



2017 Melges 20 World Championship

October 3 - 7, 2017
Newport, Rhode Island USA

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the International Melges 20 Class Association (IM20CA) in collaboration with the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association. New York Yacht Club is the host, with support from Sail Newport and Melges USA.

1 VENUE

- 1.1 The racing area will be in the waters of Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound. Onshore functions will be hosted at New York Yacht Club and Sail Newport unless posted otherwise.
- 1.2 Dockage for all competitors shall be at the Alofsin Piers at Sail Newport. All launching and hauling will be done at Sail Newport.
- 1.3 Websites:
 - Melges 20 Worlds Site ([www.http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4136](http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4136))
 - International Melges 20 Class Association (www.melges20.com)
 - New York Yacht Club (www.nyyc.org)
 - 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 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.
- 2.6 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.
- 2.7 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.
- 2.8 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, October 3, 2017. Late registration may be allowed only with the prior approval of the OA.

6 FEES

6.1 The entry fee is US \$1,595 for entries received prior to Sept 1. For entries received Sept 1-Oct 3, the fee shall be US \$1,795.

This entry fee includes the following:

- Dockage at Sail Newport from October 1-8, inclusive;
- Launching and Hauling of competing boats, trailer storage, from Oct 1-8, inclusive;
- Professional Race Management, Class Measurer and Jury/Umpires;
- Daily social events including an Opening Ceremonies at NYYC Harbour Court;
- Regatta BBQ Dinner at NYYC Harbour Court;
- World Championship Administrator and Employees.

6.2 Teams are responsible for any costs other than those described in NOR 6.1 and 14.2.

6.3 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Saturday, 30 September

0800 – 1800 Measurement Checks

Sunday, 1 October

0800 – 1800 Measurement Checks

Monday, 2 October

0800 – 1800 Measurement Checks

1300 - 1800 Registration/Check-in

Tuesday, 3 October - 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 NYYC

Wednesday, 4 October - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY ONE

1100 Initial Warning Signal
After Racing Daily Awards/Social at Sail Newport

Thursday, 5 October - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY TWO

1100 Initial Warning Signal
After Racing Daily Awards/Social at Sail Newport

Friday, 6 October - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY THREE

1100 Initial Warning Signal
1800 World Championship BBQ at NYYC

Saturday, 7 October - WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY FOUR

1100 Initial Warning Signal
1400 No initial Warning Signal after this time
After Racing Final Awards Ceremony at Sail Newport

6.4 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.

7.3 In accordance with RRS G3, chartered or loaned boats may display national letters and sail numbers in contravention of class rules.

7.4 IM20CR I.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 Tuesday, October 3, 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, October 2, 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 As part of the entry fee, each boat will be provided with dockage at Sail Newport from October 1-8. All competitors shall use dockage provided at Sail Newport from October 3-7.

- 14.2 For any logistics not specifically covered in NOR 6.1, each team is responsible for making its own arrangements directly with Sail Newport including: launching/hauling, trailer storage, work trailer storage, RIB/support boat and trailer storage. RIB/support boat dockage and trailer space will be provided by Sail Newport for an additional fee.

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;
- (d) 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. NYYC Regatta Association and NYYC, Sail Newport and its volunteers, Fort Adams State Park, The State of Rhode Island, 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

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