



Japan Melges Week 2018

5th All Japan Melges 20 Class Championship

Organizing Authority : Japan Melges Association

Authorization : Japan Sailing Federation (H30-45)

Cooperated by : Hayama Marina

Supported by : North Sails Japan, OTHUBO Design, Melges Japan

Venue : Hayama Marina (Miura-gun, Kanagawa)

Sailing Instruction

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

1.2 Melges20 class will be governed by the rules as defined in International Melges 20 class rules.

a) Rule B4.1 sail limitation mark does not apply for fourth sail. This is transitional measure for Japanese fleet to follow international class rule.

1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

1.4 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.



1.5 Owner/Driver shall attend the hearing for the protest (Class rule I.3.1(b)). Category 3 sailor cannot be in the protest room or to be in contact with the representative while hearing.

1.6 The Organizing Authority will carry out an Umpiring fleet race. (See SI J)

1.7 Spare

1.8 If there is a conflict between Notice of Race and the Sailing Instruction (SI), the Sailing instruction shall prevail.

1.9 If there is a conflict between the Japanese SI and the English SI, the Japanese version shall prevail.

2. Notice to competitors

2.1 Notice to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the regatta office in Hayama marina.

3. Changes to sailing instruction

3.1 Any changes to the sailing instruction 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 near the regatta 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 of race

5.1 Dates of racing

November 22nd 1400-1700 Registration

1700 Skipper's meeting

November 23rd 1025 First warning signal of the day

1730 Regatta party

November 24th 0800 Daily briefing

0955 First warning signal of the day

November 25th 0800 Daily briefing

0955 First warning signal of the day

No warning signal will be made after 1400.

1600 Prize giving

5.2 Total 9 races are scheduled for the regatta.

5.3 Maximum number of races in a day is four.

5.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races 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 flag

6.1 Class flag will be:



7. Racing area

7.1 Attachment-1 shows the location of racing area.

8. The course

8.1 The course will be windward-leeward course of four legs. (See Attachment-2)

9. Marks

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

9.2 Windward mark 1 and leeward mark 4s/4p (gate) will be pink truncated cone mark.

9.3 Offset mark 1a will be orange cylindrical mark.

9.4 When in change of the next leg of the course, new mark will be green truncated cone mark. No offset mark will be set when in change of the next leg of the course. No change will be made for leeward marks.

10. The start

10.1 The starting line will be between staff displaying orange flag on the race committee boat on the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark on the port end.

10.2 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.4 The race committee may broadcast recall or general recall on VHF72ch. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be ground for redress. This changes RRS 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. No offset mark will be set when in a change of the next leg of the course.

12. The finish

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the race committee boat on the port end the course side of starboard-end finishing mark.

13. Penalty system

13.1 IM20CR I.3.1 (a) is deleted and substitute with:

RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed as so the penalty shall be a One-turn penalty including one tack and one gybe.

RRS 44.1 is changed to read:

44.1 Taking a Penalty

(a) A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing or rule 31.

(b) However, if a boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

RRS 44.2 is changed to read:

44.2 One-Turn Penalty

After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes



a One-Turn Penalty by promptly making the required turn in the same direction, including one tack and one gybe. However, unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties within the zone of the windward mark or penalties on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

13.2 Appendix P will apply for breach of RRS 42.

13.3 IM20CR C1.1(c) is deleted and substituted with:

RRS 42.3(c) is changed to allow the spinnaker sheet to be trimmed without restriction.

If the RC decide that there are conditions to introduce "free pumping", RC will display Oscar flag no later than the Warning Signal indicating that the jury/umpires will not penalize for RRS 42.2(a).

Starting for this moment is allowed spinnaker and other sails free pumping when the spinnaker is properly set. This changes rule RRS 42.2(a)

If the RC decide that there are conditions to introduce "free pumping" after the starting signal, the RC may display Oscar flag with repetitive sounds at a mark to signal to a boat that the jury/umpires will not penalize for RRS 42.2(a) when the spinnaker is properly set and after she has passed the mark.

If the RC decides that there are no more conditions to introduce "free pumping" after Oscar flag was displayed, the RC may display flag Romeo with repetitive sounds at a mark to signal to a boat that this sailing instruction no longer applies after she has passed the mark.



14 Time limits and target time

14.1 Time limits and target time s are as follows;

Target race time	Time limit	Time limit for mark 1
50 minutes	90 minutes	25 minutes

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 ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

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

15 Protests and requests for redress

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

15.2 The protest time limit is 60 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 of hearing time will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearing in which they are parties or named as witness.

15.4 Notice of protests by the race committee , technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.5 Breaches of Sis 1.4, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 will not be ground for a protest by a boat.

This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for breaches of these Sis and the class rules may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

15.6 On the last scheduled racing day 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 20 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

15.8 Videos or photos took by support or coach boats are not allowed to use as an evidence in a hearing. This changes RRS 63.6.

16 Scoring

16.1 3 races are needed to validate the Championship

16.2 (a) When fewer than six races has been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.

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

16.3 This result will affect the Melges 20 World League.

14 Restriction to the support boat

14.1 IM20CR part III I.4 Outside Assistance apply.

15 Launching, haul out restriction

15.1 All boats shall be launched by 5pm of November 22nd Thursday.

15.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the without written permission by the to the rules.

15.3 Boats shall be kept in the assigned docks in the marina.



16 Underwater breathing equipment and plastic pools

16.1 Underwater breathing 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.

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 not racing shall notify the regatta office as soon as possible.

18 Replacement of crew or equipment

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Request 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 or measured at any time.

20 Official boats

Official boats will be marked as follows:



Race committee boat



Jury boat



Press boat



21 Support boats

21.1 Refer to IM20CR I.4.

21.2 Support boat shall be registered to regatta office prior to the regatta.

22 Trash disposal

22.1 Trash may be placed aboard official boat.

23 Haul-out restrictions and mooring

23.1 All the boats shall be launched and moored before November 22nd 1700 at prescribed place in Hayama Marina.

23.2 Haul-out may be allowed in case as follows:

(a) Prior written permission of the race committee.

(b) When in emergency. However, it is needed to convince the race committee after the fact.

23.3 All the boat shall be moored at prescribed place in Hayama Marina.

24 Diving equipment and plastic pools

24.1 Underwater breathing apparatus 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 communications

25.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications unavailable to all boats.

This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

26 Prizes

26.1 First 3 classified boats.

26.2 First classified boat with whole Corinthian Crew.

27 Disclaimer of liability

27.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. Skippers have entire liability to damage of themselves, crew, safety of his / her boat, and third parties. The organizers include the organizing authority, sponsors, supporters, or any other affiliated organization or official 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 All participating boat shall be insured with valid Third party liability insurance.

29 Regatta office

29.1 Regatta office will be located at regatta room in Hayama Marina. (See Attachment-3)



J1 CHANGES TO RACING RULES

Additional changes to rules are made in instructions J2, J3, J4, and J5.

J1.1 Changes to the Definitions and the Rules of Part 2 and Part 4

(a) Add to the definition Proper Course: 'A boat taking a penalty or manoeuvring to take a penalty is not sailing a proper course.'

(b) When rule 20 applies, the following arm signals are required in addition to the hails:

(1) for 'Room to tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing to windward; and

(2) for 'You tack', repeatedly and clearly pointing at the other boat and waving the arm to windward.

J1.2 Changes to Rules Involving Protests, Requests for Redress, Penalties and Exoneration

(a) The first sentence of rule 44.1 is replaced with: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2 when, in an incident while racing, she may have broken one or more of the rules of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury), rule 31 or rule 42.'

(b) Spare.

(c) Rule 60.1 is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions J2.1 and J2.4.'

(d) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a) (2) are deleted.

(e) Rule 64.1(a) is changed so that the provision for exonerating a boat may be applied by the umpires without a hearing, and it takes precedence over any conflicting instruction of these SI.

(f) Rules P1 to P4 shall not apply.



J2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS

J2.1 While racing, a boat may protest another boat under a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14) or under rule 31 or 42; however, a boat may only protest under a rule of Part 2 for an incident in which she was involved. To do so she shall hail 'Protest' and conspicuously display flag Y at the first reasonable opportunity for each. She shall remove the flag before, or at the first reasonable opportunity after a boat involved in the incident has taken a penalty voluntarily or after an umpire's decision, or after the incident.

J2.2 A boat that protests as provided in instruction J2.1 is only entitled to a hearing if the umpires acknowledge her protest by displaying a "Blue" flag, or there is no signal from the umpires and no penalty is taken by the protested boat. Instead, a boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2 and SI 14.1. An umpire may penalize any boat that broke a rule and was not exonerated, unless the boat took a voluntary penalty.

J2.3 At the finishing line, the race committee will inform the competitors about each boat's finishing place or scoring abbreviation. After this has been done, the race committee will promptly display red flag with one sound. Red flag will be displayed for at least two minutes and then removed with one sound. If the race committee changes the scoring information provided at the finishing line while red flag is displayed, it will display flag L with one sound. Flag B will continue to be displayed for at least two minutes after any changes are made.

J2.4 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction J3.2 or rule 28, or a rule listed in instruction J2.1,
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury,



or

(c) request redress

shall hail or contact by VHF the race committee before or during the display of flag B.

The same time limit applies to protests under instruction J5.5. The protest committee may extend the time limit if there is good reason to do so.

J2.5 The race committee will promptly inform the protest committee about any protests or requests for redress made under instruction J2.4.

J3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES

J3.1 An umpire will signal a decision as follows:

(a) A green and white flag with one long sound means 'No penalty.'

(b) A red flag with one long sound means 'A penalty is imposed or remains outstanding.'

The umpire will hail or signal to identify each such boat.

(c) A black flag with one long sound means 'A boat is disqualified.' The umpire will hail or signal to identify the boat disqualified.

J3.2 (a) A boat penalized under instruction J3.1(b) shall take a One-Turn Penalty in accordance with rule 44.2 and SI 14.1.

(b) A boat disqualified under instruction J3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

J4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS

J4.1 When a boat

(a) breaks rule 31 and does not take a penalty,

(b) breaks rule 42,

(c) gains an advantage despite taking a penalty,

(d) deliberately breaks a rule,

(e) commits a breach of sportsmanship, or



(f) fails to comply with instruction J3.2 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,

(g) breaks Class Rules C2.1(b) (Helmsperson) and C9.4 (Retracting Bowsprit),

an umpire may penalize her without a protest by another boat. The umpire may impose one or more One-Turn Penalties to be taken in accordance with rule 44.2 and SI 14.1, each signalled in accordance with instruction J3.1(b), or disqualify her under instruction J3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under instruction J4.1(f) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

J4.2 The last sentence of rule 28.2 is changed to 'She may correct any errors to comply with this rule, provided she has not rounded the next mark or finished.' A boat that does not correct any such error shall be disqualified under instruction J3.1(c).

J4.3 An umpire who decides, based on his own observation or a report received from any source, that a boat may have broken a rule, other than instruction J3.2 or rule 28 or a rule listed in instruction J2.1, may inform the protest committee for its action under rule 60.3. However, he will not inform the protest committee of an alleged breach of rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.

J5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

J5.1 No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

J5.2 A boat may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires. A party to a hearing may not base an appeal on the decision of the protest committee. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'



J5.3 (a) Protests and requests for redress need to be in writing.

(b) The protest committee may take evidence and conduct the hearing in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.

(c) If the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule has had no effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty of points or fraction of points or make another arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to impose no penalty.

(d) If the protest committee penalizes a boat in accordance with instruction J5.3 or if a standard penalty is applied, all other boats will be informed about the change of the penalized boat's score.

J5.4 The race committee will not protest a boat, except when a boat is not sailing the course in accordance with RRS 28 and the umpires did not black flag the boat in question in accordance with SI J4.2.

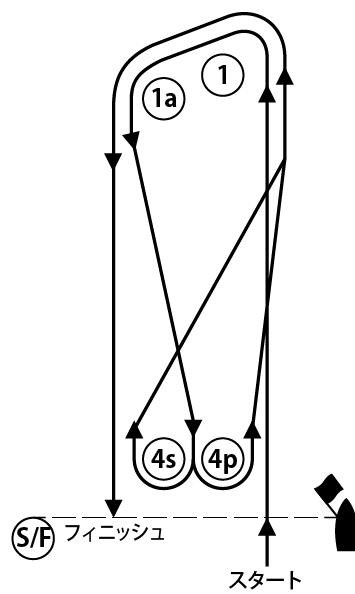
J5.5 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking instruction J3.2 or rule 28, a rule listed in instruction J2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.



[Attachment-1]



[Attachment-2]



[Attachment-3]

