



2012 / 2013 Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series

Miami, FL (Biscayne Bay)

NOTICE OF RACE

(For Events No.1 & No. 2)

Event No. 1: December 7 - 9, 2012 (3 days of racing)

Event No. 2: February 9 - 10, 2013

Event No. 3: March 7 – 9, 2013 (A separate NOR for Series Event No. 3 will be issued as part of Bacardi Miami Sailing Week)

Hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club

Supported by Melges Performance Sailboats & Shake-A-Leg Miami

1. Venue / Authority

- 1.1 The Audi Melges 20 Class Association (AM20CA) is the Organizing Authority (OA) and the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is the host.
- 1.2 On-shore functions for Miami Winter Series No. 1 and No. 2 (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 Series Event No. 3 will be held in conjunction with the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week. Onshore functions will be split between CGSC and the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week venue. Specific details will be part of Event No. 3's NOR which will be posted online at the official website of Bacardi Miami Sailing Week - **www.miamisailingweek.com**. There will be a separate entry form and fee for Series Event No. 3. This information will be posted on the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week website.
- 1.4 In the water dockage and moorage will be at Coconut Grove Sailing Club with any overflow at Shake-A-Leg. Once the dock and mooring space is full at CGSC, all other boats will dock at Shake-A-Leg.

- 1.5 The Coconut Grove Sailing Club launch service to its moorings operates 24 hours per day. The Dock Office monitors VHF 78.
- 1.6 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).
- 1.7 Each boat utilizing the Shake-A-Leg facilities shall complete a Shake-A-Leg Storage Application and send it to Shake-A-Leg along with the required fee as directed on the application. The Shake-A-Leg Storage Application will be on the Audi Melges 20 website.
- 1.8 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.
- 1.9 Miami Winter Series Events No. 1 and No. 2 Trophy Presentations will be at Shake-A-Leg.
- 1.10 Websites:
 - Audi Melges 20 Class Association: www.melges20.com (Official Regatta site)
 - Coconut Grove Sailing Club: www.cgsc.org
 - Shake-A-Leg: www.shakealegmiami.org
 - Bacardi Miami Sailing Week: www.miamisailingweek.com

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current 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 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 Miami Winter Series is 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 the Miami Winter Series No. 1 and No. 2 by visiting the Audi Melges 20 website and completing the regatta's online entry process and paying the required fees (online).
- Boats shall enter Event No. 3 by going to the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week website and completing the regatta's online entry process and paying the required fees (online).
- 3.5 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 for Event No. 1 is US \$375 if received by November 27, 2012. Entries received after November 27, 2012 will be assessed a late fee of \$100.
- 4.2 The entry fee for Event No. 2 is US \$225 if received by January 30, 2013. Entries received after January 30, 2013 will be assessed a late fee of \$100.
- 4.3 The entry fee for Event No. 3 shall be per the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week entry form.

Note: The entry fee will include appetizers for skippers and crews in conjunction with the Skippers Meeting and following racing. In addition, there will be a free keg, soft drinks and water at the awards presentation for Events No. 1 and No. 2.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Event No. 1

Thursday, December 6

Launching: 0900 – 1700
Registration: 1500 – 1730 (CGSC)
Skippers Meeting: 1800 Appetizers for Skippers and Crews to follow (CGSC)

Friday

First Warning Signal 1100 Additional race(s) to follow ASAP
After Racing Social Appetizers for Skippers and Crews (CGSC)

Saturday

First Warning Signal 1100 Additional race(s) to follow ASAP
After Racing Social Appetizers for Skippers and Crews (CGSC)

Sunday

First Warning Signal 1030 Additional race(s) to follow ASAP
Awards Ceremony Appetizers for Skippers and Crews (Shake-A-Leg)

Eight (8) 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 1400 hours. However, after this Initial Warning, any Warning Signal that follows one or more General Recalls or Postponements may occur after 1400.

5.2 Event No. 2

Friday, February 8

Launching: 0900 – 1700
Registration: 1500 – 1730 (CGSC)
Skippers Meeting: 1800 (CGSC) Appetizers for Skippers and Crews to follow

Saturday

First Warning Signal 1100 Additional race(s) to follow ASAP
After Racing Social Appetizers for Skippers and Crews (CGSC)

Sunday

First Warning Signal 1100 Additional race(s) to follow ASAP
Awards Ceremony Appetizers for Skippers and Crews (Shake-A-Leg)

Five (5) 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 1400 hours. However, after this Initial Warning, any Warning Signal that follows one or more General Recalls or Postponements may occur after 1400.

5.3 Event No. 3 - Bacardi Miami Sailing Week NOR for schedule

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 as possible.

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:

10.2 Winter Series Event No. 1 - 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. Three races are necessary to constitute a series.

10.3 Winter Series Event No. 2 - when fewer than five races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores. When five races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. Two races are necessary to constitute a series.

10.4 All boats entering a 2012 / 2013 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 (1st place = 1 point, 2nd place = 2 points, etc). The boat with the lowest score will be declared the winner of the 2013 Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series.

11. PRIZES

11.1 The top three boats will receive prizes for Events No.1 and No. 2.

11.2 For the Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series overall, the top five boats will receive prizes.

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 are required to monitor the event's designated Race Committee VHF when in the race course 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 (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 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. LUNCHES

Lunches for race days may be purchased from CGSC at Registration. For further information, contact Richard Etkin, CGSC at: richard.etkin@gmail.com.

16. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

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

17. HOTEL NFORMATION

For hotel information for the full Winter Series, see the Audi 20 Class website.

18. FUTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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