



Audi

MELGES²⁰

2014 North American Championship

Belvedere, CA (San Francisco Bay)



THE SAN FRANCISCO
YACHT CLUB

MELGES
Performance Sailboats

NOTICE OF RACE

October 3 – 5, 2014

Hosted by The San Francisco Yacht Club
Sponsored By Melges Performance Sailboats

1. VENUE / AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The International Audi Melges 20 Class Association (IAM20CA) will be the Organizing Authority (OA) and The San Francisco Yacht Club will be the event host.
- 1.2 The San Francisco Yacht Club is located at: 98 Beach Rd, Belvedere, CA 94920
Phone: (415) 435-9133
- 1.3 Event launching, hauling and docking will be provided for at The San Francisco Yacht Club.
- 1.4 Websites:
Audi Melges 20 Class Association: www.melges20.com (Official Regatta site)
The San Francisco Yacht Club: www.sfyc.org

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The International Audi Melges 20 Class Rules (IAM20CR) will apply except as specifically changed in the Notice of Race (NOR) or in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 2.2 The following Prescriptions of US Sailing are the only Prescriptions that will apply: Appendix R and prescriptions to rules 61.4, 67, 76.1 and 82.
- 2.3 Competitor advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules. Boats may be required to display event and sponsor's advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4. These items will be supplied free of charge by the organizing authority (OA) at registration.
- 2.4 The *Equipment Rules of Sailing* (ERS) will apply.
- 2.5 For the purposes of RRS 43.2, the anti hiking strap does not constitute a lifeline.
- 2.6 RRS 42.3(c) is modified to allow the spinnaker sheet to be pumped without restriction to promote surfing or planing.
- 2.7 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD) as required by the class rules while on the water, except for brief periods while adding or removing clothing. Failure to comply with this rule may result in disqualification as deemed appropriate only by the protest committee.
- 2.8 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. Further instructions will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.9 Where there is a conflict between this NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the International Audi Melges 20 class.
- 3.2 Boats will conform to IAM20 class rules regarding sailor classification in accordance with The ISAF Sailor Classification Code 22. Details of the ISAF Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on ISAF's website at www.sailing.org/classification.

- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by visiting the International Audi Melges 20 website and completing the regatta's online entry process and paying the required fees (online).
- 3.4 **Entry Deadline: All entries must be received no later than September 19, 2014.** Late entries may only be accepted with the approval of the Regatta Chairman, and will be subject to a late fee as described in SI 4.
- 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 1700 on the day prior to the start of racing.

The required IAM20CA forms are:

- * Approved Helmsman Application Form, per Class Rule Appendix 8
- * Sail Declaration Form per Class Rule Appendix 2

4. FEES

The entry fee is US \$695 if received by 2100 hours (PDT) on September 19, 2014. Entries received after this time will be assessed a late fee of \$100.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Thursday, October 2

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| Launching and Berthing | 0900 – 1730 |
| Registration | 1400 – 1700 |
| Skippers Meeting | 1730 |

Friday, October 3

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| First Warning Signal | 1100 | (additional races to follow ASAP) |
| After Racing Social | | Following Racing |

Saturday, October 4

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| First Warning Signal | 1100 | (additional races to follow ASAP) |
| After Racing Social | | Following Racing |

Sunday, October 5

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| First Warning Signal | 1100 | (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 1400 hours. However, after this Initial Warning, any Warning Signal that follows one or more General Recalls may occur after 1400.

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

The SI's will be available at registration and may be posted on the website.

9. COURSES

9.1 The course to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration.

9.2 Attachment 1 shows the approximate racing areas.

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 International Audi Melges 20 North American Championship Trophy.

11.2 In addition, the top three placing all Corinthian International Audi Melges 20's will receive prizes.

12. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 All support boats must comply with class rules governing their actions on the water and shall comply with any specific instructions given to them by the race committee concerning their location and actions on the water. Additional support boat instructions will be stated in the SI's.
- 12.2 All support boats are required to monitor the event's designated Race Committee VHF when in the race course area.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per event or the equivalent if expressed in other currency. Proof of insurance shall be provided upon request.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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, The San Francisco Yacht Club, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official 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. In consideration of the acceptance of my race entry by The San Francisco Yacht Club (SFYC), I acknowledge and agree as follows:

1. I certify that my boat is equipped to conform with U.S. Coast Guard and Class/Fleet safety requirements, including a personal flotation device for myself. I represent that I am physically fit to participate in the race.
2. I have read the Notice of Race for this event and will abide by its terms. I am fully responsible for the operation of my boat. I will comply with all US SAILING rules, the sailing instructions and laws governing the race and use of the marina, including the California Harbors & Navigation Code.
3. ASSUMPTION OF RISK. I acknowledge that sailboat racing involves risks, and I freely assume all risks, including the risks of serious personal injury, death or disability from accident, drowning, exposure, overexertion, adverse sea or weather conditions, loss or damage of my boat and equipment, as well as all unforeseen risks. My participation in this recreational event is voluntary, and I am free to withdraw at any time if I deem it prudent under existing conditions.
4. LIABILITY WAIVER & RELEASE. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, I WAIVE THE RIGHT TO SUE AND I FOREVER RELEASE SFYC, THE INTERNATIONAL AUDI MELGES 20 CLASS ASSOCIATION AND MELGES PERFORMANCE SAILBOATS FROM ALL LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARISING FROM MY PARTICIPATION IN THE RACE, AND ANY ORDINARY ACTIVE OR PASSIVE NEGLIGENCE OF SFYC.

5. HOLD HARMLESS. TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, I AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD SFYC, THE INTERNATIONAL AUDI MELGES 20 CLASS ASSOCIATION AND MELGES PERFORMANCE SAILBOATS HARMLESS FROM ANY CLAIM, DAMAGE, LIABILITY, LOSS, SUIT, COST OR EXPENSE INCLUDING ATTORNEY FEES, ARISING FROM MY ACTS OR OMISSIONS, AND FROM ANY SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST SFYC, THE INTERNATIONAL AUDI MELGES 20 CLASS ASSOCIATION AND MELGES PERFORMANCE SAILBOATS IN VIOLATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

6. This Agreement contains all the understandings between SFYC, The International Audi Melges 20 Class Association and Melges Performance Sailboats and me regarding the subject matter hereof. The terms of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such a way as to render them valid whenever possible, and shall not be strictly construed against SFYC. If any part of this Agreement is held invalid, the remainder shall continue in full force and effect. As used herein, "SFYC" means The San Francisco Yacht Club, its owners, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, race committee members and officials acting in their official capacities.

This is a contract that strictly limits SFYC's, The International Audi Melges 20 Class Association and Melges Performance Sailboats' liability to its gross negligence or willful misconduct.

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 www.melges20.com.

16. MEDIA RIGHTS

Each participant shall acknowledge that all media and commercial rights belong exclusively to the organizing authority and the IAM20CA and shall grant to the OA and IAM20CA 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 Audi Melges 20 World 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. Participants shall not reproduce, publicly communicate or distribute images of the race in any way or form without previous authorization from the OA or the IAM20CA.

17. CHARTER BOATS

Please contact Andy Burdick at Melges Performance Sailboats via email at andy@melges.com for charter information.

18. PARKING

- 18.1 Two (2) parking passes for the SFYC lot will be issued to each participating boat. Additional vehicles must be parked off site.
- 18.2 On Sunday, October 5 there may be a running race on Beach Road near SFYC. Regatta participants should arrive at SFYC via San Rafael Ave from Tiburon Blvd, and allow additional time for traffic delays in the area. More information will be available on the regatta website.

19. SFYC RULES

- 19.1 Smoking is prohibited in all Club Facilities and at any location on Club property, indoors or outdoors, including the Harbor, deck, parking lot and lawn areas.
- 19.2 Guests' pets are not allowed on Club property, including the Harbor, deck, parking lot and lawn areas.

20. FUTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

Regatta Chairman:

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Class Admin:

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Melges Boatworks:

Andy Burdick - (262) 275-1110 // andy@melges.com

Audi Melges 20 Class Local Representative:

Seadon Wijssen - (415) 339-3000 // seadon@sales.northsails.com

Regatta PRO:

Bruce Golison - bruce@golison.com

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Attachment #1

Racing Areas

The San Francisco Yacht Club is marked by "A" below

