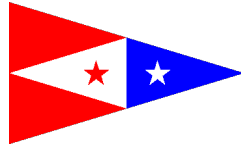


THE SAN FRANCISCO YACHT CLUB



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2015 AUDI MELGES 20 PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP September 12 - 13, 2015

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 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.3 Rule 40 is changed to; all competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods while changing or adjusting clothing. Flag Y will not be displayed.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside on the west wall of The SFYC Clubhouse. The sailing instructions and notice of race, and their amendments will be posted online at www.sfyc.org.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 hours 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. The first warning signal each day will be at 1130 hours.
- 5.2 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 USA channel 65A and a series of short sound signals may be made from the race committee signal boat.

5.3 No race will be started after 1600 hours on Sunday.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be international code flag one.

7 VENUE

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 numerical placards displayed from the race committee signal boat.

9 MARKS

9.1 All marks will be red inflatable buoys.

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 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 finishing line will be between a staff 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

13.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat 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 are available at the Regatta Table inside the clubhouse near the deck entrance. Protests, requests for redress and request to reopen a hearing shall be filed at the Regatta Table within the protest time limit. If filed after the close of the Regatta Table, filing shall be made to the front office. This changes rule 61.3.
- 14.2 The protest time is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat returns to the dock. The time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 14.2 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties.
- 14.3 On last 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 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Six (6) races are scheduled. Three (3) 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 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 Boats shall check in at the beginning of each day by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard and hailing their sail number.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS, TRAILER STORAGE, AND DOCKAGE

- 17.1 All boats shall remain in the water after the first race until the conclusion of the event, unless the PRO has approved a written request for haul out.
- 17.2 Trailers may be stored in the SFYC parking lot, at the direction of the Harbormaster. Please call 415-439-3534, or see the Harbormaster on arrival, to arrange trailer storage.
- 17.3 The SFYC will not be able to accommodate any arrivals prior to September 8, 2015.
- 17.4 SFYC guest docks in front of the main Club deck will be available from September 8 through September 14, 2015.
- 17.5 Boats sailing in the World Championship are welcome back at SFYC on September 21. Please see website for alternative storage options.

18 COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile telephones.
- 18.2 The race committee may use VHF USA channel 65A to communicate information about the races.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 The trophy presentation will be held on the SFYC deck on Sunday after racing.
- 19.2 Keeper trophies will be awarded to the top three boats.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in a regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Saturday, September 12 After racing, complimentary beer and snacks.

Sunday, September 13 After racing, trophy presentation on The SFYC deck with complimentary beer.

PARKING

Parking in the SFYC lot will be restricted during the regatta. We will issue two parking passes per boat, one of which may be used for a trailer. Passes may be picked up at the SFYC Race Office on Friday or at the entrance to the lot on Saturday.

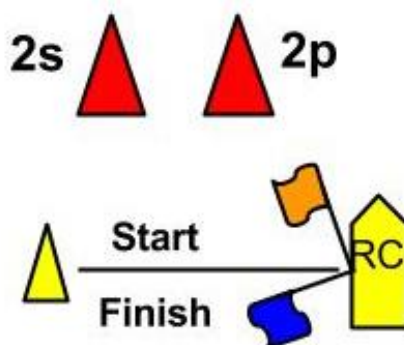
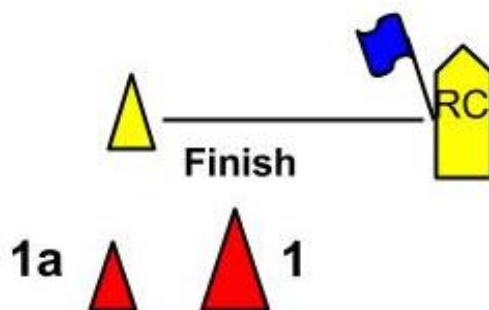
FURTHER INFORMATION

Jim Barton, PRO

Nancy DeMauro and Madeline Morey, Regatta Chairs

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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

4.) Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish Downwind

5.) Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish Upwind

6.) Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish Downwind