



MELGES³²

2012 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

September 20-29, 2012
Newport, Rhode Island, USA

NOTICE OF RACE incorporating AMENDMENT #1

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association (NYYC RA) in cooperation with the International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA).

2 HEADQUARTERS

The 2012 Melges 32 World Championship headquarters will be located at the New York Yacht Club Sailing Center in Newport, Rhode Island, USA. Social activities will take place at New York Yacht Club (NYYC). Measurement will take place at Sail Newport (SN).

3 RULES

- 3.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 3.2 The *Equipment Rules of Sailing* (ERS), Part I – Use of Equipment, shall apply.
- 3.3 Only the prescriptions of US SAILING to *The Racing Rules of Sailing* listed in Addendum A shall apply. These prescriptions will also be posted on the regatta website at www.nyyc.org as Notice of Race Addendum A.
- 3.4 The International Melges 32 Class Rules (IM32CR), including Section H (EVENT RULES), shall apply except as specifically changed in this Notice of Race (NOR) or in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
 - RRS 49.2 is changed in that the lower lifelines shall be considered hiking lines and tension may be modified. In addition, this changes any restriction in RRS 49.1 related to the use of the lower lifelines. IM32CR C.6.1(q) shall not apply.
 - RRS 42.3(c) is changed to allow the spinnaker sheet to be trimmed without restriction.
- 3.5 Where there is a conflict between this NOR and the SIs, the SIs shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 3.6 On the water umpiring may be used and will be fully described in the SIs.
- 3.7 The Jury may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules, or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1(a).
- 3.8 **Wind Limits** – In accordance with IM32CR H.4.3(a), races will not be started when the Race Committee deems that winds are consistently at or above 25 knots or gusting to 28 knots and above. If a race has been started and the wind increases to 25 knots and above, it remains at the discretion of the Race Committee whether or not to abandon the race. Races will not be started unless winds are consistently above 5 knots at the time of the start.

4 ADVERTISING

- 4.1 IM32CR C.4, ADVERTISING, shall apply.
- 4.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. If provided, flags and/or decals shall be displayed beginning Saturday, September 22 through Saturday, September 29, 2012.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 The event is open to all boats of the International Melges 32 Class that meet the requirements of the IM32CR.
- 5.2 IM32CR H.7 (CREW LISTS) shall apply. No later than Friday, August 24, 2012, each entry is required to submit an online Crew Declaration (IM32CR Appendix 1) to the IM32CA Administrator. The form shall include ISAF ID numbers, Group Classifications and expiration dates for each participating crew member, as well as all approved helmsmen. Boats will not be eligible for racing until all classifications have been checked.
- 5.3 All Melges 32s competing shall race with International Melges 32 Class Association Bow Numbers affixed as instructed in IM32CA Bow Number Policies and Procedures.
- 5.4 Each entry shall submit a completed Entry Form by registering online via the link at the NYYC website www.nyyc.org and pay the entry fee no later than Friday, August 10, 2012. Entries received after that date will be accepted only with the prior approval of the Organizing Authority and IM32CA and shall be assessed a late fee in accordance with NOR 8.2. No entries will be accepted after Monday, September 10, 2012. Original signatures shall be provided at registration.
- 5.5 Each entry is required to provide the IM32CA Administrator with a completed Sail Declaration (IM32CR Appendix 2) and Owner Compliance Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 5) before the close of registration on Monday, September 24, 2012.
- 5.6 IM32CR H.8 (COMPETITOR CONDUCT) shall apply:
All owners are responsible for their crew's conduct and shall at all times exemplify the MELGES 32 CLASS MISSION STATEMENT and CODE OF CONDUCT. Failure to do so is grounds for disqualification.

6 CLASSIFICATION

- 6.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code 22 shall apply. Details of the ISAF Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on ISAF's website at www.sailing.org/classification.
- 6.2 All submitted Crew Declarations will be posted online at www.melges32.com.
- 6.3 Classification protests may be submitted to the IM32CA beginning, Monday, September 10, 2012. The Classification Protest Time Limit under ISAF Regulation 22.1 is 1800 hours on Sunday, September 23.
- 6.4 A representative of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission may be present during registration and may carry out spot checks.

7 REGISTRATION

- 7.1 To complete registration, all competitors shall have:
- completed entry online;
 - submitted all required Class forms;
 - paid all entry fees; and
 - submitted a completed Entry Form and Signed Release Agreement with original signatures.
- 7.2 Only boats that have completed registration by 1800 hours on Monday, September 24, 2012, will be eligible to race. Late registration may be allowed only with the prior approval of the OA and the IM32CA. AMPIONSHIP 2011

8 FEES

- 8.1 The entry fee is US\$1,800 and includes a mooring from September 24-29, 2012 and car parking at New York Yacht Club, as well as tickets for up to eight crew members to all social events. Additional tickets to social events may be purchased.
- 8.2 Any entry received after August 10, 2012, will be assessed a late fee of US\$500.
- 8.3 Teams are responsible for any costs associated with berthing, launching and hauling, trailer storage, and car parking other than that described in NOR 8.1.

9 REGATTA SCHEDULE

9.1	Wednesday	19 Sept	Measurement Checks (Sail Newport)	0700-1800
	Thursday	20 Sept	Registration; Crew Weigh-in (NYYC-HC)	1400-1800
			Measurement Checks (Sail Newport)	0700-1800
	Friday	21 Sept	Registration; Crew Weigh-in (NYYC-HC)	0900-1800
			Measurement Checks (Sail Newport)	0700-1800
	Saturday	22 Sept	Registration; Crew Weigh-in (NYYC-HC)	0900-1100
			Measurement Checks (Sail Newport)	0800-1800
			Practice racing, First Warning Signal	1300
			Registration; Crew Weigh-in (NYYC-HC)	1600-1800
	Sunday	23 Sept	Registration; Crew Weigh-in (NYYC-HC)	0900-1100
			Measurement Checks (Sail Newport)	0800-1800
			Practice racing, First Warning Signal	1300
			Registration; Crew Weigh-in (NYYC-HC)	1600-1800
			Classification Protest Time Limit	1800
	Monday	24 Sept	Registration; Crew Weigh-in (NYYC-HC)	0900-1700
			Measurement Checks (Sail Newport)	0800-1700
			Practice racing, First Warning Signal	1100
			All boats afloat	1630
			Captain's Meeting (NYYC-HC)	1800
			Opening Reception (NYYC-HC)	1830-2000
	Tuesday	25 Sept	Substitute Crew Weigh-in (NYYC-HC)	0800-0830
			First Warning Signal	1100
			Daily Awards (NYYC-HC)	After racing
	Wednesday	26 Sept	Substitute Crew Weigh-in (NYYC-HC)	0800-0830
			First Warning Signal	1100
			Daily Awards (NYYC-HC)	After racing
	Thursday	27 Sept	Substitute Crew Weigh-in (NYYC-HC)	0800-0830
			First Warning Signal	1100
			Daily Awards (NYYC-HC)	After racing
	Friday	28 Sept	Substitute Crew Weigh-in (NYYC-HC)	0800-0830
			First Warning Signal	1100
			Championship Dinner (NYYC-HC)	1800
	Saturday	29 Sept	Substitute Crew Weigh-in (NYYC-HC)	0800-0830
			First Warning Signal	1100
			No warning signal after	1400
			Final Awards Ceremony (NYYC-HC)	1600

9.2 Up to ten (10) races are scheduled. The Race Committee (RC) may run fewer races at its discretion and may make up a race on any day, if needed. A maximum of three races may be run on any day.

10 MEASUREMENTS

10.1 Crews shall weigh in during any of the times listed in NOR 9.1. There will be no further weight checks during the championship.

10.2 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.

- 10.3 There will be the following measurement checks:
- Sail Measurement
 - Corrector Weight
 - Lifeline
 - Safety Equipment
 - Random Measurement Checks
 - Mast Cylinder
- 10.4 In accordance with RRS G3, chartered or loaned boats may display national letters and sail numbers in contravention of class rules.
- 10.5 IM32CR H.3 (SAIL LIMITATIONS MARKS) shall apply.
- 10.6 All measurements will be done by appointment only to be coordinated with IM32CA Administrator Joy Dunigan. A schedule of measurements will be posted on the event web site. The schedule is subject to change. Changes will be announced via email and posted on the event web site.
- 10.7 Boat and sail measurements will take place at Sail Newport.
- 10.8 Boat measurements will be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- 10.9 Sail measurements will be conducted on Saturday, Sunday and Monday at Sail Newport in the Mule Barn.
- 10.10 Crew weigh-in will take place at NYYC Harbour Court in the Sailing Center.

11 REPLACEMENT OF CREW

- 11.1 Crew substitutions before and during the event are permitted with the prior written approval of the IM32CA representative and the OA.
- 11.2 A revised crew list must be submitted to the IM32CA for approval prior to the race(s) to which it applies.
- 11.3 Crew substitutions may weigh in during the designated Substitute Crew Weigh-in Period. Weigh-in must be completed before 0830 on the first day that the substitute will compete.

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available no later than 1400 hours on Thursday, September 20, at Registration and online at the regatta website.

13 VENUE | RACING AREA

The racing area will be Rhode Island Sound or Narragansett Bay.

14 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be a windward/leeward configuration as described in the SIs.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 IM32CR H.4.1(a) shall apply:
RRS 44.1(a) and 44.2 are changed as so the penalty shall be a one turn penalty including one tack and one gybe, except within 3 boats lengths of a mark the penalty shall be a two turn penalty each turn including one tack and one gybe.
- 15.2 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties within 3 boat lengths of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg.
- 15.3 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in RRS70.5.

16 PROTESTS

- 16.1 IM32CR H.1 (PROTEST TIME LIMITS) shall apply. The protest time limit will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
- 16.2 IM32CR H.4.1(b) shall apply (this supersedes IM32CR H.2):
In the case of a protest, the representative from each yacht that attends the protest in the protest room shall be the owner or the Group 1 driver. Group 3 sailors from the boat protesting or the boat being protested are not allowed in the protest room or to be in contact with the representative in the protest room. Group 3 sailors from other boats may be allowed in the protest room as a witness.

17 SCORING

IM32CR H.4 (Scoring) shall apply:

- (a) Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- (b) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (c) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

18.1 IM32CR H.5 (OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE) shall apply.

18.2 Coach and support boats shall be registered with the OA during Check-in. Only support boats that have registered with the OA and carry identification provided by the OA will be allowed in the racing area.

18.3 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 Jury.

19 PRESS AND OFFICIAL SPECTATOR BOATS

19.1 All press and official spectator boats shall be registered with the OA during Check-in.

19.2 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.

19.3 The OA may appoint one or more press and photo boat(s) that may be allowed within the race course. The position or effects of this boat(s) shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

19.4 Press and spectator boats may be required to display an identification flag, which shall be supplied by the OA.

20 LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

20.1 As part of the entry fee, each boat shall be provided with a mooring in Brenton Cove. Launch service from NYYC will be available between the moorings and the NYYC dock.

20.2 Each team is responsible for making its own arrangements for launching/hauling, trailer storage, work trailer storage, RIB/support boat and trailer storage and docking.

20.3 The OA has made arrangements with Sail Newport, which is offering special packages for Melges 32 Worlds participants covering dockage, hoist use, trailer storage, work trailer storage, RIB storage and docking, power and water during the Worlds, as well as extended packages covering all or parts of the summer. Details will be posted on the regatta website and all arrangements shall be made directly with Sail Newport.

20.4 Information about other support facilities in the area will be posted on the regatta website.

21 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

21.1 All competing boats shall be afloat by 1630 on Monday, September 24, 2012.

21.2 Boats shall not be hauled out during the Championship except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

22 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

22.1 The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each yacht that is OCS on VHF Channel 72. The timing of such hail, the sequence of the hails, or the failure to make, or for the competitor to hear, such an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

22.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and any other electronic device.

23 PRIZES

23.1 IM32CR H.6 (PRIZES) shall apply:

Additional Trophies and Prizes may be awarded to:

- (a) The best boat that has an all Corinthian crew

23.2 Prizes will be awarded based on participation and will be further described in the Sailing Instructions.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

24.1 Liability Waiver Form - As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall sign a liability waiver/media release. The fully executed Liability Waiver Form shall be submitted at registration prior to racing. The Liability Waiver Form will be posted on the regatta website and available at registration. 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.

24.2 Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc., New York Yacht Club, International Melges 32 Class Association, any sponsors and affiliated companies, and each of their officers, directors, employees, sponsors and agents (collectively as "Releasees"), 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.

25 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent if expressed in other currency. Proof of insurance shall be provided upon request.

26 CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE

The organization reserves the right to change this Notice of Race. Any change made to this Notice of Race prior to September 20, 2012, will be published on the regatta website at www.nyyc.org.

27 MEDIA RIGHTS

Each participant shall acknowledge that all media and commercial rights belong exclusively to the Organizing Authority and the IM32CA and shall grant to the OA and IM32CA the unrestricted right and permission to use and publish any biographical information, text and images arising from the Championship including name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media worldwide (being television, print and digital media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the Melges 32 World Championship and the participants in the regatta. The OA will exercise these rights in its sole discretion or as it may agree with the event sponsors. Unless previously authorized by the OA or IM32CA, participants shall not reproduce, publicly communicate or distribute images of the race in any way or form.

28 FURTHER INFORMATION

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