



## **2015 Melges Rocks Regatta**

**Melges 24 Winter Finale**

**Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series #3**

Miami, FL (Biscayne Bay)

March 12 – 14, 2015

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

Hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club

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

**1. Authority / Venue**

1.1 The International Audi Melges 20 Class Association (IAM20CA) and the International Melges 24 Class Association (IMCA) are the Organizing Authority (OA) and the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is the host.

1.2 On-shore functions for the regatta (except for 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 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.
- 1.4 The Coconut Grove Sailing Club launch service to its moorings operates 24 hours per day. The Dock Office monitors VHF 78.
- 1.5 Trailer storage and boat launch / haul out facilities for the regatta 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).
- 1.6 Each boat utilizing the Shake-A-Leg facilities shall complete a Storage Application and send it to Shake-A-Leg along with the required fee as directed on the application. The Storage Application will be on the International Audi Melges 20 website ([www.melges20.com](http://www.melges20.com)) or contact Shake-A-Leg directly at (305) 858-5550.
- 1.7 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](mailto:usscmiami@bellsouth.net) or call (305) 854-1058.
- 1.8 The Melges Rocks Regatta and the AM20 Miami Winter Series / Melges 24 Winter Finale Trophy Presentations will be following sailing on Saturday. The time and location will be announced prior to the regatta.
- 1.9 **Websites:**  
[www.melges20.com](http://www.melges20.com) [www.melges24.com](http://www.melges24.com)  
Coconut Grove Sailing Club: [www.cgsc.org](http://www.cgsc.org)  
Shake-A-Leg: [www.shakealegmiami.org](http://www.shakealegmiami.org)

## **2. RULES**

- 2.1 The 2015 Melges Rocks Regatta and the AM20 Miami Winter Series / Melges 24 Winter Finale will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including both classes' respective class rules.
- 2.2 These Sailing Instructions (SI's), including amendments, will take precedence in the case of a conflict with the Notice of Race (NOR). This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.3 The following Prescriptions of US Sailing are the only Prescriptions that will apply: Appendix R and prescriptions to rules 61.4, 67 and 76.1.
- 2.4 The *Equipment Rules of Sailing* (ERS) will apply.
- 2.5 Competitor advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.

Boats may be required to display identification numbers and sponsors 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.

- 2.6 Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels. The Race Committee's VHF communication channel will be in the SI's.
- 2.7 For the Audi Melges 20 class, for the purposes of RRS 43.2, the anti hiking strap does not constitute a lifeline.
- 2.8 RRS 42.3(c) is modified to allow the spinnaker sheet to be pumped without restriction to promote surfing or planing.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 3.1 The Melges Rocks Regatta is open to all boats of the Audi Melges 20 Class and the Melges 24 Class that meet the obligations of their respective class rules.
- 3.2 AM20's 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](http://www.sailing.org/classification).
- 3. Entry Deadlines: **All entries must be received no later than February 26, 2015.** Late entries may only be accepted with the approval of the OA's Administrator, Joy Dunigan.
- 3.5 On Site Registration: Registration, including presenting the required Class Forms to the registration staff, providing proof of insurance if requested and receiving event materials, must be completed by 1700 on March 11, 2015.

The required IAM20CA 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 \$475 if received by February 26, 2015. Fees are to be paid on the regatta's Yachtscoring website. Entries received after this date will be assessed a late fee of \$100.

Note: The entry fee will include appetizers for skippers and crews in conjunction with the Skippers Meeting and following racing.

### **5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

#### **5.1 Racing is Thursday - Saturday**

#### **5.2 Wednesday, March 11**

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

#### **Thursday, March 12**

First Warning Signal 1200 Additional race(s) to follow ASAP  
 After Racing Social Appetizers for Skippers and Crews (CGSC)

**Friday, March 13**

First Warning Signal	1200	Additional race(s) to follow ASAP
Post Race de-brief		Melges USA (CGSC)
After Racing Social		Appetizers for Skippers and Crews (CGSC)

**Saturday, March 14**

First Warning Signal	1200	Additional race(s) to follow ASAP
Awards Ceremony		Time and Location TBD

Eight races are scheduled. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion.

**PLEASE NOTE: the Initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1500 hours. However, after this Initial Warning, any Warning Signal that follows one or more General Recalls may occur after 1500.**

**6. MEASUREMENT**

- 6.1 All competitors shall conform to their respective 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 March 11, 2015.
- 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:

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.

One race is necessary to constitute a series.

- 10.2 All boats entering a 2014 / 2015 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. The boat with the lowest score will be the winner of the 2015 International Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series.

## **11. PRIZES**

- 11.1 The top 5 boats overall in each class will receive prizes.
- 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 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. MEDIA RIGHTS**

Each participant shall acknowledge that all media and commercial rights belong exclusively to the IAM20CA / IMCA and shall grant to the IAM20CA / IMCA 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 Rocks Regatta, the Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series 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 IAM20CA / IMCA.

## **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, 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](mailto:richard.etkin@gmail.com).

**16. AMENDEMENTS TO THIS NOTICE**

The OA may amend this notice. Amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Boards at CGSC and on the Official Yachtscoring Regatta Website.

**17. FUTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact:

Regatta Chairman: Ron Rostorfer - (954) 401-5335 // [ronsailon@comcast.net](mailto:ronsailon@comcast.net)

Class Admin: Joy Dunigan - (912) 756-6706 // [usafleet@melges20.com](mailto:usafleet@melges20.com)

Melges Boatworks: Andy Burdick - (262) 275-1110 // [andy@melges.com](mailto:andy@melges.com)