

MELGES²⁰

Helmsmen shall be categorized and eligible as follows: A Principal Helmsperson shall be:

- (a) a sailor who owns or partially owns the boat, reference C.2.1(a) or a sailor nominated by the owner; and
- (b) holds a valid Group 1 Classification; and
- (c) is a member of the Class Association

Approval of an owner as principal helmsperson is valid throughout ownership and approval of a non- owning principal helmsperson is for one year and is boat specific, provided that there is no change in his/her circumstances that may materially alter the original application. Approval permits the helmsperson to steer any Melges 20.

A Non-Owner Charterer shall be:

- (a) a non-owner who is chartering a boat; and
- (b) whose principal helmsperson shall:
 - (1) hold a valid Group 1 classification.
 - (2) receive approval from the Melges 20 Helmsman Eligibility committee as per Appendix 8.
- (c) Is a member in good standing of the Class Association.
- (d) non-owner charterers, upon approval from the committee, are entitled to charter for regional events. Non-owner charterers, upon approval from the committee, and completion of a minimum of three (3) regional class sanctioned events may charter for a world, continental or national championship.
- (e) Charterer shall list all events they are planning to sail in and are seeking approval for.
- (f) Approval is charter specific.

In addition helmsmen shall:

- (a) hold a valid Group 1 Classification.
- (b) not have competed in the Olympic Games or participated as training partner or back up competitor, within the past eight (8) years as a helmsman or crew.
- (c) not have competed on an America 's Cup team or associated trial team in the America's Cup trials or finals within the past eight (8) years as a helmsman or crew.
- (d) not have competed in a Volvo Ocean Race or associated trial team while training for the Volvo Ocean Race within the past eight (8) years as a principal helmsman or crew.

The IM20CA Helmsman Approval Panel (the Panel) shall approve all helmsmen in accordance with the criteria set out below.

The Panel shall comprise at least 7 owners and a maximum of 2 non-owners appointed by the Executive Committee of IM20CA. They shall serve a minimum 2-year term. Decisions shall be by simple majority with email balloting accepted and a minimum 5 votes to be valid except if more are required as set out below.

APPENDIX 8 : HELMSMAN APPLICATION

A committee member shall not vote on any request for his own boat.

Applications for approval, specifying the category required, shall be submitted to the Panel on the Helmsman Application Form, see Appendix 8, at least 14 days prior to the first Class event for which approval is required.

A list of all approved helmsmen and their designations will be published on the class association website (www.melges20.com)

The Helmsman Approval Panel may consider and use any other facts that it considers relevant and approve a helmsman who does not meet all the criteria but is considered to meet the Corinthian intent and spirit of the Class. In making this decision a minimum 7 votes shall be required.

Prior to rejecting any helmsman on the grounds that his ISAF classification is incorrect it shall consult with the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission. Any Owner or Charterer may request a review of the eligibility of any helmsman by the Helmsman Approval Panel. In considering such a review the Panel:

- (a) shall if relevant confirm eligibility under the relevant criteria; and
- (b) shall if relevant consider and confirm bona fide ownership or charter; and
- (c) may consider and use any other facts it may consider relevant; and
- (d) shall consult with the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission where the Panel considers the helmsman's classification may be incorrect.

Panel decisions shall be final with a minimum of 7 votes required. When the review takes place during an event and the approval of a helmsman is withdrawn the Panel shall promptly report the matter in writing to the race committee.

Panel votes shall be tallied by the class coordinator in the continent the application was submitted in.

All helmsmen shall be approved in accordance with these rules and shall not steer until approval has been granted. In an event one Principal or Charter helmsman shall steer the boat at all times except that a boat with multiple approved helmsmen may change at any time.

The boat may be steered by other members of the crew in the case of an emergency involving the safety of the boat or crew. Any such incident shall be reported to the protest committee, which may penalize the boat.

NAME _____
EMAIL _____
BOAT NAME _____
HULL NO. _____

DATE OF APPLICATION _____

OCCUPATION _____

BUSINESS OF COMPANY _____

POSITION _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

PHONE + _____ (_____) _____ - _____

Do you have a current ISAF ID No. and classified as Group 1 sailor?

Yes No

ISAF ID No. _____

EXPIRATION _____

Please answer all questions below thoroughly.
Principle or Charter Helmsman application must be submitted 14 days prior to the start of the regatta.
If you are a non-owner, please list the boat owner below.

OWNER NAME _____

APPLICANT NAME _____

BOAT NAME _____

HULL NO. _____

OWNER'S EMAIL _____

OWNER'S PHONE + _____ (_____) _____ - _____

EVENT NAME _____

EVENT DATE _____

1.) Have you ever competed in an Olympic sailing event or been a training partner to an Olympic Games participant?

Yes No

If yes, please provide dates, crew position, results and type of boat: _____

2.) Have you ever competed as a member of an America's Cup team or associated trial team?

Yes No

If yes, please provide dates, crew position, results and name of syndicate: _____

3.) Have you ever competed as a member of an Volvo Ocean Race team, or associated team?

- Yes No

If yes, please provide dates, crew position, results and type of boat: _____

4.) Within the last 8 years, have you competed in any World, Continental, or National Championship event(s) in ISAF, ORC International or Recognized classes?

- Yes No

If yes, please provide dates, crew position, results and type of boat: _____

5.) Will the applicant be the boat's:

- Owner/Driver helmsman (please proceed to question No. 8)**
- Non-Owner (please answer questions No. 6, 7 and 8)**
- Chartering helmsman (please proceed to question No. 8)**

Please specify event and dates: _____

6.) For how long and in what capacity have you known the owner?

7.) Have you sailed with the owner in the past on this boat or other boats?

- Yes No

If yes, please provide details: _____

8.) How many days have you sailed in the last 12 months? _____

Please give a short statement as to the types of boats raced and whether or not you helmed them primarily and what the results were: _____

Owners who are not driving, please provide a brief explanation as to why you are applying to have a non-owner Principal Helmsman drive your boat.

Please return your completed application to:

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