



2016 MELGES 32 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

September 29 – October 2, 2016
Newport, Rhode Island USA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA) with support from Sail Newport, Newport Shipyard, Melges USA and Melges Europe

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The class rules for the purpose of the definition of *rules* are the International Melges 32 Class Rules (IM32CR).
- 1.3 Only the prescriptions of US SAILING to rules 67, 76.1, and rule 61.4 shall apply. These prescriptions will be posted on the regatta website.
- 1.4 The International Melges 32 Class Rules (IM32CR) Section H (EVENT RULES), shall apply except as specifically changed in this Notice of Race (NOR) or in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.5 In accordance with IM32CR H.7 (Competitor Conduct), 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.
- 1.6 On the water umpiring will be used as described in these Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 1.7 In case of conflict between languages, this English version shall prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located **near Belle's Café at the Newport Shipyard.**
- 2.2 The Race Committee will attempt to announce its intentions for the day on VHF channel 72 at 0900 each morning of the event.
- 2.3 Race committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20.00 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signal made ashore will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal Boat at Sail Newport and announced on VHF 72.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the race signal AP.



5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Tuesday, 27 September

- 1100 Initial Warning Signal for Pre-World Championship (three races scheduled)
1730-2230 Opening Ceremonies/Argo Party

Wednesday, 28 September

- No racing Measurement checks, Registration/Check-in, Crew Weigh-in (Newport Shipyard)
1800 Skippers Briefing (Newport Shipyard)

Thursday, 29 September- WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY ONE

- 0800 – 0830 Substitute Crew Weigh-in
1100 Initial Warning Signal
After Racing Daily Awards/Social (Newport Shipyard)

Friday, 30 September- WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY TWO

- 0800 – 0830 Substitute Crew Weigh-in
1100 Initial Warning Signal
After Racing Daily Awards/Social (Newport Shipyard)

Saturday, 1 October- WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY THREE

- 0800 – 0830 Substitute Crew Weigh-in
1100 Initial Warning Signal
After Racing Daily Awards/STORMVOGEL PIG ROAST (Newport Shipyard)

Sunday, 2 October- WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE DAY FOUR

- 0800 – 0830 Substitute Crew Weigh-in
1100 Initial Warning Signal
1400 No initial Warning Signal after this time
After Racing Final Awards Ceremony (Newport Shipyard)

- 5.1 Up to ten (10) races are scheduled for the World Championship. 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 sailed on each sailing day.
5.2 Flag “A” displayed from the RC Signal Boat means “no more racing today.”

6 CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 Class Flag will be Numeral Pennant One.

7 RACING AREAS

- 7.1 The rendezvous location for racing each day will be announced at 0900 on VHF 72 each morning.



- Rendezvous A: 1 nm SE (140° mag) from R “2” Bell South of Brenton Reef in Rhode Island Sound.
- Rendezvous B: In the vicinity of Halfway Rock in the East Passage of Narragansett Bay.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The course to be sailed will be windward/leeward in configuration. Offset and gate marks will be used.
- Course 4: Start – 1 – 1a – Gate – 1 – 1a – Finish (Downwind)
 - Course 5: Start – 1 – 1a – Gate – 1 – 1a – Gate – Finish (Upwind)
- 8.2 Marks 1 and 1a shall be rounded to port. Mark 1a is an offset mark positioned to port (looking upwind) of mark 1.
- 8.3 A leeward gate (two marks) will be used. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If one of the leeward gate marks is missing, boats shall round the one existing leeward mark to port. The gate may be laid after the starting signal and, except when there is a change of course, will be positioned approximately 200 yards to windward of the Signal Boat.
- 8.4 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee will display the course designation as well as the magnetic bearing and approximate distance from the Signal Boat to Mark 1.
- 8.5 Courses can be shortened provided that a shortened race has a minimum of 3 legs. This changes rule 32.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 1a, and gate marks will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 The start and finish line marks will be yellow.
- 9.3 Change marks, if used, will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.4 A race committee boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in instruction 12.2.

10 THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC starting vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC pin-end vessel.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scores DID NOT START without a hearing. This changes rule A4.
- 10.4 The race committee may communicate by radio **VHF 72** individual, general recalls **and BFD**. In such case, bow numbers, sail numbers or boat names may be called out for their identification. Delay in the radio communication of these calls, or the order in which they are made, or any omission or failure in the emission or reception of these, shall not be grounds for a request for redress. (This modifies 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 gate and/or the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. Offset mark(s) will be re-located.
- 11.2 If the Race Committee decides to change the position of the leeward mark (gate), the original gate marks will be relocated. If the Leeward mark is to be one only mark, this one shall be left to port.
- 11.3 When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and the course side of the nearby inflatable buoy.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 IM32CR H.4.1 (a) shall apply as modified herein: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to read as follows: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing.”
- 13.2 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties within the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 Time limits and target time are as follows:

<i>Target Time</i>	<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Time limit for Mark 1</i>
60'	90'	25'

- 14.2 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 grounds for redress. This change rule 62.1(a).
- 14.3 The boats not finishing within 15' from the finish of the first boat, will be classified as “DNF Not Finished” without hearing. This change rule 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
- 15.2 All decisions will be final as per RRS 70.5.
- 15.3 In accordance with NOR 2.9, fleet races will be umpired under SI Addendum U
- 15.4 Protest forms are available from the Jury Secretary at the Newport Shipyard. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.5 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the docking of the RC Signal Boat.
- 15.6 Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the Newport Shipyard.



- 15.7 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.8 Breaches of S.I. 18,19,20,21 & 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches and class rules breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.9 The Protest Committee may impose penalties as described in 16.5(b), for breaches of Class Rules or other non-Part 2 rules.
- 15.10 If the Protest Committee decides that a breach of a *rule* has had no significant effect on the outcome of the race, it may impose a penalty or make any other arrangement it decides is fair for all boats affected, which may be to impose no penalty. This change RRS 64.1.
- 15.11 On the last scheduled racing day a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 15.12 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 15.13 When a boat breaks Class Rules C2.1(b), C2.1(c) (Helmsperson) and C9.5 (Retracting Bowsprit), may be penalized on the water by an umpire displaying a red flag with one sound signal. The judge will identify such a boat by hailing or pointing to her. The penalized boat shall take a penalty in accordance to S.I. 13.1.
- 15.14 Helmsperson
- 15.14.a When, whilst a boat is racing, the umpires observe any crew member other than the 'Principal or Relief Helmsperson' steering the boat, they may penalize that boat in accordance with SI 13.1.
- 15.14.b Aiding steering the boat in a situation where it is reasonable to expect a collision or injury might occur will not be penalized if a boat does not come out in a better position than it would have done otherwise.
- 15.14.c However if the umpires observe a crew member aiding steering, and they are not yet certain as to whether this is an infringement, they will signal a warning by displaying a yellow flag and pointing conspicuously to the boat concerned. Only one warning will be made for an incident.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The scoring system will be the Low Point scoring system.
- 16.2 Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.



17.2 Boats not starting or retiring from a race (DNS - DNF) shall inform the race office or the race committee as soon as possible.

18 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Crew substitutions before and during the event are permitted with the prior written approval of the OA. A revised crew list must be submitted for approval prior to the race(s) to which it applies.

18.2 Crew substitutions may weigh in during the designated Substitute Crew Weigh-in Period.

18.3 Weigh-in must be completed before 0830 on the first day that the substitute will compete.

18.4 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests 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 at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

20.1 Owners are responsible for the compliance of their support boats with these Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee only may protest a boat whose support boat violates these Sailing Instructions.

20.2 Support boats are required by the Race Committee to monitor the VHF channel and provide assistance to any competitor in danger if notified to do so by the Race Committee.

20.3 Only support boats that have registered with the Race Committee will be allowed in the racing area.

20.4 Restrictions on support boats shall apply as described in IM32CA H.5 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE except that IM32CA H.5 is modified as follows: "Contact with support boats is allowed on the water, but transfer of crew-members, sails, equipment, water, food or any other material item is strictly prohibited and towing to and from the Racing Area is strictly prohibited."

20.5 Individual coach or support boats shall not approach closer than 300 feet to any boat that is racing, except at mark roundings or the finish line where they shall not approach closer than 100 feet upwind of the windward mark or downwind of the leeward mark, and extensions of the finish line. At the warning signal for the start, individual coach or support boats shall leave the area being used by the racing boats and may station themselves outside of either the pin or committee signal boat, but no closer to either end than 100 feet.

20.6 Video and photos taken from any support and/or coach boat shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This alters RRS 63.6. This rule is not intended as a deterrent to social interaction before and between races.

21 TRASH DISPOSAL



21.1 According to IM32CR H.5 Trash shall remain onboard until the end of the last race of the day but to throw the trash on the water will be considered a breach even between races.

22 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

22.1 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the OA.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

23.1 Except in an emergency, 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.

24 PRIZES

24.1 Prizes will be given as per Notice of Race.

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

25.1 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 rule 4, Decision to Race. Sail Newport and its volunteers, Fort Adams State Park, The State of Rhode Island, 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.

26 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND

26.1 Each participant shall acknowledge that all media and commercial rights belong exclusively to the OA 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.

27 FURTHER INFORMATION

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ADDENDUM U-MELGES 32 WORLDS 2016

UMPIRED FLEET RACING

These sailing instructions change rules 28.2, 44, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64.1, 65, 66, 70, 78.3.

U1.1 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 when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 (except rule 14 when she has caused damage or injury) or rule 31 or 42 while *racing*.'
- (b) Rule 60.1 is replaced with 'A boat may protest another boat or request redress provided she complies with instructions U2.1 and U2.4.'
- (c) The third sentence of rule 61.1(a) and all of rule 61.1(a)(2) are deleted.
- (d) 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 this addendum.
- (e) Rules P1 to P4 shall not apply.

U2 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS BY BOATS

U2.1 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 a yellow flag 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.

U2.2 A boat that protests as provided in instruction U2.1 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. A boat involved in the incident may acknowledge breaking a rule by taking a One-Turn Penalty as described in rule SI 13.1. If the protested boat does not take a penalty voluntarily, an umpire will decide whether to penalize any boat and signal the decision as provided in instruction U3.1.

U2.3 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 for all boats, the race committee will promptly display flag B with one sound. Two minutes later flag B will be removed with one sound.

U2.4 A boat intending to

- (a) protest another boat under a rule other than instruction U3.2 or U4.2(a), or a rule listed in instruction U2.1,
- (b) protest another boat under rule 14 if there was contact that caused damage or injury, or
- (c) request redress, or
- (d) protest a boat after the umpires have answered their protest with a "Blue" flag, or
- (e) protest a boat after there is no signal from the umpires and no penalty is taken by the protested boat.

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

U3 UMPIRE SIGNALS AND IMPOSED PENALTIES

U3.1 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.
- (d) A blue flag with one long sound signal means 'The umpires do not have the facts required to make a decision'.
- (e) A yellow flag with one long sound means 'A boat is under observation for Class Rule C2.1(b) or C2.1(c).'

U3.2 (a) A boat penalized under instruction U3.1(b) shall take a One-Turn Penalty as described in SI 13.1.



- (b) A boat disqualified under instruction U3.1(c) shall promptly leave the course area.

U4 PENALTIES AND PROTESTS INITIATED BY AN UMPIRE; ROUNDING OR PASSING MARKS

U4.1 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 U3.2 or to take a penalty when required to do so by an umpire,
- (g) breaks Class Rules C2.1(b), (Helmsperson) and C9.5 (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 as described in SI 13.1, each signaled in accordance with instruction U3.1(b), or disqualify her under instruction U3.1(c), or report the incident to the protest committee for further action. If a boat is penalized under instruction U4.1(f) for not taking a penalty or taking a penalty incorrectly, the original penalty is cancelled.

- ##### **U4.2**
- (a) A boat shall not round or pass a mark on the wrong side. If she does so, she may correct her error as provided in rule 28.2 only if she does so before she rounds or passes the next mark or finishes.
 - (b) When a boat breaks instruction U4.2(a) and fails to correct her error before rounding or passing the next mark or finishing, an umpire may disqualify her under instruction U3.1(c).

- ##### **U4.3**
- 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 U3.2 or U4.2(a) or a rule listed in instruction U2.1, 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.

U5 PROTESTS; REQUESTS FOR REDRESS OR REOPENING; APPEALS; OTHER PROCEEDINGS

- ##### **U5.1**
- No proceedings of any kind may be taken in relation to any action or non-action by an umpire.

- ##### **U5.2**
- A boat may not base an appeal on an alleged improper action, omission or decision of the umpires or the protest committee. In rule 66 the third sentence is changed to 'A party to the hearing may not ask for a reopening.'

- ##### **U5.3**
- (a) Protests and requests for redress need not 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.

U5.4 The race committee will not protest a boat, except following a report under rule 43.1(c) or 78.3.

U5.5 The protest committee may protest a boat under rule 60.3. However, it will not protest a boat for breaking instruction U3.2 or U4.2(a), a rule listed in instruction U2.1, or rule 14 unless there is damage or injury.