

# **MELGES<sup>32</sup>**

## **2011 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **NOTICE OF RACE**

**2011 Melges 32 North American Championship**  
July 29-31 | Sail Newport; Newport, R.I.



**Organizing Authority and Host: Sail Newport in coordination with the  
International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA)  
Supported by Melges USA**

#### **1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

- 1.1 Sail Newport is the Organizing Authority (OA) in cooperation with the International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA)

#### **2. RULES**

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the International Melges 32 Class Rules (including Section I), except as altered by this Notice of Race (NOR) and subsequent Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 2.2 Where there is a conflict between this NOR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.3 All boats must carry minimum equipment as required by the U.S. Coast Guard and the International Melges 32 Class Rules (IM32CR).

#### **3. ADVERTISING**

- 3.1 IM32CR C.8. ADVERTISING shall apply.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 4.1 The Melges 32 North American Championship Regatta is open to all boats of the International Melges 32 Class that meet the obligations of the class rules.
- 4.2 All Melges 32s competing shall race with International Melges 32 Class Association Bow Numbers affixed as instructed in IM32CA Bow Number Policies and Procedures.
- 4.3 Eligible boats may enter by visiting [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and completing the online entry process, paying the required fee, and submitting the Crew Declaration Form by Friday, July 15 in accordance with IM32CA Rule I.1.1.
- 4.4 Any entry submitted after Friday, July 15 may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and IM32CA and will be subject to a \$150 late fee.
- 4.5 No entries will be accepted after Monday, July 25, 2011.
- 4.6 All entrants must provide the Class Administrator with a completed Sail Declaration and Owner Compliance Declaration Form before the close of registration on Thursday, July 28, 2011.

## 5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$1,200 and includes launching and hauling at designated times, trailer storage, and eight wristbands for socials entrance.
- 5.2 Entry will not be valid until payment is received and all required documents are submitted.

## 6. CLASSIFICATION

- 6.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code 22 will apply
- 6.2 In accordance with IM32CA Rule C.9.6, this Regatta will be classified as "Level A."
- 6.3 All Melges 32 entrants shall submit a completed Crew Declaration Form (IM32CA Rules Appendix 3.1) to the IM32CA via e-mail at [classadmin@melges32.com](mailto:classadmin@melges32.com) or fax to +1 (912) 756-6728.
- 6.4 All submitted Crew Declarations will be posted online at [www.melges32.com](http://www.melges32.com). The form should include ISAF ID. No.'s, Group Classifications and expiration dates for each crew member.
- 6.5 Classification protests may be submitted to the IM32CA beginning, Friday, July, 15. The Classification Protest Time Limit under ISAF Regulation 22.1 is 1800 Thursday, July 28.
- 6.6 A representative of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission may be present during registration and may carry out spot checks.

## 7. SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 27

1400 1800 Registration and Weigh-in at Newport Shipyard

Thursday, July 28

0830 2030 Launching and berthing  
1000 1800 Registration and Weigh-in at Newport Shipyard  
1300 Practice Race / Starts (See Notice Board for location)  
1800 Skippers Meeting  
1630 1730 Hoists at Sail Newport are not available during this time\*

Friday, July 29: Race Day One

0830 0930 Crew Substitution Weigh-in  
1100 Initial Warning Signal (3 Races)  
After Racing Cocktails, Newport Shipyard

Saturday, July 30: Race Day Two

0830 0930 Crew Substitution Weigh-in  
1100 Initial Warning Signal (3 Races)  
After Racing Cocktails, Newport Shipyard

Sunday, July 31: Race Day Three

0830 0930 Crew Substitution Weigh-in  
1100 Initial Warning Signal (2 Races)  
1400 No Initial Warning Signal for the final race  
on Sunday shall occur after 1400  
After Racing Awards Ceremony, Newport Shipyard

(\*Please refrain from using the lifts at this time. The hoist area at Sail Newport (Admiral's Pier) will be utilized by J/24 Fleet 50. Please also avoid the gin pole area and remove your boats from any floating docks near either hoist. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.)

- 7.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled: The Race Committee (RC) may run fewer races at its discretion and may make up a race on Sunday if needed.

## **8. MEASUREMENT**

- 8.1 The OA and/or Class Association representative may weigh, measure, or inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails before, during, or after the races, for compliance to class rules.
- 8.2 Crew Weigh-in will be conducted at the Newport Shipyard.
- 8.3 There will be no facilities available for initial measurement. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the regatta.
- 8.4 Chartered or loaned boats may display national letters and sail numbers in contravention of class rules.

## **9. REPLACEMENT OF CREW**

- 9.1 Crew substitutions before and during the event are permitted with the prior written approval of the class representative and the Protest Committee.
- 9.2 A revised crew list must be submitted to the IM32CA for approval prior to the race to which it applies.
- 9.3 Crew substitutions may weigh-in during the designated Substitute Crew Weigh-in period from 0830 to 0930 daily. Weigh-in must be completed no later than 0930 on the first day that the substitute will compete.

## **10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 10.1 The SIs will be available after 1400 hours on Wednesday, July 27 at Check-in and online.

## **11. RACING AREA AND THE COURSES**

- 11.1 Racing will take place in the waters of Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound off Newport, Rhode Island.
- 11.2 The course to be sailed will be a Windward/Leeward configuration.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 Except in the three-length zone of a rounding mark, Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. In the three-length zone of a rounding mark, the Two-Turns Penalty shall apply.
- 12.2 The penalty, if any, for a violation of a rule other than a rule of RRS Part 2 will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be other than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

## **13. SCORING**

- 13.1 In accordance with IM32CA Rule H.3., the Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 13.2 When six or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 13.3 Three races are necessary to constitute a series.
- 13.2 A maximum of eight races are scheduled.

#### **14. PROTESTS AND ARBITRATION**

- 14.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS.
- 14.2 Any boat that files a protest will be required to have the owner/helmsman present as its representative throughout the entire protest. Other persons may be called as witnesses.

#### **15. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS**

- 15.1 Restrictions on Support Boats shall apply as described in IM32CR I.5 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.
- 15.2 Only support boats that have registered with the OA and carry any identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area.
- 15.3 Coach and support boats shall keep clear of the racing area at all times during racing. Any coach or support boat that interferes with the racing in any way, including creating excess wash or hindering an official boat carrying out its duties, shall cause their affiliated boat(s) to be liable for a penalty at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

#### **16. PRESS AND OFFICIAL SPECTATOR BOATS**

- 16.1 All press and official spectator boats shall be registered with the OA during Check-in.
- 16.2 Press and spectator boats shall not interfere with the racing in any way and shall stay at a distance outside the race course where their wake causes no problem.
- 16.3 The OA may appoint one or more photo boats, which will be allowed within the race course. The position of these boats shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 16.4 Press and spectator boats may be required to display a flag, or other identification symbol as may be required by the OA.

#### **17. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING**

- 17.1 Dockage arrangements can be made by contacting the Newport Shipyard +1 (401) 846-6000.
- 17.2 Trailer storage is available at Sail Newport at the direction of Sail Newport staff.
- 17.3 Hoist will be available at Sail Newport between the hours of 0830 and 2000 on Wednesday, July 27 and Thursday, July 28 with the exception of a one-hour black out on Thursday to accommodate local J24s between 1630 and 1730.

#### **19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 19.1 All competing boats shall be afloat by 2000 on Thursday, July 28. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the OA. Violations of this clause will not be protestable by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 19.2 Other than in an emergency, boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission from the Protest Committee.

#### **20. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1 Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels. The Race Committee's VHF communication channel shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and announced at the Skipper's Meeting.
- 20.2 Except in an emergency, or to report a protest or withdrawal, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and data communications.

## **21. PRIZES**

21.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers overall with the top finisher to be named the North American Champion.

## **22. INSURANCE**

22.1 All boats are required to hold adequate third-party insurance and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

## **23. MEDIA RIGHTS**

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

## **24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers include the OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, the State of Rhode Island, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official who will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event during shoreside or on-the-water activities. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **25. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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