



2012 AUDI MELGES 20 Midwest Championship

Macatawa, MI USA

Hosted by **Macatawa Bay Yacht Club**
July 27-29, 2012

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 VENUE / AUTHORITY

1.1 Macatawa Bay Yacht Club, in conjunction with the International Audi Melges 20 Class Association (IAM20CA), invites all members and associates of the IAM20CA to participate in the 2012 Audi Melges 20 Midwest Championship. The IAM20CA is the Organizing Authority and the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club is the host.

1.2 On-shore functions will be at the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club located at 2157 South Shore Drive, Macatawa, MI 49434; Phone: 1-616-335-5815.

1.3 All boats must be in the water by 1700 on July 27, 2012.

1.4 Websites:

International Audi Melges 20 Class Association: www.melges20.com

Macatawa Bay Yacht Club www.mbyc.com

2.0 RULES

2.1 The Regattas will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the IAM20CA Rules.

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 IAM20CA Rules. The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display sponsor flags and/or stickers.

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

2.5 Where there is a conflict between this NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SI’s), the SI’s shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 The Audi Melges 20 Midwest Championship is open to all boats of the Audi Melges 20 Class Association that meet the obligations of the Class Rules.

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 Entries and fees must be received no later than July 20, 2012. Late entries will only be accepted with the approval of the IAM20CA. Online entry will be available on www.yachtscoring.com.

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 Audi Melges 20 Class Rules (Appendix 8)
- Sail Declaration Form, per Melges 20 Class Rules (Appendix 2)

4.0 ENTRY FEES

4.1 The Entry Fee is \$275 and it includes for three crew the following:

Welcome Reception after Skippers Meeting on Friday
Hot Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning
Refreshments after Racing on Saturday and Sunday
Regatta Dinner Saturday Evening

5.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1

Friday July 27, 2012

Registration 1500-1700
Skippers Meeting 1730

Saturday July 28, 2012

Hot Breakfast at MBYC 0730-1000
First Race Warning Signal 1030
Refreshments After Racing
Regatta Dinner 1900

Sunday July 29, 2012

Hot Breakfast at MBYC 0730-1000
First Race Warning Signal 1030
Refreshments & Awards After Racing

5.2 On the final day, the Initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1400. The Warning Signal for a start following one or more General Recalls may be after 1400. It is the intention of the Race Committee to run as many races as practicable on each day.

6.0 MEASUREMENTS

6.1 All competitors shall conform to Class measurement rules. The OA and/or a Class Association

representative may measure or inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails before, between, or after the races, for compliance to Class Rules.

7.0 HAUL-OUT AND MOORAGE RESTRICTIONS

7.1 All boats must be launched by 1700 on the day prior to the start of racing.

7.2 All boats shall remain in the water until the end of racing, unless granted prior written permission by the Principle Race Officer or the Regatta Chairman.

8.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The Sailing instructions will be distributed at registration, and may also be available in advance on the Class Website.

9.0 COURSES

9.1 The race courses will be a Windward–Leeward configuration.

10.0 RACES / SCORING

10.1 In accordance with IAM20CA Rule 1.3.1(c), the Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

10.2 Up to six (6) races are scheduled. One race must be completed to constitute a regatta. Three (3) races are required to include the regatta in the 2012 Audi Melges 20 Sailing Series scoring.

10.3 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

11.0 PRIZES

11.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers overall.

12.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner/owners' representative. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. The race organizers (Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, 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 event. 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.

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. Additional support boat Instructions will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

15.0 AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

15.1 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice. Amendments will be posted on

the official notice board located outside the MBYC Dockmaster's Office and may be posted on the Official Event Website prior to the event.

16.0 WEBSITE / INFORMATION

16.1 The Audi Melges 20 Class website (www.melges20.com) will have information, the Notice of Race, Entry Forms, Sailing Instructions, local housing information for Audi Melges 20 Midwest Championship regarding boats and trailer storage details, Macatawa Bay Yacht Club and more.

16.2 Additional information concerning the venue can be obtained on the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club website (www.mbyc.com).

17.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 Further information regarding the Audi Melges 20 Midwest Championship may also be obtained from:

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