

Notice of Race

2008 MELGES 32 GOLD CUP

DECEMBER 5, 6 AND 7, 2008

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

THE LAUDERDALE YACHT CLUB

HOSTED BY

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1.0 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* the prescriptions of US Sailing, the International Melges 32 Class Rules, except as any of these are altered by this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any other applicable rules.
- 1.2 This is an ISAF Regulation 20 Category B event.
- 1.3 All boats must carry minimum equipment as required by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Melges 32 Class Rules.

2.0 ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The event shall be open to boats whose Owner and/or Skipper is a current member of their National Governing Body (US SAILING ASSOCIATION for US entries; to join USSA call 1-800-USSAIL-1) and the Melges 32 Class Association. Owners and crews must meet all Melges 32 Owner/Charterer Class Rules, ISAF and Melges 32 Class Association rules.

3.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

3.1 Wednesday, December 3

0800-1000 Weigh in at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center

Thursday, December 4

0800-1000 Weigh in at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center1600-1800 Weigh in at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center

1800 -1900 Registration, at Lauderdale Yacht Club Lauderdale Yacht Club Pool/Pavilion.

1900 Skipper's meeting at Lauderdale Yacht Club

<u>Friday, December 5</u>

1100 Warning signal for first race followed by subsequent daily races. (three races scheduled)

Post-Race Beer Keg, Bahia Mar Marina

Saturday, December 6 (Junior Sailor Day)

1100 Warning signal for first race followed by subsequent daily races. (three races scheduled)

Post-Race Beer Keg, Bahia Mar Marina

1830 Commodore's Prime Aged Steak Banquet at Lauderdale Yacht Club

Sunday December 7

1100 Warning signal for first race followed by subsequent daily races. (two races scheduled)

There will be no warning signals after 1400

Awards Presentation at Bahia Mar one hour after boats return. (pending relevant protests)

4.0 ENTRIES

- 4.1 The entry deadline shall be Friday, November 7, 2008
- 4.2 A completed Official Entry Form with a signed waiver, proof of membership in the Owner/Skipper's National Governing Authority, Crew Declaration Form, and the prescribed entry fee for each boat must be received by the Committee at the Lauderdale Yacht Club by the final entry deadline.

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4.3 Entrants will provide a completed Sail Declaration Form, Crew Liability/Weigh-in Form and Crew Declaration Form at registration in order to receive a Bow Number and Sailing Instructions.

5.0 ENTRY FEES

- 8.1 The entry fee to participate in the 2008 MELGES 32 GOLD CUP is \$1,200:
- 5.2 Entries must be received no later than Friday, November 7, 2008 and are mailed to:

2008 MELGES 32 GOLD CUP Lauderdale Yacht Club attn: Lindsey Allen 725 S.E. 12th Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316 954-524-5500

6.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Will be available to boats that have completed the above registration requirements beginning at 1800 Thursday, December 4, 2008.

7.0 REGATTA HEADQUARTERS

7.1 The official Regatta headquarters is at the Lauderdale Yacht Club, under the pavilion, poolside.

8.0 DOCKAGE

- 8.1 LYC is not able to dock Melges32's because of water depth.
- 8.2 Dockage is available at Bahia Mar Marina. A block of thirty slips are reserved at the Bahia Mar "H" Dock (15-20 minutes by water to 17th St. Bridge & 5 minutes to the LYC by car).Contact: Leslie, Event Coordinator, at 954-627 6309 and mention Melges 32 Regatta.
- 8.3 Boat/trailer storage is available at Bahia Mar beginning Saturday, November 29th. Boats and trailers must be removed by Tuesday, December 9.

9.0 RACING AREA AND COURSES

- 9.1 The racing area will be approximately 1.5 miles south of the Port Everglades Inlet, approximately 3/4 miles offshore.
- 9.2 Courses will be Windward/Leeward type as diagrammed in the Sailing Instructions.

10.0 SCORING

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System, rule A2, will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with her worst race excluded if four or more races are sailed. Eight races are scheduled, of which three races shall be completed to constitute a series.

11.0 PRIZES

11.1 Trophies will be awarded to boats placing first through fifth overall.

12.0 JUNIOR SAILING

12.1 Experienced local junior sailors will be randomly assigned to each yacht for racing on Saturday. These individuals will not be included for calculation of class weight restrictions.

13.0 ACURA GRAND PRIX AWARD

13.1 The 2008 Melges 32 Gold Cup will be included with the 2009 Acura Key West Race Week and the 2009 Acura Grand Prix to award the "Acura Grand Prix Award" in March. For more information, visit www.premiere-racing.com.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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