



2023 MELGES 20 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

November 28- December 3, 2023

Hosted by Melges 20 • Miami, Florida (BISCAYNE BAY) • USA

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



NOTICE OF RACE

1. AUTHORITY / VENUE

- 1.1. The International Melges 20 Class Association (IM20CA) is the Organizing Authority (OA) and the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is the host.
- 1.2. In the water dockage and moorage will be at Coconut Grove Sailing Club unless boats make other arrangements with the permission of the OA.
- 1.3. Trailer storage and boat launch / haul out facilities for the Miami Winter Series 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.)
- 1.4. Each boat has prepaid the trailer storage & Launching costs via the entry fee for Shake-A-Leg Miami. Shake A Leg is the host



- 1.5 **IM20CA:** www.melges20.com (Official Regatta website)
Coconut Grove Sailing Club: www.cgsc.org
Shake-A-Leg: www.shakealegmiami.org

2. RULES

- 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2. The class rules for the purpose of the definition of rules are the International Melges 20 Class Rules (IM20CR).
- 2.3. Addendum “Class Rules Update 2016” & “Class Rules Update 2017” will apply.
- 2.4. The OA may decide to apply umpiring fleet racing following Addendum Q of RRS. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5. 2.5. IM20CR part III I.3.1 (b): in the case of a protest, it is the owner/driver representative of each team that shall attend and discuss the protest. Category 3 sailors are not allowed in the protest room or to be in contact with the representative in the protest room.
- 2.5. In order to speed up the protest procedure on the last day, any interview (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 Instructions.
- 2.6. Only the prescriptions of US Sailing to RRS 60.3, RRS 61.4, RRS 67, and RRS 76.1 shall apply. These prescriptions will be posted on the regatta website as NOR Addendum X.
- 2.7. The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules, or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. IM20CR I (Advertising) shall apply.
- 3.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If provided, flags and/or decals shall be displayed throughout the entirety of the event.
- 3.3. The OA may ask competitors to install/carry on board electronic devices aiding the media coverage of the event.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the International Melges 20 Class that meet the requirements of the IM20CR, and whose owners are current members of the Melges 20 Class.



- 4.2. All the boat owners and helmsman must comply with requirements of the Class Rules IM20CR Part II.C.2.

5. REGISTRATION

- 5.1. To complete registration, all competitors shall have:
- completed entry online;
 - submitted all required Class forms;
 - paid all entry fees; and
 - all crew members have submitted the Liability Waiver Form.
- 5.2. The entry deadline is 1800 hours on November, 15, 2023. Late registration may be allowed only with the prior approval of the OA.

6. FEES

- 6.1. The entry fee is US \$2300 for entries received prior to November 15. For entries received after this date, the fee shall be US \$2600.

This entry fee includes the following:

- Professional Race Management
- Class Measurer and Jury/Umpires
- Daily social events including an Opening Ceremonies
- Regatta Dinner
- World Championship Administrator and Employees
- Launching, Hauling, Dockage & Storage at Shake-A-Leg Miami
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- 6.2. Teams are responsible for any costs other than those described in NOR 6.1 and 14.2.



6.3. Preliminary Schedule of Events

Tuesday, November 28th 2023

0800-1800: Measurement Checks at SALM

1700-1800: Registration/Check-in at CGSC

Wednesday, November 29th 2023 - PRE-WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

0800-1800: Measurement Checks at SALM

1100: Initial Warning Signal for Pre-World Championship (three races scheduled)

1700-1800: Registration/Check-in at CGSC

1800: Skippers Meeting/Opening Ceremonies at GCSC

Thursday, November 30th 2023 - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY ONE

1100: Initial Warning Signal

After Racing: Daily Awards/Social at CGSC

Friday, December 1st 2023 - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY TWO

1100: Initial Warning Signal

After Racing: Daily Awards/Social at CGSC

Saturday, December 2nd 2023 - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY THREE

1100: Initial Warning Signal

1800: World Championship BBQ

Sunday, December 3rd 2023 - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY FOUR

1100: Initial Warning Signal

1400: No initial Warning Signal after this time

After Racing Final Awards Ceremony at Shake-A-Leg

Up to ten (10) races are scheduled for the World Championship. The Race Committee (RC) may run fewer races at its discretion and may make up one (1) race on any day, if needed. A maximum of four (4) races may be sailed on any day.



7. MEASUREMENTS

- 7.1. The OA and/or Class Association representative may weigh, measure, or inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails before, during, or after the races
- 7.2. The following measurement checks may be made:
- Sail Measurement • Corrector Weight • Lifeline/Hiking Strap • Safety Equipment
 - Random Measurement Checks • Keel bulb and fin dimensions and weight
 - Other Measurements deemed necessary by the official class measurer.
- 7.4. IM20CR I.2 (SAIL LIMITATION MARKS) shall apply. Sails without valid certification marks may be fully measured by prior appointment outside of the designated measurement times listed in NOR 6.3. Boats seeking such measurement may be charged for services.
- 7.5. All measurements will be done by appointment only to be coordinated with the IM20CA Administrator. A schedule of measurements will be posted on the event website. The schedule is subject to change. Changes will be announced via email and posted on the event website.

8. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 8.1. All boats shall be launched no later than Wednesday November 29th, at 1400 hrs.
- 8.2. Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with the written permission of the OA or PRO.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available no later than 1400 hours on Monday, 27th November, at registration, and posted online at the event website.

10. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be a windward/leeward configuration as described in the SIs.

11. SCORING

In accordance with IM20CR I.3.1(c) and IM20CR I.3.2 (b) & (c) (Scoring), the following changes to rule A2 shall apply:

- (a) Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (b) When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.



- (c) 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.

12. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1. IM20CR part III 1.4 (OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE) shall apply.
- 12.2. Coach and support boats shall be registered with the OA via online registration form. Only support boats that have registered with the OA and carry identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area, any items used as identification that are not returned will result in a fee.
- 12.3. In addition to the requirements of IM20CR part III 1.4, Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing. Any coach or support boat that interferes with the racing in any way shall cause their affiliated boat(s) to be liable for a penalty in accordance with RRS 64.4.

13. PRESS AND OFFICIAL SPECTATOR BOATS

- 13.1. All press and official spectator boats shall be registered with the OA during Check-in.
- 13.2. Press and spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in any way and shall stay at a distance outside the racecourse where their wake causes no problem.
- 13.3. The OA may appoint one or more press and photo boat(s) that may be allowed within the race course. The position or effects of this boat(s) shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 13.4. Press and spectator boats may be required to display an identification flag, which shall be supplied by the OA.

14. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 14.1. In the water dockage and moorage will be at Coconut Grove Sailing Club unless boats make other arrangements. Once the dock and mooring space is full at CGSC, all other boats will dock at Shake-A-Leg or elsewhere.
- 14.2. Trailer storage and boat launch / haul out facilities for the Miami Winter Series 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.).

15. PRIZES



15.1 Trophies and Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1. As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall sign a liability waiver/media release. The fully executed Liability Waiver Form shall be submitted at registration prior to racing. The Liability Waiver Form will be posted on the regatta website and available at registration.

16.2. Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Coconut Grove Sailing Club, International Melges 20 Class Association, any sponsors and affiliated companies, and each of their officers, directors, employees, sponsors and agents (collectively as "Releasees"), will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent if expressed in other currency. Proof of insurance shall be provided upon request.

18. CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE

The OA reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race in accordance with RRS 89.2 (a). Any change made to this Notice of Race will be published on the Official Notice Board and also available online at the event website.

19. MEDIA RIGHTS

Each participant acknowledges that all media and commercial rights belong exclusively to the IM20CA and NYYC RA, and grant 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 20 World Championship 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. Unless previously authorized by the OA or IM20CA, participants shall not reproduce, publicly communicate or distribute images of the race in any way or form.



FURTHER INFORMATION

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