



NOTICE OF RACE

March 4 -10, 2012

STAR – MELGES 20 – MELGES 24 - Viper 640 – J/80

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is STUDIOMILANO. Bacardi Miami Sailing Week, Coral Reef Yacht Club, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, US Sailing Center Miami and Shake-A-Leg are the co-hosts.

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

ADVERTISING

Advertising requirements are specified in the Class Addendum.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- The Bacardi Miami Sailing Week is open to the boats of the Star, Melges 20, Melges 24, Viper 640 and J/80 Class Association that meet the obligations of the Class Rules and their National Authority, including current membership.
- Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at www.MiamiSailingWeek.com.
- On Site Registration: Registration will be located at the BMSW Hospitality Village.

ENTRY FEE

If received by February 6, 2012, the entry fees are:

- Star Class: \$275.00 Crew of 2 (\$375.00 after 2/6/12)
- Melges 20: \$350.00 Crew of 3 (\$450.00 after 2/6/12)
- Viper 640: \$350.00 Crew of 3 (\$450.00 after 2/6/12)
- J/80 Class: \$450.00 Crew of 4 (\$550.00 after 2/6/12)
- Melges 24: \$450.00 Crew of 4 (\$550.00 after 2/6/12)
- Extra Crew member please add \$120.00

NOTE → Entry Fee Benefits include: Access to the BMSW hospitality/VIP lounge from 3/4 to 3/10 from 0800 to 1800 with complimentary services, a welcoming cocktail reception, daily Bacardi Happy-hour and Bacardi Rum tasting, a Mid-week BBQ Party, an Awards Ceremony Dinner Event, a skipper/crew bag with hats and tees for every sailor, an event program and daily prizes. Additional Social tickets for family and friends are available for \$120.00 during registration or online.

SCHEDULE

- Star Class racing will begin on Monday March 5th to the 10th with warning signal at 11:55 AM from Monday to Thursday and at 10:55 AM on Saturday
- All other Classes will begin on Thursday March 8th to the 10th with warning signal at 10:55 AM
- Star Class Registration is on Sunday 3/4 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM and all other Classes registration hours are from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Wednesday 3/7/2012



- A detailed event schedule is available on line at www.MiamiSailingWeek.com

MEASUREMENT

Measurement requirements are specified in the Class Addendum document

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and on-line at www.MiamiSailingWeek.com

VENUE

Racing will be held in Biscayne Bay as described in the Sailing Instructions from 3/4 - 3/10/12.

THE COURSES

The courses are specified in the Class Addendum and in the Sailing Instructions.

PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty system is specified in the Class Addendum and Sailing Instructions.

INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decision will be final as provided in RRS 70.5

SCORING

Scoring is specified in the Class Addendum and Sailing Instructions.

SUPPORT BOAT and COACH

Support boat and coaching requirements are specified in the Class Addendum and Sailing Instructions.

BERTHING

- Launching shall be executed in the assigned Club
- Boats and trailers shall be kept in their assigned location

Details are specified in the Class Addendum and Sailing Instructions and advance booking at the assigned facility is required. The OA reserved 50 trailers parking with the City of Miami at Dinner Key in Coconut Grove. Reservation needs to be done by e-mail to info@studiomilano.com Trailer parking spaces are on a first come - first serve bases.

HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Except for the Star Class, all other boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta.

INSURANCE

Each boat shall 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.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INJURY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. STUDIOMILANO, Miami Sailing Week, Bacardi USA, Bacardi Cup, EFG International, Organizing Authority, Sponsors, Support Facilities, Volunteers, Agents, Employees and Service providers, the PRO and the Committee will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta for both on the water and on land activities. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners,



skippers, and crews) agrees to release the race organizers and all persons and groups listed above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

PRIZES

- Daily prizes for the first, second and third place boats in the series
- Prizes for the first, second and third overall winners
- Star Class special awards are detailed in the Class Addendum and Sailing Instructions.

MEDIA RIGHTS

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.

ACCOMODATIONS and RENTALS

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.

AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice. Any amendments 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.

WEBSITE / INFORMATION:

At the BMSW website www.MiamiSailingWeek.com you will find all the event information including NOR, SI, schedule, hospitality, awards, entry forms, local housing and more.

Specific Class information and special arrangements are available at:

www.starclass.org www.stardistrict20.org www.melges20.com www.melges24.com www.cgsc.org
www.shakealegmiami.org www.viper640.org www.j80.org

CHARITY OF CHOICE

Sailing Heals' essential mission is to take individuals and their families and caretakers out on the water for a beautiful day of sailing and respite. *Sailing Heals* matches owners of beautiful boats with patients and their caretakers and takes them out for half-day sails, sometimes followed by a lunch or water-side picnic. If you wish, please make a donation during registration.

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STAR CLASS ADDENDUM

RULES

1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. The prescriptions of US SAILING do not apply, except as provided in the prescription to RRS 88.2. The US SAILING prescriptions to rules 61.4, 68, 76.1, 88.2 and added rules 76.3, 82 will apply and are stated in paragraph 15.
3. National sail numbers and letters shall be those entered on the entry form with no substitution.
4. Bow identification numbers will be provided by the organizing authority and placed on both sides of the bow as instructed in the sailing instructions.
5. Racing rules 29.1, 32.2, 35, 66, 63.1, 63.3, A4.1 and A5 will be changed as follows:
 - a. Flag X will be displayed for 10 minutes. This changes rule 29.1.
 - b. Courses will not be shortened. This changes rules 32.2.
 - c. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35, A 4.1, A5 and 63.1.
 - d. The time for requesting redress and requesting a hearing be re-opened on the last day of the regatta will be modified. This changes rule 66.
 - e. Crew Weight: STCR 31.1.3 is changed to 475 pounds total skipper and crew. Crew weight will be monitored by the honor system. Skippers and crews finishing 1st through 5th overall will be weighed on the last day of racing.
6. The regatta is open to Star Class boats which are in compliance with ISCYRA rules 21 and 26.

ADVERTISING & MEDIA RIGHTS

Advertising will be restricted to Category A in accordance with Appendix 1 - ISAF Advertising Code. Boats may display the sponsor's advertisement on its hull.

MEASUREMENTS

Boats shall have valid measurement and weight certificates in compliance with ISCYRA rule 26.4.

THE COURSES

The Race Courses are described in ISCYRA rule 34.3.

PENALTY SYSTEM

Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

SCORING

1. The scoring system is as follows:
2. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series, and
3. When three to six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

1. Daily prizes for the first, second and third place boats in the series,
2. A prize for the first place boat in the series for the Masters Division (skippers age 50 through 59 before the start of the first race),
3. A prize for the first place boat in the series for the Grand Masters Division (skippers age 60 and above before the start of the first race),
4. Competitors in the Master's Division Grand Master's Division will also compete for series prizes,



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5. prizes for the first, second, third, fourth and fifth place boats in the series, and
6. the perpetual Bacardi Cup for the first place skipper and the Tito Cup for the first place crew in the series.

US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

1. Rule 61.4 - US SAILING prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress
2. Rule 68 – US SAILING prescribes that:
 - a. A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
 - b. A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US SAILING appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
 - c. A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.
3. Rule 76.1 – US SAILING prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.
4. Rule 88.2 – US SAILING prescribes that sailing instructions shall not change or delete rules 61.4 or 76.3, Appendix F, or its prescriptions to rules 40, 68 or 76.1. However, for an international event the prescription to rule 40 may be deleted.
5. Rule 76.3 – US SAILING prescribes that a boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6.

MELGES 20 and 24 CLASS ADDENDUM

RULES

1. The Regattas will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
2. The following Prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: Rules 61.4, 68, 76.1, 76.3 and Appendix F only.
3. Melges 20: The required IM20CA Forms are:
 - a. Approved "Helmsman Application Form", per Melges 20 Class Rules (Appendix 8)
 - b. "Sail Declaration Form", as per Melges 20 Class Rules (Appendix 2)
4. Two (2) races must be completed for a regatta to be scored as part of the 2011 / 2012 Audi Melges 20 MIAMI WINTER SERIES. For the Melges 24 class, two races must be completed to constitute a regatta.
5. All Melges 20's entering BMSW are eligible to be scored in the Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series. BMSW is Event No. 3 of that Series. All Melges 20 competitors shall be in compliance with the ISAF Eligibility Rules, ISAF Sailor Classification Code and Melges 20 Class Rules.

ADVERTISING

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 and of banks other than EFG BANK. Other restrictions may apply.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

MEASUREMENT

All competitors shall conform to Class measurement rules.

LAUNCHING / HAUL-OUT and MOORAGE RESTRICTIONS

1. All boats must be launched by 1700 on March 7, 2012.
2. All boats shall remain in the water until the end of racing, unless granted prior written permission by the Melges 20 and Melges 24 Race Chairman.
3. Moorage for the Melges 20 and Melges 24 classes will be at Coconut Grove Sailing Club with any overflow moorage at Shake-A-Leg. Once the dock and mooring space is full at CGSC, all other boats will dock at Shake-A-Leg. The Coconut Grove Sailing Club launch service to its moorings operates 24 hours per day. Dock Office monitors VHF 78.
4. 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 all Melges boats that have not previously sent a storage application and fees to Shake-A-Leg for this year's Miami regattas, a completed storage application and fees must be in place with Shake-A-Leg.

A Shake-A-Leg storage application will be posted on the BMSW website www.MiamiSailingWeek.com

Skipper's Meeting:

The Skipper's Meeting will take place at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club at 1800 on Wednesday, March 7th.

Warning Signal:

The first Warning Signal will be at 1100 on each race day.

ADDITIONAL SCHEDULING & LOCATIONS

See the BMSW website at www.MiamiSailingWeek.com

THE COURSES:

The racecourses will be Windward-Leeward with gates.

RACES / SCORING:

1. Up to eight (8) races may be held. A maximum of 4 races may be sailed on any race day.
2. Two (2) races must be completed to constitute a Series.
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.

SUPPORT BOATS:

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.



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LUNCHES

Lunches for race days may be purchased from CGSC on the Entry Form or at registration for each regatta. For further information, contact Ron Rostorfer, CGSC at: <mailto:ronsailon@comcast.net>

VIPER 640 CLASS ADDENDUM

RULES

1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the Viper 640 Class Association Rules
2. There will be no minimum or maximum crew weight limits for this regatta.
3. Racing Rules 41, 44.1, 35, A4 and Part 5, Section B will be changed as follows:
 - a. Change Rule 41 to permit coaching from an official class coach boat.
 - b. Change Rule 44.1 to provide for a one-turn penalty for other than Rule 18 violations.
 - c. Change Rule 35 and A4 to change the points awarded for failing to finish within the Time Limit.
4. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA

Boats are prohibited from displaying logos or other identification associated with providers of alcoholic beverages other than Bacardi and of banks other than EFG BANK. Other restrictions may apply.

THE COURSES

The courses will be windward-leeward with optional windward offset mark and leeward gate marks.

PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty for breaking a rule of Part 2 other than Rule 18 shall be a One-Turn Penalty.

SCORING

1. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply. If five or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be excluded.
2. Three completed races shall constitute a regatta. There will be a maximum of 4 races each day.

SUPPORT BOATS

1. Support boats shall register with the Race Committee prior to the Skippers meeting where they will be given a flag to be flown during the regatta.
2. Any restrictions on the movements of any support boats or other requirements will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

LAUNCHING / HAUL-OUT and MOORAGE RESTRICTIONS

1. All boats must be launched by 1700 on March 7, 2012.
2. All boats shall remain in the water until the end of racing, unless granted prior written permission by Race Chairman.
3. Moorage for the Viper class will be at Coral Reef Yacht Club.
4. Trailer Storage and boat launching facilities is at the US Sailing Center located at 2476 South Bayshore Drive, in Coconut Grove, FL. Phone: (305) 854-1058 www.usbcmiami.org



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5. A USSC storage application will be posted on the following websites www.usscmiami.org or www.MiamiSailingWeek.com and follow Registration.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

1. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving U.S. VHF channels.
2. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

J/80 CLASS ADDENDUM

RULES

1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
2. All boats may be required to display bow numbers provided by the organizing authority.
3. If there are co-skippers, one of them shall be designated as the primary skipper for this regatta.

ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA

Boats are prohibited from displaying logos or other identification associated with providers of alcoholic beverages other than Bacardi and of banks other than EFG BANK. Other restrictions may apply.

MEASUREMENT

1. At registration, all boats shall present: a valid J/80 measurement certificate or proof thereof, a signed list of required equipment, an Owner Declaration, a Crew Weight Declaration, proof of current marine liability insurance, and proof of IJCA membership for the owner and helmsperson.
2. All competitors will be weighed before racing. Competitors must have a passport or other photo identification at weigh-in. All competitors will also be required to sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form to be provided in the registration package.
3. All boats may be weighed during registration for compliance with IJCA rule C.6.1 and all sails may be measured during registration for compliance with IJCA rule C.10 Boats that do not have a Measurement Certificate must make arrangements to be measured through the J/80 Class Association.
4. All boats will be subject to random inspection at any time during the regatta.

THE COURSES

Courses will be windward/leeward.

SCORING

Eleven races are scheduled.

1. A minimum of three completed races is required to constitute a regatta.
2. When fewer than five races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

LAUNCHING / HAUL-OUT and MOORAGE RESTRICTIONS

1. All boats must be launched by 1700 on March 7, 2012.



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2. All boats shall remain in the water until the end of racing, unless granted prior written permission by Race Chairman.
3. Moorage for the J/80 class will be at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.
4. Trailer Storage and boat launching facilities is at the US Sailing Center located at 2476 South Bayshore Drive, in Coconut Grove, FL. - Phone: (305) 854-1058 www.usscmiami.org
5. A USSC storage application will be posted on the following websites www.usscmiami.org or www.MiamiSailingWeek.com and follow Registration.

RADIO COMMUNICATION AND OTHER PROHIBITED ACTIONS

1. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving U.S. VHF channels.
2. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
3. Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.
4. Underwater breathing apparatus, plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used during the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes or cloth.
5. No electric devices designed to dehumidify the boat are permitted.



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