



INAUGURAL 2010 AUDI MELGES 20 MIAMI WINTER SERIES

Miami, Fla. USA (Biscayne Bay)

Hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club and Shake-A-Leg Miami
Supported by Melges Performance Sailboats

Event No. 1: December 11–13, 2009

Event No. 2: February 19–21, 2010

Event No. 3: March 10–13, 2010

NOTICE OF REGATTA SERIES

1. VENUE | AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Coconut Grove Sailing Club, in conjunction with the Audi Melges 20 Class Association (AM20CA), invites all members and associates of the AM20CA to participate in the inaugural Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series. The AM20CA is the Organizing Authority and the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is the host.
- 1.2 For Series Events No. 1 and No. 2, on-shore functions (except for the trophy presentation, trailer storage and launching), will be at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC) located at 2990 S. Bayshore Dr., Coconut Grove, Fla. 33133, Phone: (305) 444–4571, website: www.cgsc.org
- 1.3 Series Event No. 3 will be in conjunction with the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week. On-shore functions will be split between CGSC and the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week venue. Specific details will be posted online at the official class website of the Audi Melges 20 website and e-mailed to competitors.

There will be a separate entry form and fee for Series Event No. 3. This information can be found on the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week website.

For Bacardi Miami Sailing Week information: www.miamisailingweek.com.

- 1.4 In the water moorage during the three regattas shall be at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. All boats must be at CGSC as of 1800 on the Friday before racing begins

for Event No. 1 and No. 2, and the Wednesday before racing begins for Event No. 3 thru the end of racing for each regatta. The Coconut Grove Sailing Club launch service to the moorings operates 24 hours per day. Dock Office monitors VHF 78.

- 1.5 Trailer storage and boat launching facilities shall be at the Shake-A-Leg Miami facility located at 2620 S. Bayshore Dr., Coconut Grove, Fla. 33133 Phone: (305) 858-5550 (Shake-A-Leg Miami is 1/2 mile from the Coconut Grove Sailing Club).

Each boat owner shall complete a Shake-A-Leg Miami Storage application and send it to Shake-A-Leg Miami along with the required fee as directed on the application. Shake-A-Leg Miami is a recognized charitable corporation.

The Shake-A-Leg Miami storage application will be posted on the Audi Melges 20 Website.

- 1.6 Websites:

Audi Melges 20 Class Association: www.melges20.com

Coconut Grove Sailing Club: www.cgsc.org

Bacardi Miami Sailing Week: www.miamisailingweek.com

2. RULES

- 2.1 The Regattas will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 The following Prescriptions of US Sailing will apply: Rules 61.4, 68, 76.1, 76.3 and Appendix F only.
- 2.3 Advertising in Event No. 1 and Event No. 2 – permitted according to AM20CA Rules. The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display sponsor flags and/or stickers.
- Advertising in Event No. 3 – all boats shall comply with ISAF Regulation Category A (limits advertising), except that the Audi logo shall be displayed per class rules. Miami Sailing Week may require all participating boats to display advertising chosen and supplied by Miami Sailing Week.
- 2.5 All competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee communication.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The Miami Winter Series is open to all boats of the Audi Melges 20 Class Association.
- 3.2 All boat owners and alternate helmsmen must be in compliance with Class Rule C.2.4.
- 3.3 All competitors shall be in compliance with the ISAF Eligibility Rules, ISAF Sailor Classification Code and Melges 20 Class Rules. As per Class Rule C.2.5.,

IM20CA delegates to a Classification Code Committee, the authority in determining a helmsman's approval within the spirit of the Class Rules.

3.4 Entering the Series:

Boats shall enter Event No. 1 and No. 2 by going to the Audi Melges 20 website and completing the Miami Winter Series Entry Form, including the fees section.

Boats shall enter Event No. 3 by going to the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week website, completing the entry form and paying the fees.

3.5 Entry Deadlines: (also see Sections 4.1 and 4.2 below)

Event No. 1: Entries and fees must be received no later than December 4, 2009.

Event No. 2: Entries and fees must be received no later than February 12, 2010.

Event No. 3: See Bacardi Miami Sailing Week entry form.

Late entries will only be accepted with an additional surcharge.

3.6 On Site Registration: Registration, including presenting Proof of Insurance and the required Class Forms to the registration staff, shall be completed by 09:00 on the first day of racing. The required AM20CA forms are:

- Approved Helmsman Application Form, per Audi Melges 20 Class Rules

(Appendix 8)

- Sail Declaration Form, per Melges 20 Class Rules (Appendix 2)

4. ENTRY FEES

4.1 The Early Entry Fee for entering both Events No. 1 and No. 2 is \$400 (a savings of \$50). To receive this discount, the Entry Form and Fees must be received by November 15, 2009 through the Series entry link on the Melges 20 website.

4.2 The entry fee for Event No. 1 and No. 2 individually or for both events after November 15, 2009 shall be \$225 per regatta.

4.3 The entry fee for Event No. 3 shall be as per the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week entry form.

Note: The Entry Fees for Event No. 1 and No. 2 include appetizers for skippers and crews served in conjunction with the Skippers' Meeting for each regatta, and dinner for skippers and crews on each Saturday evening.

(See Schedule of Events)

Additional tickets for each social event may be purchased at registration or on the Entry Form.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Event No. 1: December 11–13, 2009 and,

Event No. 2: February 19–21, 2010

Friday:

Launching for all boats: 0900 to 1700, Shake-A-Leg Miami (S-A-L); Moor at Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC)

Registration: 1500 to 1800 (CGSC)

Skippers Meeting and social gathering with appetizers: 1800 (CGSC)

Saturday:

Registration: 0830 to 0900 (CGSC)

Racing: First Warning – 1100

Regatta Dinner: 1800 (CGSC)

Sunday:

Racing: First Warning – 1100. No warning signal shall occur after 1400

Awards: ASAP after racing concludes, (Shake-A-Leg Miami)

Event No. 3: March 10–13, 2010

Series Event No. 3 will be held in conjunction with the Bacardi Miami Sailing Week. Final schedule to follow and shall be posted on the Audi Melges 20 website (www.melges20.com).

Wednesday:

Launching for all boats: 0900 to 1700, Shake-A-Leg Miami (S-A-L); Moor at Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC)

6. MEASUREMENTS

6.1 All competitors shall conform to Class measurement rules.

7. HAUL-OUT AND MOORAGE RESTRICTIONS

7.1 All boats must be launched by 1700 on the day prior to the start of racing of each regatta.

7.2 All boats shall remain in the water until the end of racing, unless granted prior written permission by the Race Chairman.

7.3 All boats shall be moored at Coconut Grove Sailing Club after launching and until the end of racing for each regatta.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1 The Sailing instructions for all races will be distributed at registration for each Regatta of the series. Every attempt will be made to post them on the Audi Melges 20 website prior to the first race of the series.

9. COURSES

9.1 The race courses will be Windward–Leeward with gates.

10. RACES / SCORING

10.1 For Events No. 1 and No. 2 of the series, up to six races may be held. For Event No. 3 of the series, the maximum number of races is to be determined. At each event, a maximum of 4 races may be sailed on any race day.

- 10.2 Two (2) races must be completed for a regatta to be scored as part of the 2010 Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series.
- 10.3 For each individual regatta in the Series, the Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix "A" of the RRS will apply, except that if more than 4 races are completed in a regatta, a boat may exclude her worst score.
- 10.4 All boats entering the Series are eligible to be scored in the series. Place scores from each individual regatta of the series will be used with a Low Point Scoring System (1st Place = 1 point, 2nd Place = 2 points, 3rd Place = 3 points, etc.). The boat with the lowest score will be declared the winner of the 2010 Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 For each individual regatta in the series, the top three boats will receive prizes.
- 11.2 For the Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series, the top five boats will receive prizes.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 The safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the sole inescapable responsibility of the owner/owners' representative. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this Series are participating entirely at their own risk. The race organizers (Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other 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 participation in this Series. By participating in this Series, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this Series to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. MANDATORY INSURANCE

- 13.1 Each boat is required to hold adequate insurance including third-party liability insurance, and it is the owner or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event. Proof of insurance shall be provided as part of the on-site registration.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Support boats shall register with the Registration staff prior to the Skippers Meeting for each Regatta. All support boats are required to monitor the prescribed VHF channel during the regattas.

15.0 LUNCHES

- 15.1 Lunches for race days may be purchased from CGSC on the Entry Form or at the first day of Registration for each regatta. For further information, contact Ron Rostorfer, CGSC at: ronsailon@comcast.net.

16. SERIES CLOTHING

See the Entry Form or www.melges20.com for details.

17. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

- 17.1 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice. Any amendments of this Notice will be posted on the event website and/or e-mailed to those owners whose entries have been accepted. Amendments will be posted on the official notice board.

18. WEBSITE / INFORMATION

- 18.1 The Audi Melges 20 Class website (www.melges20.com) will have information, the Notice of Race, Entry Forms, Sailing Instructions, local housing information for Miami, visiting boat and trailer storage details (Shake-A-Leg Miami), Coconut Grove Sailing Club information, and more.
- 18.2 Additional information concerning the venue can be obtained on the Coconut Grove Sailing Club website (www.cgsc.org).
- 18.3 Further information regarding the 2009 / 2010 Audi Melges 20 Miami Winter Series may also be obtained from:

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harry@melges.com

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Hotel Information

There are a number of nearby hotels. Please check the Audi Melges 20 Class website (www.melges20.com) for hotel information as it becomes available.