



# Melges 20 World Championship

## Melges 20 Pre-World Championships

Newport, Rhode Island  
October 3-7, 2017

### NOTICE TO COMEPITORS #2

*During the equipment controls for the World Championship 2017 of the Int. Melges20 Class in Newport, I inspected set of sails coming from different sailmakers. Particular attention has been given to the clew area of the North Sails jib; after scrupulous and close examination of the Melges20 class rules and of the "World Sailing" rules and definitions called ERS, I can state the following rules:*

- *By the class rules - G.3.3 Construction (a) The construction shall be: **soft sail**, single ply sail.*

- *The definition of soft sail is given by ERS as follow: G.1.4.(c) SOFT SAIL A sail where the **body of the sail** is capable of being folded flat in any direction without damaging any ply other than by creasing.*

- *The definition of **body of the sail** is given by ERS as follow: G.1.4 Sail Construction (a) BODY OF THE SAIL The sail **excluding the areas** where parts are added as per G.1.1.*

- *The **areas excluded** are indicated in ERS: G.1.1 Sail An item of equipment, used to propel the boat. It includes any of the following added parts: **sail reinforcements** batten pockets and associated fittings windows stiffening tabling sail edge ropes and wires attachments other parts as permitted by class rules.*

- *The definition of **sail reinforcements** is given by ERS as follow: G.6 SAIL REINFORCEMENT G.6.1 Primary Reinforcement An unrestricted number of additional layers of ply of permitted material: at a corner*

*at a adjustment point at a reefing point adjacent to the luff at a reefing point adjacent to the leech at a sail recovery point where permitted by the class rules*

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- *The list of **permitted material** is given by class rules as for:*

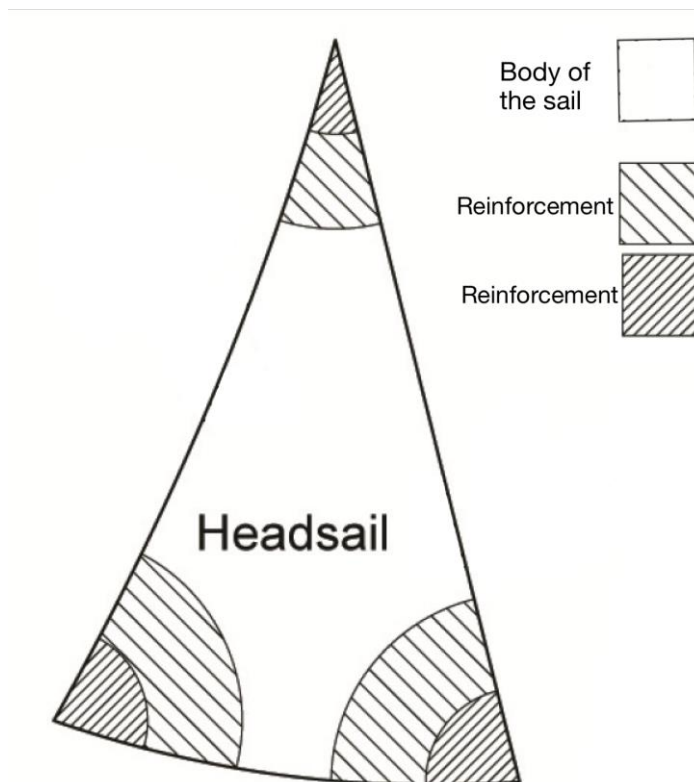
G.3.2 Materials The ply fibres shall consist of woven ply and/or laminated ply made from one or more of the following materials: Dacron, Polyester, aramids, HMPE. Fabric under the trade name Cuben Fiber, manufactured by

Cuben Tech is not allowed. Sail reinforcements shall be made from one or more of the following materials: Dacron, polyester, aramids, HMPE, fibre glass: Fabric under the trade name Cuben Fiber, is not allowed.

- And the dimension of the Reinforcement is controlled by class rule:

G.4.3 Dimensions: Reinforcement is unrestricted

Here a drawing that shows in white the area of body of the sail:



All considered - the Melges20 class rules and the ERS rules - I can confirm that the sails inspected and passed at the inspection and marked with the official signature are legal.

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**Posted 1033hrs**

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