



JAPAN MELGES WEEK 2015

Audi MELGES 20 Japan National Championship 2015

MELGES 24 Japan National Championship 2015

Organized by Japan MELGES Class Association and Riviera Marine Club

Authorized by Japan Sailing Federation (H27-42)

Supported by Kanagawa Sailing Association (15-20)

Cooperated by Zushi Marina Yacht Club, OHTSUBO DESIGN, J.F.P Co., Ltd.

Venue : Riviera Zushi Marina (Zushi City, Kanagawa Pref.)

Sailing Instruction

*Reference: If there is difference between English SI and Japanese original, Japanese original supersedes English SI

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016

1.2. Audi MELGES 20 class will be governed by the rules as defined in International Audi MELGES 20 class rules.

a) Rule B.4.1 does not apply

1.3. MELGES 24 class will be governed by the rules as defined in International MELGES 24 class rules

a) Crew change during the regatta is permitted. Rule C.2.1 (b) does not apply.

1.4. The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

1.5. All competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while racing, except for brief periods whilst changing or adjusting clothing. Wet suits and dry suits are not considered as personal flotation devices. This changes rule 40.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in front of the meeting room 1 in the main building Riviera Zushi Marina.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the pole located in front of the harbor office.

4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 40 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1. Schedule of events

Saturday 31 October

- 1000-1600 Check-in and crew weight-in
- 1355 Warning signal for the practice race
- 1700 Skippers Meeting

Sunday 01 November

- 0800-0830 Crew weight-in
- 1025 First warning signal
- 1800 Daily awards/Social event

Monday 02 November

- 0730-0745 Crew weigh-in
- 0745-0800 Skippers briefing
- 0955 First warning signal
- 1800 Daily awards/Social event

Tuesday 03 November

- 0730-0745 Crew weigh-in
- 0745-0800 Skippers briefing
- 0955 First warning signal
- After 1300 The Initial warning signal for the final race will not be made
- 1600 Daily awards/Award Ceremony

5.2. Eight races are scheduled.

5.3. Maximum number of the race per day is four.

5.4. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least two minutes before a warning signal is made.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. Class flags will be:

Audi MELGES 20 color: pink



MELGES 24 color: yellow



7. RACING AREA

Attachment 1 the racing areas

8. THE COURSES

8.1. See Attachment-2

8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee boat will display the approximate compass bearing and the distance of the first leg.

8.3. The approximate magnetic compass bearing and distance from the starting line to windward mark 1 will be broadcasted on VHF channel 72 by the race committee. Delay or error of a broadcast, failure to make it, or failure to receive will not be grounds for a request for redress.

9. MARKS

9.1. The starting and finishing marks will be orange cylinder mark.

9.2. The windward mark 1 and leeward mark 3 will be pink cylinder mark.

9.3. Offset mark 2 will be yellow cylinder mark

9.4. In case of a change of a course, windward mark 1, leeward mark 3, and offset mark 2 will be replaced to orange pyramid marks.

9.4. In case of a change of a course, windward mark 1 will be replaced to orange pyramid mark, and offset mark 2 will be replaced to yellow cylinder mark. There is no change of leeward mark 3.

10. THE START

10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end limit mark.

10.2. Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal. Each class flag will be used for a starting signal.

10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.4. The first race of a day will be MELGES 24 class followed by Audi MELGES 20 class. However, the race committee will decide orders of the races after the second race of a day.

10.5. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4.2

10.6. The race committee will broadcast recall and general recall on VHF channel 72. Delay or error of a broadcast, failure to make it, or failure to receive will not be grounds for a

request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

10.7. If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line at any time during the two minutes before her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number on VHF channel 72. Failure to make a broadcast or to receive will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat at the port end and the starboard-end limit mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1. Except an incident in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, Two-Turns Penalty shall be replaced by One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS44.1.

13.2. Penalties within the zone of the windward mark (including rule 31 and rule 42) may be taken after a boat rounds offset mark and before she hoists gennaker. This changes rule 44.2. However, this shall not apply if the change is for shortening on windward leg.

13.3. Appendix P will apply as the penalty for rule 42.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1. Time limits and target times are as follows:

Class	Target time	Time limit	Mark1 time limit
Audi MELGES 20	60min.	90min.	25min.
MELGES 24	55min.	90min.	25min.

If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race will be abandoned.

Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

14.2. Boats failing to finish within 15minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1. Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2. For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

15.3. Notices on a starting time and a venue of hearings will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

15.4. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted at the official notice board to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.5. A list of boats that have been penalized under instruction 13.3 for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

15.6. Breaches of instructions 1.5, 10.3, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered

(a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;

(b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes rule 66.

15.8. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress from a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15.9. Decisions of the protest committee will be final This changes rule 70.5.

16. SCORING

16.1. The scoring system is as follows: the Low Point System.

16.2. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3.(a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.2. A boat that did not come to the race area shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.3. A boat that participates a race shall check-in at the race office within 2 hours after the

finish of the last race of the day.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1. Substitution of competitors shall be submitted to the race office with prior written application and will not be allowed without approval of the race committee or protest committee.

18.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee or protest committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked as follows:

Race Committee boat



Jury boat



Press boat



21. SUPPORT BOATS

21.1. A boat that participates in Audi MELGES 20 class shall comply with IM20CR1.4.

21.2. A support boat shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21.3. Support boats shall be marked with the following flag provided by the race committee:



22. TRASH DISPOSAL

22.2. Boats are not allowed to dispose of trash in the water

23. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS AND BEARTHING

23.1. All boats shall be afloat by 1700 hours 31 October

23.2. Haul-out may be permitted with the following conditions;

- a) With the prior permission of the Race Committee
- b) In an emergency provided that a boat presents plausible explanation afterward.

23.3. Boats shall be kept in the assigned docks in the harbor.

24. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

24.1. Diving equipment and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

25.1. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications except VHF unavailable to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

26. PRIZES

See Notice of Race.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. A boat owns a responsibility for a decision of whether she participates in the regatta and whether she continues it. 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.

28. INSURANCE

28.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance of 50,000,000 yen per incident or the equivalent.

29. RACE OFFICE

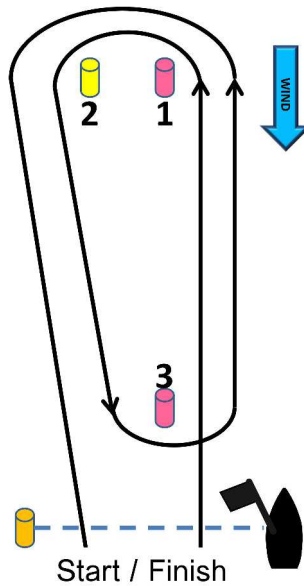
29.1. The race office will be located at Meeting Room 1 in the main building Riviera Zushi Marina (see Attachment-3)

【Attachment-1】



[Attachment -2]

Start-1-2-3-1-2-Finish



[Attachment -3]

