



**2021 International Melges 20 World Championship**  
**Coconut Grove Sailing Club • Miami, Florida (BISCAYNE BAY) • USA**  
**December 8-12, 2021**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Posted December 6, 2021**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing for 2021-2024 (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 US Sailing Prescriptions that will apply are stated in full in **Addendum A**.
- 1.4. The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) will apply.  
[https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/EquipmentRulesofSailing20212024-\[26661\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/EquipmentRulesofSailing20212024-[26661].pdf)
- 1.5. Competitor advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the Class Rules. Boats will be required to display identification numbers and may be required to display sponsor advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.

1.6. As per Class Rule C1.1(c), crews are allowed to pump the gennaker sheet, without restriction, to promote planing. *This modifies RRS 42.3(c).*

1.7. Appendix T, Arbitration shall apply.

## **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 (RC) communication.

2.2. The RC will communicate on **VHF channel 73**.

2.3. RC broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, OCS hails, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the RC to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of the 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 73, no competitor shall make or receive radio communications commencing from the first warning signal of the day until the conclusion of the day's racing, except in the case of 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. In the event of an onshore postponement, the RC will make announcements on VHF channel 73. These announcements may also be e-mailed to the skippers.

## **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

3.1. Notices and results will be posted on the two official notice boards located as follows:

- a) on the first floor of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC)
- b) on the regatta's website located at [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm)

3.2. All questions for the RC shall be made in writing and will be answered, in writing, and posted to the official notice boards.

3.3. At the conclusion of racing on the final day of the regatta, the notice board/results/regatta desk and protest operations will be located at Shake-A-Leg Miami (SALM).

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

4.1. Any changes will be posted by 0930 on the day they will take effect, except that any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted no later than 2000 on the day before they will take effect (SI 16.2).

4.2. Oral changes to the SIs may be given on the water. The RC signal boat shall display Code Flag "L" with one sound and announce the change on VHF channel 73 in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Competitors may also approach the RC signal boat to receive the change while the

Code Flag “L” is displayed. All oral changes will be posted on the official notice boats as soon as possible on the day they were made.

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

## **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at CGSC.
- 5.2. Code Flag “L”, when displayed ashore, signifies that a change in SIs 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 the onshore “AP” signal. *This changes Race Signals AP.*

## **6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

### **6.1. Sunday, 5 December**

0900-1700 Measurement Checks: at Shake-A-Leg Miami (SALM)

### **Monday, 6 December**

0900-1700 Measurement Checks at SALM

### **Tuesday, 7 December**

0900-1700: Measurement Checks at SALM  
1500-1800: Registration/Check-in at CGSC

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

0900-1700 Measurement Checks at SALM  
0900-1800 Registration/Check-In at CGSC  
1100 Initial Warning Signal for Pre-World Championship  
(three races scheduled)  
1800 Competitors' Meeting/Opening Ceremonies at CGSC

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

0900 Daily Competitor's Meeting at CGSC  
1100 Initial Warning Signal  
1900 All American Barbeque Dinner at CGSC

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

0900 Daily Competitor's Meeting at CGSC  
1100 Initial Warning Signal  
After Racing: Social Keg and Snacks at CGSC

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

0900 Daily Competitor's Meeting at CGSC  
1100 Initial Warning Signal  
1900 Cuban Pig Roast Dinner at CGSC

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

0900            Daily Competitor's Meeting            at CGSC  
1100            Initial Warning Signal  
1400            No initial Warning Signal after this time  
After Racing: Final Awards Ceremony            at SALM

- 6.2. Up to ten (10) races are scheduled. The RC may run fewer races at its discretion and may make up a race on any day, if needed. A maximum of four (4) races may be sailed on any day.
- 6.3. The RC will signal its intent to start another race by displaying the Code Flag "R" at the finish of a race. Code Flag "R" will be lowered with one sound, one (1) minute before the next warning signal is made.

## **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" (FIG. 5 sec. 8ft).

## **8. COURSES**

- 8.1. Course Designations are shown in **Addendum B**.
- 8.2. Prior to the warning signal for each race, the RC will display the course designation, the bearing and distance to the first mark and will broadcast this information on VHF channel 73.

## **9. MARKS**

- 9.1. Mark 1 and Marks 2s/2ps will be orange inflatable marks.
- 9.2. Mark 1a, the windward offset mark, will be a cylindrical orange inflatable mark.
- 9.3. New marks, as provided in SI 12.2, will be a yellow inflatable mark(s).
- 9.4. If mark 1 has been changed, mark 1a will be reset.
- 9.5. Marks 2s/2p will be located to windward of the starting line and may be set after the starting signal.
- 9.6. If one of the leeward gate marks (2s/2p) is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2. The class flag will be the International Melges 20 Insignia on a white flag. Numeral Pennant #1 may be substituted for the Melges 20 class flag.
- 10.3. The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starboard end RC signal boat and the port end pin boat. In the event that the pin boat is not on station, it will be replaced by the course side of an orange inflatable mark.

- 10.4. An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern of the race committee boat(s) and will function as an extension of that race committee boat.
- 10.5. A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. *This changes RRS A4.1 and A5.*

## **11. RECALLS**

- 11.1. The RC will attempt to hail the sail number or bow number of boats that are identified as OCS. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification will not be grounds for redress requests. *This is in addition to, and changes RRS 60.1(b) and 62.1.*

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

- 12.1. The RC may make minor adjustments (up to 5 degrees and .1NM in length) of the course during a race without signaling a course change. *This changes RRS 33.*
- 12.2. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark, or move the finish line, and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **13. FINISH**

- 13.1. The finish line for leeward finishes (Course 4) will be on the opposite side of the RC boat from the starting line. The finish line will be between staffs displaying an orange flag on race committee boats or between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and the course side of an orange inflatable mark. *This changes Race Signals.*
- 13.2. The finish line for windward finishes (Course 5) will be between staffs displaying orange flags on RC boats or between a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat and the course side of an orange inflatable mark to port of the RC boat. *This changes Race Signals.*

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1. IAM20CR 1.3.1(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.
- 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. [DP] The penalty, if any, for a violation of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 or RRS 31 or 42 will be at the discretion of the International Jury (Jury) and may be other than disqualification. *This changes RRS 64.2.*
- 14.4. [DP] If the breach of class rules is found, penalties shall be at the discretion of the Jury, in consultation with a non-competing Class Representative.

## **15. TIME LIMITS**

- 15.1. If no boat rounds the first mark within 30 minutes of the start, or finishes within 2 hours of the start, the race shall be abandoned.

- 15.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored as "TLE" and will be scored two (2) 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 is requested to notify the RC of its intentions and identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing.
- 16.2. Protest forms will be available at the regatta desk at CGSC, or on the final day of the regatta at SALM. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Jury desk within the protest time limit. The time limit is one (1) hour after the RC signal boat docks. Protest hearings will be conducted at CGSC, or on the final day of the regatta, at SALM, as soon as possible.
- 16.3. Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the protest notice boards to see if she is cited in a protest. Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the regatta desk until excused by the Jury.
- 16.4. On the last scheduled 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 15 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision that day. *This changes RRS 66.*
- 16.5. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a decision of the Jury shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. If the RC posts the results on the official notice boards prior to the protest time limit expiring, redress based on being scored OCS, ZFP, UFD, or BFD shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit. *This changes RRS 62.2.*
- 16.6. The representative from each yacht who attends the hearing shall be the owner or the Category 1 driver. Per class rules, Category 3 sailors are not allowed in the hearing, or to be in contact with the representatives at the hearing.
- 16.7. Video and photos taken from any support and/or coach boat shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. *This modifies RRS 63.6.*

**17. SCORING**

In accordance with IM20CR 1.3.1(c) and IMCR 1.3.2(b) & (c) (Scoring), the following *changes to RRS A2 shall apply*:

- 17.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute an event.
- 17.2. 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.

**18. BOW NUMBERS**

- 18.1. Each Melges 20 shall have clearly visible bow numbers provided by the manufacturer and that bow number shall be properly registered when entering the regatta and confirmed during registration/check in. Boats failing to properly display bow numbers may be subject to protest

by the RC only. *This changes RRS 60.1(a) and RRS 60.3.*

- 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 1400 on Wednesday, December 8, 2021.
- 19.2. All boats must be docked at CGSC from Wednesday, December 8, 2021 through Sunday, December 12, 2021.
- 19.3. All boats are to remain in the water for the duration of the regatta except according to the terms, and with the permission of the Principal Race Officer or the Regatta Chairman in the event of a required emergency repair.

## **20. SUPPORT PERSONS AND 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.
- 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 motore 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 inspections by the Jury, RC and/or Class Representative.
- 20.3. Individual support persons 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. A warning signal for the start, individual support persons or support boats shall leave the area being used by the racing boats and may station themselves outside of either the pin or RC signal boat, but no closer to either end than 300 feet.
- 20.5. Each competitor (skipper) shall register any support person, support boat and/or spectator boat affiliated with their boat with the OA during check-in and receive a numbered flag (\$80.00 deposit for flag). Only support persons that have been registered with the OA and display a support flag will be allowed in the racing areas permitted in this section.
- 20.6. Support persons and support boats are required by the RC to monitor VHF Channel 73 and shall abide by all RC instructions. In addition, they provide assistance to any competitor in danger if notified to do so by the RC.
- 20.7. A boat whose registered support person, support boat, or spectator boat has violated any of the above stated rules, or has caused undo wake due to excessive speeds near the race court, may be subject to protest by the RC or Jury.

- 20.8. The RC reserves the right to make additional requirements for support persons and support boats at any time during the regatta.

**21. PRIZES**

- 21.1. The top three (3) overall boats will receive prizes.

**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 RC and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the regatta desk on shore at CGSC.

**23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 23.1. 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 can be found on the regatta website (insert link here) and at registration, and shall be submitted at registration prior to racing.
- 23.2. 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 and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the Organizing Authority, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, International Melges 20 Class Association, Melges Performance Sailboats, Race Committee, International Jury, any sponsors and affiliated companies, and each of their officers, directors, employees, sponsors and agents (collectively as "Releasees"), and volunteers, 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. 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 OA and IM20CA, and shall grant to the OA and the IM20CA the unrestricted right and permission to use and publish any biographical information, text and images arising from the regatta 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 2021 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.



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## ADDENDUM A

The following US Sailing Prescriptions will apply at the 2021 Melges 20 World Championship.

### Add RRS 61.4

#### Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing prescribes that no fees be charged for protests and requests for redress.

### RRS 60.3

RRS 67 After RRS 67, add:

US Sailing prescribes that:

- a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty, does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.
- b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee of US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.
- c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

### RRS 76.1 After 76.1, add:

US Sailing prescribes that an OA or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

### 61.2 Protest Contents

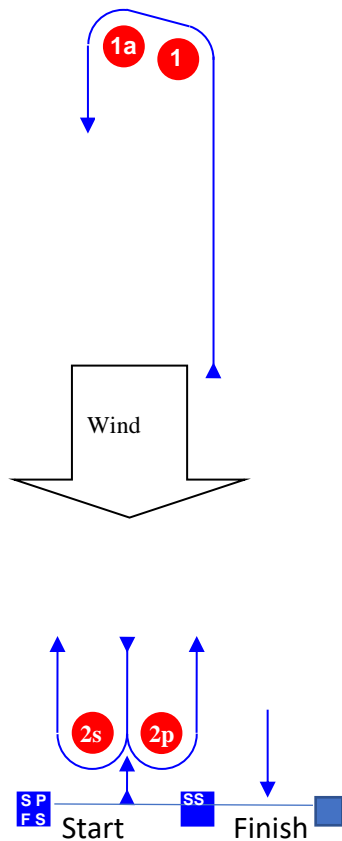
A protest shall be in writing and identify

- (a) the protestor and protestee;
- (b) the incident;
- (c) where and when the incident occurred;
- (d) any rule the protestor believes was broken; and
- (e) the name of the protestor's representative.

However, if requirement (b) is met, requirement (a) may be met at any time before the hearing, and requirements (d) and (e) may be met before or during the hearing. Requirement (c) may also be met before or during the hearing, provided the protestee is allowed reasonable time to prepare for the hearing.

## ADDENDUM B - Course Diagrams

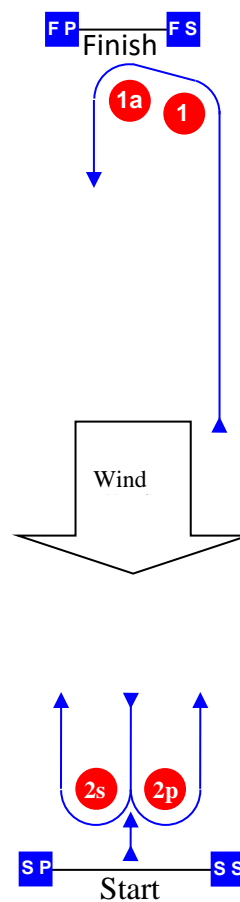
**L**



**Course: Leeward finish**

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>L</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish

**W**



**Course: Windward Finish**

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
<b>W</b>	Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish