



Yacht Club de Monaco

MELGES 20 MONACO SPORTSBOAT WINTER SERIES

2014 - 2015

Started in October 2013, the programme of winter regattas is aimed at professionals or amateurs keen to prepare for the Mediterranean season at the highest level. A concept that attracted a number of tacticians from Italy and Eastern countries who set up their winter quarters in Monaco, including the American Ed Baird who sailed with Pierre Casiraghi in the first act.

Following the success of the first edition, the new season will start on 24th October 2014. Organized by the Yacht Club de Monaco, the Monaco Melges20 Fleet Association and the International Melges 20 Class Association - Eurofleet in association with the Fédération Monégasque de Voile.

The events, hosted in its New Clubhouse of the Yacht Club de Monaco will be held as follows:

Act 1	24 -26 October 2014
Act 2	12 - 14 December 2014
Act 3	16 - 18 January 2015
Act 4	6 - 8 February 2015 (Please refer to Primo Cup – Trophée Credit Suisse Notice of Race)
Act 5	6 - 8 March 2015

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and the Melges20 Class Rules.
- 1.2. Life jackets must be worn at sea when the Race Committee display the IC Code Flag 'Y'. This rule applies to all series. Infringement to this rule may lead to disqualification.
- 1.3. In case of protest, the representative of each yacht attending the protest in the protest room shall be the owner/helmsman. Category 3 sailors are not allowed in the protest room or to be in contact with the representative in the protest room.
- 1.4. A Jury boat may be on the water. Its actions will be defined in the sailing instructions.

2. ADVERTISING and MEDIA

- 2.1. Advertising must conform to regulation 20.4 of ISAF. The Organizing Authority may ask competitors to display sponsor flag and/or stickers. Flag and stickers must be displayed from the day before and until the end of the event.
- 2.2. The Organizing Authority may ask competitors to install/carry on board electronic devices designated to media coverage of the event.



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3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1.** The race is open to all boats of the Melges20 Class.
- 3.2.** Pre-registration should be submitted to the Yacht Club de Monaco by completing the form online one week before the start of the event:
- 3.3.** The registration is considered valid the race office has received:
- The signed Entry Form
 - Proof of a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of € 1.000.000,00 per event or the equivalent if expressed in other currency
 - Copy of the Entry Fee Payment

4. ENTRY FEE

- 4.1.** The registration fee for each event will be 500€.
- 4.2.** Registration fees include launching, hauling, berthing, Welcome Cocktail & Gala dinner for 4 people.
- 4.3.** All fees are payable to the Monaco Melges20 Fleet Association. Wire instructions will be communicated with the Competitor Announcement of each event.

5. REGATTA SCHEDULE

- 5.1.** For events Parts 1, 2, 3 & 5 the schedule will be as follow:

Wednesday	9.00am to 12.00noon & 2.00pm to 6.00pm	Crane Launch
Thursday	9.00am to 12.00noon & 2.00pm to 6.00pm	Crane Launch
<i>Friday*</i>	<i>9.00am to 11.00am*</i>	<i>Crane Launch*</i>
Friday	9.00am to 11.00am	Confirmation of Registration
	11.30am	Briefing
	13.00pm	First Warning Signal
	After Races	Welcome Cocktail
Saturday	10.00noon	First Warning Signal
Sunday	10.00noon	First Warning Signal
	After Races	Prize Giving
	After Prize Giving	Haul Outs

** With written approval of the RC and appointment only*

Please refer to Primo Cup – Trophée Credit Suisse Notice of race for schedule of Part 4

- 5.2.** Up to 9 races may be held per event. A maximum of 3 races may be held on any racing day.
- 5.3.** In case of a modification in the intended time of the first warning signal, the new time will be posted on the official Notice Board before 8.00pm on the previous day
- 5.4.** On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 3.00pm
- 5.5.** Social event program will be affixed on the Official Notice Board.



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5.6. IT IS MANDATORY the presence of at least 2 crew members at the price-giving. In case of absence, PENALTIES will be applied having effect on the results of the Circuit.

6. MEASUREMENTS

All competitors should observe class measurements rules. There might be measurements checks both before the regatta start and during the event.

7. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 7.1.** All boats shall be launched before 6.00 pm on Thursday. Boats may be launch on Friday before 11.00am but authorization must be granted from the race organisation.
- 7.2.** Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the RC.
- 7.3.** The hauling-out list may be published on the Notice of Board by Saturday 8.00 p.m.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available upon confirmation of registration at the Race Office of Yacht Club de Monaco.

9. VENUE

Racing will be conducted in the waters off the Yacht Club de Monaco like it is described on Sailing Instructions.

10. COURSE

The course shall be Windward – Leeward configuration. An offset mark will be used to windward. A leeward gate may be used to Leeward.

11. SCORING

- 11.1.** The Low Point System of RRS Appendix ‘A’ will apply.
- 11.2.** One (1) race is needed for the regatta to be scored as single event and to be scored in the Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series 2014-15.
- 11.3.** When four (4) races have been completed, the worst score will be discarded.
- 11.4.** Results of the Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series:
 - Boats attending the single event and scored DNS, DNC, DNF, RAF will be scored one point (1) more than the number of boats that completed the single event registration. Boats non attending the single event will be scored one (1) point more than the number of boats entered the series at that date.
 - The Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series 2014/2015 score will be calculated by adding all the races completed in the series (including the races discarded for the single event results). The worst scores will discarded as follows: 1st discard when the 9 races have been completed; 2nd discard when the 18 races have been completed; 3rd discard when the 27 races have been completed; 4th discard when the 36 races have been completed; 5th discard: when 45 races have been completed.

12. PRIZES

At each single event, prizes will be awarded to:

- First 3 boats of the Event
- First 3 boats of the Series (At Event 5 only)



13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 13.1. During the starting procedure, in addition to sound and flag signals, the Race Committee may use VHF 72 channel to call out OCS sail numbers or bow numbers. The use of VHF radio communication or failure to do so by the RC, shall not be considered a valid reason for protest or request of redress in any case.
- 13.2. A yacht shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all yachts. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and any other device

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see RRS 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.

15. SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1. Support/Coach boat should contact the RC to find out if berth is available. A fee may be required to moor in YCM Marina.
- 15.2. Support/Coach boats shall credit at the Registration Office leaving complete contacts.
- 15.3. Support boats agree to be available for boat & people rescue at any time, and without delay should offer to assist any boat that is dismasted or sinking.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third- party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of € 1.000.000,00 per event or the equivalent if expressed in other currency. Proof of insurance shall be provided upon registration.

PARKING

- 16.1. The Yacht Club de Monaco will arrange for one boat per team to be parked in Monaco from Monday 27th October 2014 to Monday 15th of March 2015.
- 16.2. The Yacht Club de Monaco's responsibility shall not be engaged if your boat is damaged while parked in Monaco.
- 16.3. Should the boat not sail, parking will be charged 300€ per months where the boat has not sailed.
- 16.4. A mean to park your car/van will be organised by the Yacht Club de Monaco. The cost will not exceed 10€ per day. The Yacht Club de Monaco's responsibility shall not be engaged if your vehicle is parked illegally and fined or towed.

17. ACCOMMODATION

Should you need any assistance or to take advantages of our pre negotiated fees with regards to accommodation for your stay in Monaco during the Monaco Sportsboat Winter Series, please contact Gregory Benassi or Amélie Sayers: hotel@ycm.org

18. LOGISTIC & INFORMATION

For information regarding the racing and technical aspect or charter boats please contact Charles Terrin: events@ycm.org

To contact the Monaco Melges 20 Fleet Association by post: Quai Louis II – 98000 Monaco or by phone: +7 9266 749 440.

For information regarding sponsorship or media please contact: presse@ycm.org

For information regarding Monaco please visit: www.visitmonaco.com



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19. GETTING TO MONACO SPORTSBOAT WINTER SERIES

19.1. By train

Monaco- Monte-Carlo Railway Station. Follow the signs for 'Sainte Dévote – Port'.

19.2. By car

On the A8 motorway from Nice: exit N° 54 Monaco.

On the A8 motorway from Menton: exit N° 57 Roquebrune.

On main roads, follow signs for 'Monaco - Le Port'.

19.3. Parking: please find below a list of car parks

1: Boulevard Louis II car park

2: La Costa car park

3: Avenue d'Ostende car park

4: Grimaldi Forum car park

5: Square Gastaud car park

6: Condamine car park

7: Quai Antoine 1er car park

8: Digue car park

9: Pêcheurs car park

19.4. From Nice Côte d'Azur International Airport:

- **By bus:** shuttle between the airport and Monaco.

Operated by RCA from terminals 1 and 2. Hourly departures.

- **By taxi:** taxi ranks outside terminals 1 and 2.

- **By helicopter:** check-in desks in the arrival zones in terminals 1 and 2 at Nice Côte d'Azur International Airport. Departures every 20 minutes, from Nice airport and Monaco heliport.

The flight takes approximately 6 minutes and shuttle busses are available from and to heliport.