



EVENT 4 2021 MWL - MIAMI - DECEMBER 8-12 \*WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2021\*



**December 8-12, 2021**

**Hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club • 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 Shake-A-Leg with any overflow at Coconut Grove Sailing Club unless boats make other arrangements.
- 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 dockage & Launching costs via the entry fee for Shake-A-Leg Miami. The prepaid dockage is for 5 days per winter series event & 7 days for the worlds.
- 1.5 **IM20CA:** [www.melges20.com](http://www.melges20.com) (Official Regatta website)  
**Coconut Grove Sailing Club:** [www.cgsc.org](http://www.cgsc.org)  
**Shake-A-Leg:** [www.shakealegmiami.org](http://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 Organizing Authority 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 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 Instruction.
- 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 Organizing Authority. If provided, flags and/or decals shall be displayed throughout the entirety of the event.
- 3.3. The Organizing Authority may ask competitors to install/carry on board electronic devices aiming to 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
- submitted a completed Entry Form and all crew members have submitted the Liability Waiver Form.

5.2. The entry deadline is 1800 hours on Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Late registration may be allowed only with the prior approval of the OA.

## 6. FEES

6.1. The entry fee is US \$2100 for entries received prior to October 1st. For entries received October 1 - December 7, the fee shall be US \$2400.

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 at Shake-A-Leg Miami

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

#### **Sunday, 5 December**

0800-1800: Measurement Checks

#### **Monday, 6 December**

0800-1800: Measurement Checks

#### **Tuesday, 7 December**

0800-1800: Measurement Checks

1300-1800: Registration/Check-in

#### **Wednesday, 8 December - PRE-WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP**

0800-1800: Measurement Checks

0900-1800: Registration/Check-In

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

1800: Skippers Meeting/Opening Ceremonies at GCSC

**Thursday, 9 December - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY ONE**

1100: Initial Warning Signal

After Racing: Daily Awards/Social at CGSC

**Friday, 10 December - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY TWO**

1100: Initial Warning Signal

After Racing: Daily Awards/Social at CGSC

**Saturday, 11 December - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY THREE**

1100: Initial Warning Signal

1800: World Championship BBQ

**Sunday, 12 December - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY FOUR**

1100: Initial Warning Signal

1400: No initial Warning Signal after this time After Racing Final Awards Ceremony at CGSC

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 a race on any day, if needed. A maximum of four 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 official class measurer.

7.4. IM20CR 1.2 (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 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 8, December, 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, 6 December, 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 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (b) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When six 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 I.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 Shake-A-Leg with any overflow at Coconut Grove Sailing Club unless boats make other arrangements. Once the dock and mooring space is full at Shake-A-Leg, all other boats will dock at CGSC 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.).

14.3 Each boat utilizing the Shake-A-Leg facilities shall complete a Storage Application and send it to Shake-A-Leg along with the required fee as directed on the application.

#### **15. PRIZES**

Trophies and Prizes will be awarded to:

- (a) The Top Finishing Corinthian Team as defined in the Melges 20 Class Rules; (b) The helmsman and each crew member for the top five boats overall; (c) The winner of each race;
- (b) Additional prizes at the discretion of the OA.

#### **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 rule 4, 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.

## 20. FURTHER INFORMATION

**International Melges 20 Class Association**

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