



# MELGES 40 GRAND PRIX EVENT I

Porto Cervo, 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## NOTICE OF RACE

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### 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY



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### 2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 – 2020.
- 2.2. FIV Prescriptions 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11 will apply. All the Italian competitors shall be FIV members and have a valid medical certificate.
- 2.3. The International Melges 40 Class rules will apply.
- 2.4. The 2017 GRAND PRIX RULES will apply.
- 2.5. The Sailing Instructions (“SI’s”) may contain changes to other rules, but not the FIV prescriptions.
- 2.6. IM40CR Part III H.3 RACE MANAGEMENT apply
- 2.7. IM40CR Part III H.4 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE apply
- 2.8. IM40CR Part III H.5 COMPETITOR CONDUCT apply
- 2.9. The Organizing Authority may decide to apply umpiring fleet racing following Addendum Q of RRS.

**2.10.** In order to speed up the protest's procedure the last day of each event, any Protest will take place on the umpire boat following the same procedures as per match race, team racing, and medal race. Further details will be communicated in the specifications of the Sailing Instruction.

### **3. ADVERTISING and MEDIA**

**3.1.** IMC40CR Part II C.4 ADVERTISING shall apply.

WORLD SAILING regulation 20.4, and, for Italian crews, the "*Normativa 2017 per l'esposizione della pubblicità nelle manifestazioni veliche in Italia*", apply.

The Organizing Authority may ask competitors to display sponsor flag and/or stickers. The flag and the stickers must be displayed from the day before the start and until the end of the event.

The correct display of the above is provided by the Class Secretary.

**3.2.** The Organizing Authority may ask competitors to install/carry on board electronic devices aiming to the media coverage of the event.

### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

**4.1.** The events are open to all the Melges 40s that comply with the obligations of the Class Rules.

**4.2.** All the boat owners and helmsman must comply with the requirements of the Class Rules IM40CR Part II.C.2 CREW

**4.3.** All Melges 40s having paid their annual GRAND PRIX FEE are automatically registered to all the events of the MELGES 40 GRAND PRIX. A team not joining an event shall inform the Melges 40 Grand Prix secretary a minimum of four (4) weeks prior to the beginning of the event.

**4.4.** <Spare>

**4.5. Registration** shall be submitted by completion of the following:

- Entry Form and Crew List - to be completed on Yacht Scoring
- Disclaimer Form completed and signed by Owner/Helmsman
- **For Italian boats only:**
  - FIV cards and a valid medical certificate for Italian competitors only
  - Valid FIV authorization to display advertising on boat (if present)

### **5. ENTRY FEE**

All participants shall pay the 2017 Grand Prix Fee to join the circuit for the season.

### **6. PROGRAM AND EVENT SCHEDULE**

**6.1.** The Program will be the following:

#### **THURSDAY, June 15th**

14.30 – 18.00 – Registration

19.30 – Opening Ceremony

#### **FRIDAY, June 16th - RACE DAY 1**

10.00 – Skipper's Briefing

12.00 – FIRST WARNING SIGNAL

20.00 – Team Barbecue at YCCS

#### **SATURDAY, June 17<sup>th</sup> - RACE DAY 2**

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**6.2.** For the second day of racing, the estimated time of the first warning signal will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 20.00 of the previous day. If no notices are displayed, the starting time will be the same as day before.

**6.3. On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be displayed after 17.00**

**6.4.** Social event programs will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

If other events with separate rankings are organized, these specific announcements will also be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**6.5.** IT IS MANDATORY that each boat attending the event is moored at the organizing Yacht Club or Marina, at the latest, within the start of the Skipper Briefing, as indicated on the Official Notice Board.

## **7. MEASUREMENTS AND WEIGHING**

**7.1.** All competitors shall observe class measurements rules. There may be measurements checks before the start of the regatta, as well as during the event.

## **8. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

**8.1.** All boats shall be launched by the deadline of the event registration.

**8.2.** Boats shall not be hauled out during the event without written permission of the Race Committee, in accordance with the rules.

**8.3.** The Organizing Authority may impose haul-out restrictions.

## **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available to all competitors at the Skipper's Briefing.

## **10. VENUE**

A detailed map of the racing areas will be distributed to all registered teams.

## **11. COURSE**

**11.1.** The course shall be in a Windward – Leeward configuration with an offset mark beside the windward mark and leeward gate. The Race Committee may provide different courses that will be included as an option and communicated in the sailing instructions.

**11.2.** Short Coastal Races may be scheduled depending on the weather conditions

**11.3.** Full Throttle Races may be scheduled depending on the weather conditions

## **12. SCORING**

**12.1.** A maximum of six (6) races will be held during the Event.

**12.2.** A maximum of three (3) races may be held on each racing day as per IM40CR Part III H.3.2.

**12.3.** The Low Point System of RRS Appendix 'A' shall apply

**12.4.** One (1) race is needed to validate the Event. This changes IM40CR Part III H3.3 (a)

**12.5.** When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores, as per IM40CR Part III H3.3 (b)

**12.6.** When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score as per IM40CR Part III H3.3 (c)

## **13. PRIZES**

**13.1.** First three (3) classified boats of the Event are awarded prizes.

## **14. VHF**

**14.1.** During the starting procedure, in addition to sound and flag signals, the Race Committee may use VHF channel 72 to call out any boats that are OCS by sail or bow numbers. The use of VHF radio communication, or failure of using it by the Race Committee, shall not be considered as valid reason for protesting or requesting of redress in any case. This changes rule 62.

**14.2.** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all other boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and all other electronic devices.

## **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**15.1.** Competitors participate in the regattas entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, Decision to Race.

The Organizing Authority, the Class, Race Officials, the Race Committee, and the Jury shall not accept any liability for direct or indirect damages or personal injuries or death occurring in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

**15.2.** The owner/competitor is entirely responsible for their own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

**15.3.** It is for the owner/competitor to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which they will find themselves. By launching or going to sea the owner/competitor confirms that the boat is fit for those conditions and the crew is competent to sail and compete in them.

**15.4.** Nothing done by the organizers can reduce the responsibility of the owner/competitor nor will it make the organizers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however, it may have occurred, as a result of the owner/competitor taking part in the racing. The organizers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, including the organizing authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats, and beach masters.

**15.5.** The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the owner/competitor of her responsibilities

**15.6.** RRS 67 is changed and replaced with:

(a) Any issue of liability or claim for damages and/or injuries arising from an incident while a boat is bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.

(b) A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability or that she has broken a *rule*.

## **16. SUPPORT BOATS**

**16.1.** IM40CR Part III H.4 *Outside Assistance* shall apply.

**16.2.** Support/Coach boats shall register at the Registration Office and provide all contact information. All persons on board will be considered as *support persons* according to the definition in the RRS 2017-2020

**16.3.** Support boats shall be identified with a team flag (min size 40x60cm).

**16.4.** The Class also requires that all Support/Coach boats agree to be available for any boat and/or people who need to be rescued at any time, and without hesitation should offer their assistance to any boat that is disabled or sinking.

## **17. INSURANCE**

**17.1.** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of €1.500.000,00 per event or the equivalent, if expressed in a different currency. Proof of insurance shall be provided when registering.

**17.2.** It is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate, including coverage during races, sail training, and all land and sea transportation

## **18. PHOTOGRAPHS AND TV RIGHTS**

By participating in the Melges 40 Grand Prix a competitor automatically grants the Organizing Authority, the Melges 40 Class, and their sponsors the right in perpetuity to make use of and show, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still photographs, live or taped film or video on television and/or other media, showing him/her during the period of the competition, as well as to use such contents in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information. In this respect teams and participants names and biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced without compensation.

## **19. LOCAL REGULATIONS AND DIVING RESTRICTIONS**

**19.1.** Diving inside the harbour is forbidden. Only Harbour master's divers, available on VHF Channel 9, are authorized to dive inside the harbour. Each morning pre-registered team divers (one per team) may clean the boats when at their regatta berths between 08.30 and 10.00 on condition for safety reasons the Harbour master's divers are hired to stand by in the water during that period. Instructions by the Harbour master's divers to the team divers shall be respected; non-compliance may result in retracting the team diver authorization.

**19.2.** Local regulations require that all boats MUST inform the Harbour master's Office by radio on VHF Channel 9 when they first arrive in Porto Cervo and each time they leave or enter the Harbour. When moored, it is MANDATORY for all Participants to visit the Harbour master's Office to finalize their registration procedures.

*The Organizing Authority*