

M32 Miami Winter Series
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Event 1 – January 6-8, 2017
Organising Authority is M32 North America

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing – M32 World Edition*.
- 1.2 Changes to the rules have been approved by World Sailing in accordance with RRS 86.2. A copy of the approval letter will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.3 National prescriptions that apply will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.4 For the purpose of the M32 Class Rules, any Class Association approved class rule changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.5 Races will be umpired.
- 1.6 A boat that causes damage to racing marks, ground tackle or any race management equipment will be liable for the costs of repair or replacement.
- 1.7 The race committee and umpires will use VHF radio to provide information to the fleet. Failure to broadcast or failure to hear the broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62. Information about the VHF channel will be given at the skippers meeting.

2 EVENT ADVERTISING AND ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

Advertising may be required by the OA as described in the NoR. The OA will supply the required materials.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The official notice board is located at www.m32series.com/officialnoticeboard/

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS; COMMUNICATION ASHORE

- 4.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will either be presented at the skippers briefing or communicated directly to all skippers on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the official notice board by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 Other information may be given verbally ashore at the Race Village.
4.1 and 4.2 change RRS 90.2(c)

5 FORMAT OF RACING

Fleet racing. The RC may change the format at their discretion.

6 SCHEDULE

It's the intention of the RC to run as many races as practicable during race time each day.
Event Schedule
Friday Jan 6: Registration and weigh in 9-10, Safety briefing 10, practice racing 12-15
Saturday Jan 7: Skipper briefing 10. Racing 12-16
Sunday Jan 8: Skippers briefing 10 Racing 12-15, prize giving immediately after racing
Registration and briefing are all held at the M32 trailer in Regatta Park

7 HOT SEAT GUESTS

The RC may request teams to sail with a guest as outlined in the NoR.

8 RACING AREA

The course area will be Biscayne Bay.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses and race area will be presented at the skippers meeting each day.
- 9.2 Marks moved by boats during a race may be put back in their intended position. The moving of marks or failure to move them to their original position shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 9.3 Course changes will not be signalled and the original mark(s) will be moved to a new position. This changes RRS 33.
- 9.4 At a gate, if one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to starboard.

10 MARKS

The course marks are conical inflatable marks of various colours. The starting and finishing marks may be the race committee starting vessel, an inflatable mark or land station.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started as per rule 26 except that the 3-minute signal will not be made. A count down and individual or general recalls may be broadcast on VHF as described at the skippers meeting. This changes RRS 26.
- 11.2 When a General Recall is signalled First Substitute will not be displayed. This changes RRS 29.2 and Race Signals.
- 11.3 The starting line will be as described at the skippers briefing.
- 11.4 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be as described at the skippers briefing.

13 PENALTIES FOR CONTACT

- 13.1 When the umpires observe or can verify a report of "hard" contact between boats (defined as hull, rack, rudder, spars or rigging against another boats hull, rack, rudder, spars or rigging), they will impose a two-point penalty on the boat that broke a rule in the incident and a one-point penalty on the other boat without a hearing. The penalty on the other boat may be waived.
- 13.2 When there is contact that causes damage the umpires may impose further penalties on either one or both boats which may include exclusion from races not yet started.
- 13.3 If the umpires receive and can verify a report of hard contact that causes damage, or have incomplete facts to make a decision on an incident they observe that causes damage they will award a two-point penalty to all boats involved.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Target time 15-20 min. Time limits are at the discretion of the race committee. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under rule 61.1(c). This changes rule 61.1(c).
- 15.2 Breaches of instructions 2, 19, 20, 21, 24 and RRS 55 are not open to protest by boats. Any penalty for breaches of these rules and also class rules are at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes rule 60.1(a).

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The low point system will be used. No race scores will be excluded from a boats series score.
- 16.2 Ties will be broken in favour of the boat(s) with the best score(s) in the last race.
- 16.3 The race committee may, before the warning signal of a race, declare the race a practice race. Practice races will not be scored.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, NoR and SI.

18 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with M32 Series Flags. The flags may in addition indicate the function of the official boat (Media, Umpire, Service etc.).

19 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

20 BERTHING

Will be as described in the NoR and other information on the Official Notice Board.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

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 communication devices.

22 PRIZES

1st,2nd,3rd place prizes will be awarded.

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

24 INSURANCE

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

25 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made prior to and during the event, without compensation.

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