



## 2020 / 2021 International Melges 20 Miami Winter Series

Event No. 1: November, 2020 (cancelled)

Event No. 2: December 4-6, 2020

Event No. 3: February 5-7, 2021

Event No. 4: March 5-7, 2021

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. RULES

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

1.2 The International 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).

1.3 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.

1.4 The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) will apply.

1.5 Competitor advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Class Rules. Boats may be required to display identification numbers and sponsor advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.

1.6 RRS 42.3(c) is modified to allow the spinnaker sheet to be pumped without restriction to promote surfing or planing.

1.7 Where there is a conflict between the NOR and these Sailing Instructions (SI's), the SI's shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

#### 2. RADIO COMMUNICATION

2.1 All competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels (US) for safety purposes and Race Committee communication.

2.2 The Race Committee's VHF channel will be channel **69**.

2.3 Race Committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, OCS hails, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to



make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

2.4 Except from the specified Race Committee VHF channel 69, no competitor shall make or receive radio communications commencing from the first Warning Signal of the day until the conclusion their day's racing, except in the case of an emergency. This restriction also applies to cell phone communications, except that cell phones may be used between races to check the regatta website.

2.5 The Race Committee will attempt to announce its intentions for the day on the Race Committee VHF radio channel at 0930 on each morning.

2.6 In the event of an onshore Postponement, the Race Committee will make announcements on the Race Committee VHF radio channel. These announcements may also be e-mailed to the skippers.

### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

3.1 Notices & Results will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which will be located located on each regatta's website. (It is labeled on Yachtscoring.com as the "Unofficial Notice Board", but it is really the Official Notice Board). A complimentary notice board may be maintained at CGSC, or at Shake-a-Leg on Sunday after racing, but should there be a conflict the Notice Board at Yachtscoring shall control.

December 2020 regatta: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=12966>

February 2021 regatta: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9526>

March 2021 regatta: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9527>

### **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

4.1 Any changes will be posted by 0900 on the day they will take effect, except that any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted no later than one (1) hour after the latest protest time limit on the day before they take effect (SI 16.2). In the event of no racing on a day, any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted no later than 1900 hours on the day before they take effect.

4.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water. The Race Committee Signal Boat shall display Code Flag "L" and announce the change on the Race Committee VHF Channel in accordance with rule 90.2(c). Competitors may also approach the Signal Boat and verbally receive the change while Code Flag "L" is displayed.

### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the CGSC, and communicated to competitors by VHF radio.



5.2 Code Flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in Sailing Instructions or other notice to competitors has been posted on the Official Notice Boards.

5.3 Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the lowering of this signal.

## **6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

6.1 Event No. 2 - Thursday, December 3, 2020

Launching: 0900 – 1700

Registration: 1700 – 1800 @ CGSC

Virtual Competitors Meeting (via Zoom): 1800

Friday, December 4, 2020

First Warning Signal of the day: 1100

Saturday, December 5, 2020

First Warning Signal of the day: 1100

Sunday, December 6, 2020

First Warning Signal of the day: 1100

Virtual Awards Ceremony (via zoom) – ASAP after racing

6.2 Event No. 3 - Thursday, February 4, 2021

Launching: 0900 – 1700

Registration: 1700 – 1800 @ CGSC

Competitor's Meeting @ CGSC (Appetizers for teams.) -- 1800

Friday February 5<sup>th</sup>

First Warning Signal of the day: 1100

After racing: Appetizers and refreshments at CGSC.

Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup>

First Warning Signal of the day: 1100

After racing: Appetizers and refreshments at CGSC.

Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>

First Warning Signal of the day: 1100

After racing - Awards Presentation @ Shake-A-Leg (Appetizers for teams.)



6.3 Event No. 4 - Thursday, March 4, 2021  
Launching: 0900 – 1700  
Registration: 1700 – 1800 @ CGSC  
Competitor's Meeting @ CGSC (Appetizers for teams.) -- 1800

Friday February 5<sup>th</sup>  
First Warning Signal of the day: 1100  
After racing: Appetizers and refreshments at CGSC.

Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup>  
First Warning Signal of the day: 1100  
After racing: Appetizers and refreshments at CGSC.

Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>  
First Warning Signal of the day: 1100  
After racing - Awards Presentation @ Shake-A-Leg (Appetizers for teams.)

6.4 Eight races are scheduled for each regatta. The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion.

6.5 On the final day of each regatta, no Warning Signal will be made after 1400 hours.

6.6 The race committee may announce by radio its intention to start another race once a race in progress has been completed. It will also announce when all racing for the day has been completed, and will fly code flag Alpha at the finish to indicate "No more racing for the day".

## 7. **RACING AREAS**

7.1 All racing will be on Biscayne Bay in an area approximately 1 to 3 miles SSE of Brennan Channel Marker "1" (Fl.G 5sec 8ft).

## 8. **COURSES**

8.1 Course Designations:

COURSE # 4 - Start - W - OS - Leeward Gate - W - OS - Finish

COURSE # 5 - Start - W - OS - Leeward Gate - W - OS - Leeward Gate - Finish

8.2 The Windward Mark (W) and the accompanying offset mark (OS) shall be left to port.

8.3 Courses will be posted on a Race Committee Signal Boat course board prior to the Warning Signal of each race. The number of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic



compass bearing, and distance from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed. (This changes RRS 27.1)

## **9. MARKS**

9.1 The original Windward Mark (W) will be an orange inflatable mark.

9.2 The windward offset mark (OS) will be a round inflatable mark. The offset mark will be laid to port of the Windward Mark, approximately 150 feet away.

9.3 A Leeward Gate will be used and the original Leeward Gate marks will be orange inflatable marks.

9.4 When changing the next leg of the course (SI Section 12), the new mark, unless the change is for the final leg of course, will be a yellow inflatable mark(s).

9.5 Except when there is a change of course, the Gate will be located to windward of the Starting Line. The Gate may be set after the starting signal.

9.6 If one of the Leeward Gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.

## **10. THE START**

10.1 The starting sequence will change RRS 26.

a) No visual signals will be displayed.

b) The race committee will make sound signals as follows:

6 minutes before the start, five short sounds as an alert to the Warning

5 minutes before the start, one sound (the Warning Signal)

4 minutes before the start, one sound (the Preparatory Signal)

1 minute before the start, one long sound (the One-Minute Signal)

0 (at the time of the start), one sound (the Starting Signal)

10.2 The Race Committee will make radio announcements in anticipation of these sound signals.

10.3 The Race Committee may impose starting penalties as allowed by RRS 30. However, (and changing RRS 30), those penalties, if imposed, will be announced by radio prior to the 4-minute signal. No flags will be displayed.

10.4 The starting line will be between two staffs displaying orange flags on two race committee vessels, or between such a flag on one vessel and the course side of a nearby mark.



10.5 Any boat crossing the starting line more than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This is a change to RRS A4 and A5.

10.6 An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern of the committee boat(s) and will function as an extension of the Race Committee boat.

## **11. RECALLS**

11.1 All postponements and recalls, either general or individual, will be signaled by sound signals and radio communication only. This changes RRS 29.

11.2 In the event of an individual recall for boats found OCS (including I or Z flag penalties) the Race Committee will hail the sail number or bow number of boats that are identified as OCS on the Race Committee VHF channel. In the event of a general recall or post-start abandonment, the Race Committee will hail the sail number or bow number of boats that are identified as BFD on the Race Committee VHF channel, but will not display those numbers. (This changes RRS 30.4). Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall or BFD notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the Race Committee VHF channel will not be grounds for redress requests. (This is in addition to and changes RRS 60.1 (b) and 62.1 (a).)

## **12 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

12.1 If the change is for a windward leg, the new mark will be a yellow inflatable mark, unless the change is for the final leg of Course 5, which in that case, the finish line will be in the new position.

12.2 If the change is for a leeward leg, the new gate marks will be yellow inflatables, unless the first change is for the final leg of Course 4, in which case the finish line will be in the new position.

12.3 For course alterations less than 5 degrees, a change of course may not be signaled. The Race Committee will attempt to broadcast any course changes over the Race Committee VHF channel. This changes RRS 33.

## **13 FINISH**

13.1 The Finish Line for leeward finishes (Course 4) will be on the opposite side of the Race Committee Boat from the Starting Line. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the course side of an inflatable mark, or between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee Boats.

13.2 The Finish Line for windward finishes (Course 5) will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the course side of an inflatable mark to port of the Committee Boat, or between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee Boats.



## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 IAM20CR I.3.1(a) will apply: RRS 44.1(a) and 44.2 are changed so the penalty shall be a one turn penalty including one tack and one gybe. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the Zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns penalty. A boat that has taken penalty turns is encouraged to notify the Protest Committee by completing the online Penalty Acknowledgement form at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevmymWr-tbblI7qIh0PYm5M8jXXVZdMv\\_5-lbidk-7h2BQw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevmymWr-tbblI7qIh0PYm5M8jXXVZdMv_5-lbidk-7h2BQw/viewform)

14.2 Penalties within the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes RRS 44.2.

14.3 After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by completing the online Penalty Acknowledgement form at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevmymWr-tbblI7qIh0PYm5M8jXXVZdMv\\_5-lbidk-7h2BQw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevmymWr-tbblI7qIh0PYm5M8jXXVZdMv_5-lbidk-7h2BQw/viewform). Alternatively, the boat may email [Protest@cqsc.org](mailto:Protest@cqsc.org), accepting the alternative penalty and identifying the race number, and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun.

14.4 The penalty, if any, for a violation of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31 or RRS 42 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

14.5 If a breach of class rules is found, penalties shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee, in consultation with a non-competing Class Representative.

## **15 TIME LIMITS**

15.1 Any race in which no boat rounds the first mark within thirty (30) minutes of the start, or finishes within two (2.0) hours of the start shall be abandoned.

15.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored as "TLE" and will be scored two additional points more than the number of boats that finished within that time. This changes RRS 35 and A4.2.

## **16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

16.1 A boat intending to protest shall notify a Race Committee Finish Boat of its intention and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing.





16.2 Scoring inquiries, including potential redress requests relating to a starting penalty, should be initiated by filling out the online Scoring Inquiry form at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc56x9WKwLpbLRiQE5NOPGtKmntlVJQTe6-IWpISqVouz5qIQ/viewform>. Alternatively, a completed Scoring Inquiry form may be photographed and emailed to [ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org](mailto:ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org). Also, questions about the status of scoring inquiries can be emailed to [ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org](mailto:ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org). The race committee will investigate, get back to you, and attempt to resolve the issue. If the scoring inquiry turns into a redress request, then the redress time limit will have been satisfied if the Scoring Inquiry form was submitted before the redress time limit expired.

16.3 Protests and requests for redress unrelated to a starting penalty should be initiated by filling out by filling out the online Protest form at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzOkZE7vvK\\_iXfJzfTr2txULYBp3CoQjtoEphz2aVXlvU5lQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzOkZE7vvK_iXfJzfTr2txULYBp3CoQjtoEphz2aVXlvU5lQ/viewform). Additionally, if a diagram is required, it should be photographed and emailed to [Protest@cgsc.org](mailto:Protest@cgsc.org). Alternatively, a completed Protest form may be photographed and emailed to [Protest@cgsc.org](mailto:Protest@cgsc.org). Also, questions about the status of protests and redress requests can be emailed to [Protest@cgsc.org](mailto:Protest@cgsc.org). Protests and requests for redress shall be emailed within the protest time limit, which is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Finish Boat docks and which will be posted on the regatta website Notice Board. Virtual Protest hearings will be conducted via Zoom.

16.4 Notices will be posted on the regatta website no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties to or named as witnesses. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the regatta website Notice Board to see if she is cited in a protest. Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call until excused by the Protest Committee.

16.5 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted on the Official Notice Board (as defined in SI 3.1) to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b). Also, we will make a best effort to inform competitors by email or phone.

16.6 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

16.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62. If the RC posts the results on the official notice board prior to the protest time limit expiring, redress based on being scored OCS, ZFP or BFD shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2





16.8 The representative from each yacht who attends the hearing shall be the owner or the Category 1 helmsman. Category 3 sailors are not allowed in the hearing, or to be in contact with the representatives at the hearing per class rules.

16.9 Video and photos taken from any support and/or coach boat shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This alters RRS 63.6.

## **17 SCORING**

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

17.2 When fewer than six races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

17.3 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.

17.4 One race is necessary to constitute a series.

## **18 BOW NUMBERS**

18.1 Each Melges 20 shall have clearly visible bow numbers as provided by the manufacturer and that Bow Number shall be properly registered when entering the regatta and confirmed during registration. Boats failing to properly display bow numbers may be subject to protest by the Race Committee only. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and RRS 60.3(a).

18.2 Each Melges 20 shall have clearly visible "Melges World League" bow stickers. These can be obtained from a Melges Performance Sailboat representative.

## **19 LAUNCHING & HAUL OUT REQUIREMENTS**

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

19.2 All boats are to remain in the water for the duration of the regatta except according to the terms, and with permission of the Principal Race Officer or the Regatta Chairman in the event of a required emergency repair.

## **20 TEAM AND PRIVATE SUPPORT BOATS**

20.1 A boat shall receive no outside assistance from support boats, transfer of equipment or victuals or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until she has finished the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency. This changes RRS 41.



20.2 A boat should not be towed once she has left the dock for the day until she has finished the last race of the last day, except in the case of emergency or motor problems that cause the boat to not make her way to the starting area. If in the case of a motor problem, the boat shall make every attempt to fix the problem prior to the next day's racing and shall make the boat available for inspection by the Protest Committee, Race Committee or class representative.

20.3 Individual coach or support boats shall not approach closer than 300 feet to any boat that is racing, except at mark roundings or the finish line where they shall not approach closer than 200 feet upwind of the windward mark or downwind of the leeward mark, and extensions of the finish line.

20.4 At the warning signal for the start, individual coach or support boats shall leave the area being used by the racing boats and may station themselves outside of either the Race Committee pin or signal boat, but no closer to either end than 100 feet.

20.5 When the RC displays AP over H afloat, boats may disregard this rule until after the RC drops flag AP ashore or otherwise cancels racing for the day.

20.6 Each competitor (skipper) shall register any coach vessel affiliated with their boat in any way with the OA during Check-in. These coach boats will be given a flag, will sign a credit authorization form, and will pay \$80 if the flag is not returned to the signal boat after racing is complete. Only coach boats that have been registered with the OA and are flying a flag will be allowed in the racing area as permitted in this SI.

20.7 Coach and support boats are required by the Race Committee to monitor the Race Committee VHF Channel 69 and shall abide by all Race Committee instructions. In addition, they shall provide assistance to any competitor in danger if notified to do so by the Race Committee.

20.8 Non-CGSC Coach and support boats will not be allowed use of CGSC docks at any time. Up to six competitor boats will be assigned docking space on the CGSC north dock. All other competitor and coach and support boats that are staying at CGSC must use mooring balls assigned by Dock Staff.

20.9 A boat whose registered coach, support and / or spectator boat has violated any of the above stated rules, or has caused undo wake due to excessive speeds near the race course, may be subject to protest by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.

20.10 The Race Committee reserves the right to make additional requirements for coach and / or support boats at any time during the regatta.



## **21 PRIZES**

21.1 The top 3 boats overall will receive prizes, and specialty awards will be handed out at the conclusion of the series.

## **22 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

22.1 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee via hailing or calling on the Race Committee VHF channel 69, and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the Regatta desk on shore at CGSC.

22.2 – The safety of sailors and volunteers is paramount. All skippers, crews and interested parties must comply with all CGSC Health protocols. Please remember to socially distance at least six feet away from others, to wear a mask at all times while ashore, regularly wash your hands, and avoid touching your face. If you have any symptoms of Covid-19 or are feeling unwell, you shall stay away from the regatta premises and competitors.

Further, while ashore, all skippers and crews are to promptly comply with instructions from the CGSC Staff. Failure to comply with this NOR 22.2 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat.

22.3 – For Event #2, due to Covid considerations, there will not be any buffet food or beverages available downstairs at CGSC before or after racing. Food and beverages will be available to order upstairs at CGSC. All food and beverages must be consumed upstairs. Seating upstairs will be limited.

## **23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

23.1 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 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the OA, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, Melges Performance Sailboats, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated 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 practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. 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.

## **24. MEDIA RIGHTS**

24.1 Each participant shall acknowledge that all media and commercial rights belong exclusively to the organizing authority and the IAM20CA and shall grant to the OA and IAM20CA 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 Miami Winter



Series 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. Participants shall not reproduce, publicly communicate or distribute images of the race in any way or form without previous authorization from the OA or the IAM20CA.

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