



## **BACARDI MIAMI SAILING WEEK**

**(Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series Event No. 3)**

**March 10-13, 2010**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

#### **1.0 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

1.1 The Coconut Grove Sailing Club, with the Audi Melges 20 Class Association (AM20CA), invites all members and associates of the AM20CA to the inaugural Bacardi Miami Sailing Week in conjunction with the third event of the inaugural Audi Melges 20 MIAMI WINTER SERIES. The AM20CA is the Organizing Authority and the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is the host.

1.2 In the water moorage shall be at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. All boats must be at Coconut Grove Sailing Club as of 1800 on Wednesday, March 10th thru the end of racing for the regatta. The Coconut Grove Sailing Club launch service to the moorings operates 24 hours per day. Dock Office monitors VHF 78.

1.3 Trailer Storage and boat launching facilities are available at the Shake-A-Leg facility located at 2620 S. Bayshore Dr, in Coconut Grove, FL. Phone: (305) 858-5550 (Shake-A-Leg is 1/2 mile from the Coconut Grove Sailing Club). Shake-A-Leg is a recognized charitable corporation.

For any boats that have not previously sent a storage application and fees to Shake-A-Leg (Melges 20's that did not sail Miami Winter Series Events No. 1 and 2), a completed storage application and fees must be in place with Shake-A-Leg.

The Shake-A-Leg storage application is posted on the Audi Melges 20 Website.

1.4 Websites: [www.melges20.com](http://www.melges20.com); [www.cgsc.org](http://www.cgsc.org); [www.MiamiSailingWeek.com](http://www.MiamiSailingWeek.com)

#### **2.0 RULES**

2.1 The Regattas will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Current Racing Rules of Sailing (*RRS*).

2.2 The following Prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: Rules 61.4, 68, 76.1, 76.3 and Appendix F only.



2.3 Advertising is permitted according to Class Rules. The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display sponsor flags and/or stickers in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3. (d) (i). Boats are prohibited from displaying logos or other identification associated with providers of alcoholic beverages other than Bacardi. Other restrictions may apply.

2.4 All competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio for safety purposes, and Race Committee communication. The Race Committee's VHF channel will be provided at the Skipper's Meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board.

### **3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:**

3.1 The Bacardi Miami Sailing Week is open to all boats of the Audi Melges 20 Class Association.

3.2 All boat owners and alternate helmsmen 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 Melges 20 Class Rules. As per Class Rule C.2.5., IM20CA delegates to a Classification Code Committee, the authority in determining a helmsman's approval within the spirit of the Class Rules.

3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at [www.MiamiSailingWeek.com](http://www.MiamiSailingWeek.com).

3.5 On Site Registration: Registration will be located at the BMSW Hospitality Village. Registration, including presenting Proof of Insurance and the required Class Forms to the registration staff, shall be completed from 1200 to 1800 on Wednesday March 10, 2010.

The required IM20CA Forms are:

- Approved "Helmsman Application Form", per Melges 20 Class Rules (Appendix 8)
- "Sail Declaration Form", as per Melges 20 Class Rules (Appendix 2)

### **4.0 ENTRY FEE:**

4.1 If received by February 7, 2010, the entry fee is \$300; if received after February 7, 2010, the entry fee is \$350.

Note: The Entry Fee includes: Access to the BMSW hospitality/VIP lounge from 3/7 to 3/13 from 0800 to 1800, complementary service, a welcoming cocktail reception, daily Bacardi Happy-hour and Bacardi Rum tasting, a Mid-week Party, an Awards Ceremony event, a skipper/crew bag, an event program and daily prizes. Additional Social tickets for family and friends are available for \$110.00 during registration.

### **5.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Wednesday, March 10	0900-1700	Boat launching and moor at CGSC
	1200-1800	Registration – BMSW Hospitality Village
	1600-1800	Welcoming Cocktail – BMSW Hospitality Village
	1800	Skipper's Meeting - CGSC
	1900-2300	Bacardi mid-week party
Thursday, March 11	1100	First Warning Melges 20/24 Circle
	1600-1800	Bacardi Happy Hour – BMSW Hospitality Village



Friday, March 12	1100	First Warning, racing resumes
	1600-1800	Bacardi Happy Hour – BMSW Hospitality Village
Saturday, March 13	1100	First Warning, racing resumes
	1400	No warning signal made after this time
	1600-2000	Awards presentation – BMSW Hospitality Village

## **6.0 MEASUREMENT:**

6.1 All competitors shall conform to Class measurement rules.

## **7.0 HAUL-OUT and MOORAGE RESTRICTIONS**

7.1 All boats must be launched by 1700 on March 10, 2010.

7.2 All boats shall remain in the water until the end of racing, unless granted prior written permission by the Melges 20 Race Chairman.

7.3 All boats shall be moored at Coconut Grove Sailing Club after launching and until the end of racing for each regatta.

## **8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

8.1 The Sailing instructions for all races will be distributed at on-site registration. Every attempt will be made to post them on the BMSW and Melges 20 website prior to the first race of the series.

## **9.0 COURSES:**

9.1 The race courses will be Windward–Leeward with gates.

## **10.0 RACES / SCORING:**

10.1 Up to eight (8) races may be held. A maximum of 4 races may be sailed on any race day.

10.2 Two (2) races must be completed for a regatta to be scored as part of the 2009 / 2010 Audi Melges 20 MIAMI WINTER SERIES. BMSW is Event No. 3 of that Series.

10.3 The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix “A” of the RRS will apply, except that if six (6) or more races are completed in a regatta, a boat may exclude her worst score.

10.4 All boats entering BMSW are eligible to be scored in the Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series.

## **11.0 PRIZES:**

11.1 Daily prizes for the first, second and third place boats in the day's races.

11.2 Prizes for the first, second & third place boats overall in BMSW.

**12.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:**

12.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the owner/owners' representative. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in BMSW are participating entirely at their own risk. The race organizers (Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, event promoter, sponsors, or any other 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 participation in this Series. By participating in this Series, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this Series to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**13.0 MANDATORY INSURANCE:**

13.1 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party liability insurance, and it is the owner or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event. Proof of insurance shall be provided as part of the on-site registration.

**14.0 SUPPORT BOATS:**

14.1 Support boats shall register with the Registration staff prior to the Skippers Meeting. All support boats are required to monitor the prescribed VHF channel during the regatta.

**15.0 LUNCHES**

15.1 Lunches for race days may be purchased from CGSC on the Entry Form or at Registration.

**16.0 SERIES CLOTHING**

16.1 See [www.melges20.com](http://www.melges20.com) for details.

**17.0 AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE**

17.1 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice. Any amendments of this Notice will be posted on the web sites and / or e-mailed to those owners whose entries have been accepted. Amendments will be posted on the official notice board.

**18.0 WEBSITE / INFORMATION:**

18.1 The BMSW website ([www.MiamiSailingWeek.com](http://www.MiamiSailingWeek.com)) will have hospitality and awards information, the Notice of Race, Entry Forms, Sailing Instructions, local housing information for Miami and more.

18.2 The Melges 20 website ([www.melges20.com](http://www.melges20.com)) will have the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, visiting boat & trailer storage details (Shake-a-Leg), Coconut Grove Sailing Club information, and more.

18.3 Additional information concerning the venue can be obtained on the Coconut Grove Sailing Club website ([www.cgsc.org](http://www.cgsc.org)).

**19.0 ACCOMMODATIONS AND RENTALS**

19.1 Special Group rates are available for housing and car rental. Room availability is



limited and is available on a first come first serve base. Details and rates will be available at [www.miamisailingweek.com](http://www.miamisailingweek.com). Hotel information for the Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series is available at [www.melges20.com](http://www.melges20.com).

**20.0 MEDIA RIGHTS**

20.1 Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, organizers, sponsors, regatta photographers, videographers and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material and representations of the boats in any media World-wide (including but not limited to television, video, print and electronic media), for the purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the event and all participants therein.

**21.0 EVENT MANAGEMENT**

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