

# THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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## **2014 MELGES 20 PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP**

**September 27-28, 2014**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Organizing Authority: The San Francisco Yacht Club, Belvedere, California**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the International Audi Melges 20 Class Association Rules.
- 1.2 Appendix T Section B (POST RACE PENALTIES) shall apply
- 1.3 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.4 All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. This changes rule 40.

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside on the SFYC deck.

#### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole located adjacent to the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP.

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 Three races are scheduled on both Saturday and Sunday, for a total of six.
- 5.2 The first warning signal each day will be at 1130 hours.
- 5.3 After the first race each day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon, a radio announcement

on VHF channel USA 65A and a series of short sound signals may be made from the race committee signal boat.

**6. CLASS FLAG**

Class flag will be a white flag with Melges 20 insignia. Numeral pennant one may be substituted as the class flag.

**7. RACING AREA**

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the Berkeley Olympic Circle, or north to Southampton Shoal as conditions dictate.

**8. THE COURSES**

8.1 Attachment A shows the courses, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

**9. MARKS**

9.1 All marks will be red inflatable buoys. See the course sheet on Attachment A.

9.2 There may be an offset mark, 1a, set near the windward mark. If present, the offset mark is to be passed in sequence as designated in the course description on Attachment A.

9.3 Marks 2s and 2p are a gate. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing gate mark to port.

9.4 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port.

**10. THE START**

10.1 The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark, or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee pin boat.

10.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

**11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finish line) to a new position, in accordance with rule 33.

**12. THE FINISH**

12.1 For downwind finishes the finish line will be between a staff or halyard displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark, or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee pin boat, set to leeward of the gate.

12.2 For upwind finishes the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark, set to windward of mark 1.

**13. TIME LIMITS**

Boats in a fleet failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in the fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35 and A4.

**14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 Protest Forms will be available at the Regatta Table in the clubhouse. Protests shall be delivered to the race committee representative at the Regatta Table. The protest time limit shall be one hour after the race committee signal boat returns to the dock. The return time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.2 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time and location of hearings in which they are parties.
- 14.3 On Sunday 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 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

**15. SCORING**

- 15.1 Three races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. 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.

**16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1 Check in and check out: Boats are requested to check in with the race committee by sailing by the race committee signal boat, on starboard tack, prior to the first warning signal each day.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from racing shall notify the race committee as soon as possible

**17. COMMUNICATIONS**

The Race Committee may use VHF USA 65A to communicate information about time to start and OCS. Failure to hear these transmissions, the order or timeliness of them, or the absence of them, shall not be grounds for redress.

**18. PRIZES**

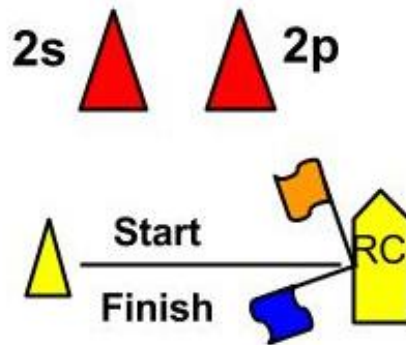
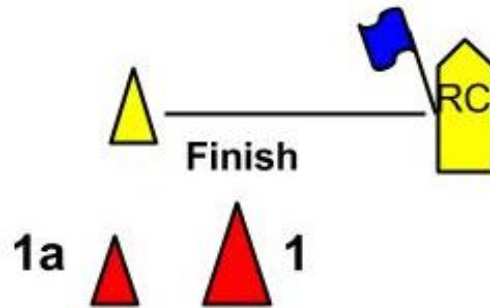
Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats after racing on Sunday on the SFYC deck. Beer will be provided by SFYC Race Program Beer Sponsor, Trumer Pils.

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**NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER TO STOP AT THE PARKING LOT ENTRANCE, OR SFYC RACE OFFICE, AND PICK UP YOUR PARKING PASSES.**

## ATTACHMENT A - COURSES



Marks 1, 1a, and 2s/2p are red inflatable buoys.  
The start and finishing marks are yellow inflatable buoys.

Marks 1, 1a, are rounding marks and shall be left to port; Marks 2s and 2p are a gate. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.

### Courses

1 – Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish Downwind

2 – Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish Upwind

3 – Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish Downwind