



2024 / 2025 International Melges 20 Miami Winter Series

Miami, FL (Biscayne Bay)

NOTICE OF RACE

Event No. 1: December 6-8, 2024

Event No. 2: February 7-9, 2025

Event No. 3: February 28-March 2, 2025

(All are stand-alone Melges 20 regattas.)

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Hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club

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

1. AUTHORITY / VENUE

- 1.1 The International Melges 20 Class Association (IM20CA) is the Organizing Authority (OA) and the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC) is the host.
- 1.2 In the water dockage and mooring, and on-shore functions for the Miami Winter Series will be at Shake-A-Leg, 2620 S Bayshore Dr, Coconut Grove, FL 33133. Phone: (305) 858-5550.
- 1.3 Trailer storage and boat launch / haul out facilities will be at Shake-A-Leg Miami's facility located at 2620 S. Bayshore Dr., Coconut Grove, FL. which is 3/4 mile from CGSC. Phone: 305-858-5550.
- 1.4 Shake-A-Leg dockage is prepaid via the entry fee for 5x days per event. Any extra dockage must be arranged.

- 1.5 Web pages:
IM20CA Class site: www.melges20.com
Coconut Grove Sailing Club: www.cgsc.org
Shake-A-Leg: www.shakealegmiami.org
- Event #1 (December 6-8, 2024): <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16748>
Event #2 (February 7-9, 2025): <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16749>
Event #3 (February 28-March 2, 2025): <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16750>

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Series will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 2.2 The International Melges 20 Class Rules (IM20CR), including Part 3, Section 1 (EVENT RULES) will apply except as specifically changed in the Notice of Race (NOR) or in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 2.3 The following Prescriptions of US Sailing are the only prescriptions that will apply: Appendix R, RRS 61.4 and prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1.
- 2.4 The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) will apply.
- 2.5 Competitor advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the IM20 Class Rules. A boat may be required to display identification numbers and sponsor advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4. These items will be supplied free of charge by the OA at registration.
- 2.6 Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels. The Race Committee's VHF communication channel will be 73.
- 2.7 For the purposes of RRS 43.2, the Anti-hiking strap does not constitute a lifeline.
- 2.8 RRS 42.3(c) is modified to allow the spinnaker to be pumped without restriction to promote surfing or planing.
- 2.9 Where there is a conflict between this NOR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.10 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilized by the Race Committee (RC). This changes RRS 41(c).
- 2.11 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check-in, and shall be mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing.

Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided, by Vakaros, to any boat that does not have one available.

2.12 RaceSense information is available to all boats.

2.13 Failure of an Atlas 2 or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for opening a hearing considering redress. *This changes RRS 63.1.*

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

3.1 The International Melges 20 Miami Winter Series regattas are open to all International Melges 20 class boats that meet the obligations of the Class Rules. Competitors should anticipate that a measuring protocol will be in place prior to launching.

3.2 Boats will conform to IM20CA class rules regarding Sailor Classification Code 22. Details of the World Sailing Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found at www.sailing.org.

3.3 Eligible boats may enter the Miami Winter Series by visiting the IM20 web site, completing the regatta's online entry process and paying the required fees (online).

3.4 Entry deadlines: All entries must be received no later than seven (7) days prior to each event. Late entries may only be accepted with the approval of the IM20CA Administrator.

3.5 Registration, including presenting a) Proof of Insurance if requested, and b) 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 at each event.

4. FEES

4.1 The Entry Fee for Event #1 is US \$750 if received by November 20, 2024. Entries received after this date will be assessed a late fee of US \$200.

4.2 The Entry Fee for Event #2 is US \$750 if received by January 22, 2025. Entries received after this date will be assessed a late fee of US \$200.

4.3 The Entry Fee for Event #3 is US \$750 if received by February 12, 2025. Entries received after this date will be assessed a late fee of US \$200

Note: The Entry Fee will include hospitality events TBA.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1 Event #1 (December 6-8, 2024)

Thursday December 5th

0900 – 1700 - Launching at Shake-A-Leg

1100 – Meeting and Q/A with Vakaros at Shake-A-Leg

1800 – Registration confirmation via WhatsApp

Friday December 6th

0900 - Competitors Meeting at Shake-A-Leg

1100 - First Warning Signal (Additional Races to follow)

Saturday December 7th

1100 - First Warning Signal (Additional Races to follow)

Sunday December 8th

1100 – First Warning Signal (Additional Races to follow)

After racing – Awards Presentation @Shake-A-Leg.

5.2 Event #2 (February 7-9, 2025)

Thursday February 6th

0900 – 1700 - Launching at Shake-A-Leg

1800 – Registration confirmation via WhatsApp

Friday February 7th

0900 - Competitors Meeting at Shake-A-Leg

1100 - First Warning Signal (Additional Races to follow)

Saturday February 8th

1100 - First Warning Signal (Additional Races to follow)

Sunday February 9th

1100 – First Warning Signal (Additional Races to follow)

After racing – Awards Presentation @Shake-A-Leg.

5.3 Event #3 (February 28-March 2, 2025)

Thursday February 27th

0900 – 1700 - Launching at Shake-A-Leg

1800 – Registration confirmation via WhatsApp

Friday February 28th

0900 - Competitors Meeting at Shake-A-Leg

1100 - First Warning Signal (Additional Races to follow)

Saturday March 1st

1100 - First Warning Signal (Additional Races to follow).

Sunday March 2nd

1100 – First Warning Signal (Additional Races to follow)

After racing – Awards Presentation @Shake-A-Leg.

5.4 On the Final Day of each regatta, no Warning Signal will be made after 1400.

5.5 Eight (8) races are scheduled for each Event.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1 All competitors shall conform to Class Measurement Rules.

6.2 The OA and/or a Class Association representative may measure or inspect any boat and/or her equipment before, during or after races for compliance to Class Rules.

7. LAUNCHING AND MOORAGE

7.1 All boats must be in the water by 1730 on the day before racing begins.

7.2 All boats shall remain in the water until the end of racing unless granted prior permission by the Head Judge or Principal Race Officer.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The SIs will be posted online prior to each event.

9. SCORING

9.1 The Low Point Scoring System will be used. At each regatta, when five (5) or fewer races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores. If six (6) or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst score excluded.

9.2 One (1) race is necessary to constitute an Event.

9.3 All boats entering a 2024 / 2025 Miami Winter Series regatta are eligible to be scored in the overall Miami Winter Series. Place scores from each regatta will be used with the Low Point Scoring System. The boat with the lowest score will be the winner of the 2024 / 2025 Melges 20 Miami Winter Series.

10. PRIZES

- 10.1 For each event, the top 3 boats overall will receive prizes. In addition, the top placing All-Corinthian team boat will also receive a trophy.
- 10.2 For the overall 2024 / 2025 Melges 20 Miami Winter Series, the top 3 teams and the top Corinthian team will receive a prize.

11. COACH & SUPPORT BOATS

- 11.1 Only support boats that have registered with the OA during the scheduled Registration time will be allowed in the racing area. All support boats **must display** the assigned support boat flag issued to each boat at Registration at all times during the event. All support boats are required to monitor the Race Committee VHF channel when in the race course area.
- 11.2 Additional support boat instructions may be stated in the SIs.

12. INSURANCE

- 12.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of US \$300,000 per event, or the equivalent if expressed in other currency. Proof of Insurance shall be provided upon request.
- 12.2 Boats utilizing a loaner Vakaros Atlas 2 will be responsible for loss or damage to the Atlas 2 due to negligence.

13. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 13.1 Each participant shall acknowledge that all media and commercial rights belong exclusively to the OA and the IM20CA and shall grant the OA and IM20CA the unrestricted right and permission to use and publish any biographical information, text and images arising from each Event, 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 purpose of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the Melges 20 Miami Winter Series and the participants in the Event and Series. The OA will exercise these rights in its sole discretion or as it may agree with the event sponsors. Participants shall not reproduce, publicly communicate or distribute images of the race in any way or form without the previous authorization from the OA or the IM20CA.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded

to pay special attention to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Race organizers include the Organizing Authority (IM20CA), Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Shake-A-Leg Miami, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers or any other affiliated organization or official who will not be responsible for any damage to any boat or other property, or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in the Series during shore-side or on-the-water activities. By participating in the Series, 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.

15 AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

- 15.1 The OA may amend this Notice. Amendments will be posted on the official Event website.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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