



Audi

MELGES²⁰

2014 U.S. NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP



NOTICE OF RACE

2014 AUDI MELGES 20 U.S. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

AUGUST 21-23 | SAIL NEWPORT - NEWPORT, RI

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1. VENUE/AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The International Audi Melges 20 Class Association (IAM20CA) is the Organizing Authority (OA) and Sail Newport is the host.
- 1.2 Regatta Headquarters will be located at Sail Newport:
60 Ft. Adams Drive
Newport, RI 02840
(401) 849-8385
- 1.3 Trailer storage and docking information will be posted at www.melges20.com.
- 1.4 Websites:
International Audi Melges 20 Class Association: www.melges20.com (Regatta site)
Sail Newport: www.sailnewport.org
Melges USA: www.melges.com

2. RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 2.2 The International Audi Melges 20 Class Rules (IAM20CR), including Part 3, Section I (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 and prescriptions to rules 61.4, 67 and 76.1.
- 2.4 The *Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS)* will apply.
- 2.5 Competitor advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and the Class Rules.

Boats may be required to display identification numbers and sponsors advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.4. These items will be supplied free of charge by the organizing authority (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 posted on the Official Notice Board and announced at the Skipper's Meeting.
- 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 sheet to be pumped without restriction to promote surfing or planing.
- 2.9 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. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The International Audi Melges 20 National Championships are open to all boats of the International Audi Melges 20 Class that meet the obligations of the class rules.
- 3.2 All boat owners must be in compliance with Class Rule C.2.1 and C.2.2.
- 3.3 Boats will conform to IAM20 class rules regarding sailor classification in accordance with The ISAF Sailor Classification Code 22 will apply. Details of the ISAF Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on ISAF's website at www.sailing.org/classification.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by visiting the Yachtscoring and completing the online entry process and paying the required fees (online).
- 3.5 Entry Deadline: All entries must be received no later than August 13, 2014. Late entries may only be accepted with the approval of the Regatta Chairman.
- 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
- Corinthian Declaration Form for those teams that qualify as Corinthian.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The entry fee is US \$475.00 if received by August 13, 2014, received after August 13, 2014 will be assessed a late fee of \$100.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 **Wednesday, August 20**
0900 – 1730 : Launching, Berthing
1400 – 1700 : Registration
1730 : All Boats Afloat
1730 : Skippers Meeting

Thursday, August 21

1100 : First Warning Signal - (additional races to follow ASAP)
After Racing : Social

Friday, August 22

1100 : First Warning Signal - (additional races to follow ASAP)
After Racing : Social

Saturday, August 23

1100 : First Warning Signal - (additional races to follow ASAP)
After Racing Awards Ceremony : Social

5.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled. The Race Committee may run fewer at its discretion.

5.3 On the final day of the regatta, the Initial Warning Signal for the final race will not be made after 1400 hours. However, after this Initial Warning, any Warning Signal that follows one or more General Recalls may occur after 1400.

6. MEASUREMENT

6.1 All competitors shall conform to Class Measurement Rules.

6.2 The Organizing Authority may measure or inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails before, during, or after the 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 Regatta Chairman or Principle Race Officer.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The SIs will be available at registration and may be posted at the Official Yachtscoring Event Page.

9. COURSES

9.1 The course to be sailed will be a windward / leeward configuration.

10. SCORING

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, with the following modification:

When fewer than six races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores; when six or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.2 Three completed races are necessary to constitute a series.

11. PRIZES

11.1 The top 5 boats overall will receive prizes. The winner shall receive the International Audi Melges 20 U.S. National Championship Trophy.

11.2 In addition, the top three placing all Corinthian Audi Melges 20's will receive prizes.

12. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

12.1 All support boats are required to monitor the event's designated Race Committee VHF when in the racecourse area.

12.2 Additional support boat instructions will be stated in the SI's.

13. INSURANCE

13.1 All boats are required to hold adequate third-party insurance and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to competing in the event.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers include the Organizing Authority, Sail Newport, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official who 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 practice for or participation in this event during shore side or on-the-water activities. 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.

15. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

The OA may amend this notice. Amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board, and if practical, posted on www.melges20.com.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

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