the Audi Melges 20 website.
- 1.4 Event launching, hauling and docking will be provided for at Corinthian Yacht Club.

- 1.5 All boats must be in the water by 1730 on the day before racing begins.
- 1.6 Websites:
Audi Melges 20 Class Association: www.melges20.com (Official Regatta site)
Corinthian Yacht Club: www.cyc.org

2. RULES

- 2.1 *The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the International Audi Melges 20 Class Rules.*
- 2.2 Where there is a conflict between this NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.3 The following Prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: Rules 61.4, 68, 76.1, 76.3 and Appendix F only.
- 2.4 *Advertising is permitted according to AM20CA Rules. The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display sponsor flags and / or stickers.*
- 2.5 All competitors shall wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Failure to comply with this rule can result in disqualification as deemed appropriate only by the protest committee.
- 2.6 Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels. The Race Committee's VHF communication channel shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and announced at the Skipper's Meeting.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The Audi Melges 20 National Championships are open to all boats of the Audi Melges 20 Class that meet the obligations of the class rules.
- 3.2 All boat owners must be in compliance with Class Rule C.2.4.
- 3.3 All competitors shall be in compliance with the ISAF Eligibility Rules, ISAF Sailor Classification Code and the Audi Melges 20 Class Rules. As per Class Rule C.2.5., IM20CA delegates to a Classification Code Committee shall have the authority in determining a helmsman's approval within the spirit of the Class Rules.
- 3.4 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).

- 3.5 Entry Deadline: All entries must be received no later than September 28, 2012. Late entries may only be accepted with the approval of the Regatta Chairman.
- 3.6 On Site Registration: Registration, including presenting Proof of Insurance and the required Class Forms to the registration staff and receiving event materials, must be completed by 1730 on the day prior to the start of racing.

The required 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 is US \$375 if received by September 21, 2012. Entries received after September 21, 2012 will be assessed a late fee of \$100.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Thursday, October 4

Launching and Berthing:	0900 – 1730
Registration:	1500 – 1730
Skippers Meeting:	1800

Friday

First Warning Signal	1200	(additional races to follow ASAP)
After Racing Social		Following Racing

Saturday

First Warning Signal	1200	(additional races to follow ASAP)
After Racing Social		Following Racing

Sunday

First Warning Signal	1200	(additional race(s) to follow ASAP)
Awards Ceremony		Following Racing

- 5.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled. The Race Committee (RC) 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 1430 hours. However, after this Initial Warning, any Warning Signal that follows one or more General Recalls or Postponements may occur after 1430.

6. MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 All competitors shall conform to Class Measurement Rules.

- 6.2 The Organizing Authority 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 Principle Race Officer.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 The SIs will be available at registration and may be posted online.

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:

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. PRIZES

- 11.1 The top 5 boats overall will receive prizes. The winner shall receive the Audi Melges 20 National Championship Trophy.

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.

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

13. INSURANCE

- 13.1 All boats are required to hold adequate third-party insurance and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to competing in the event.

Proof of Insurance shall be provided to the registration staff during the specified registration time.

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, 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 shoreside 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, and if practical, posted on the Audi Melges 20 website.

16. HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel information for the National Championships will be posted on the Audi Melges 20 Class's website.

17. FUTURE INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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