



NOTICE OF RACE

2011 Melges 32 Miami Championship
March 4-6, 2011 • Miami Beach Marina, Miami, FL

Organizing Authority and Host: International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA)
Supported by Melges USA

The Melges 32 U.S. National Championship will be hosted by the International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA), supported by Melges USA, Thursday through Sunday, March 2-6, 2011. Miami Beach Marina is located at 300 Alton Road, Miami, FL 33139, +1 (305) 673-6000. The IM32CA may be contacted at via phone at +1 (912) 398-5776, or via e-mail at classadmin@melges32.com.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The “class rules” for the purposes of the definition of “rules” are the International Melges 32 Class Rules (IM32CR).
- 1.3 The Organizing Authority (OA) is IM32CA.
- 1.4 Video and/or photographs shall not be used as evidence at protest or request for redress hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 1.5 RRS 82 will not apply.
- 1.6 All boats must carry minimum equipment as required by the US Coast Guard and the IM32CR.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 IM32CR C.8. ADVERTISING shall apply.
- 2.2 In IM32CR C.8.1, the reference to RRS 79 is changed to RRS 80 to conform to the RRS.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event shall be open to boats whose Owner or Skipper is a current member of their National Governing Body (US SAILING for US entries; to join USSA call 1-800-USSAIL-1) and the International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA).
- 3.2 Owners and crews must meet all ISAF and IM32CA rules.
- 3.3 IM32CR Section C.9. MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY, and all subsections, shall apply.

- 3.4 Each entrant must submit a completed Entry Form online via Yachtscoring (<http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=416>) by Thursday, February 10 and pay the entry fee no later than March 3, 2011. Original signatures must be provided at registration. Late entries will be accepted only with the prior approval of the IM32CA.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1 To complete registration, all entrants shall have submitted all required class forms, paid all entry fees and submitted a completed Entry Form and Signed Release Agreement with original signature.
- 4.2 Only boats that have fully completed registration by 1800 hours on Thursday, March 3, 2011 will be eligible to race. Late registration may be allowed only with the prior approval of the IM32CA.

5. CLASSIFICATION

- 5.1 The ISAF Classification Code, Regulation 22, will apply. Details of the ISAF Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on the ISAF website at www.sailing.org/classification.
- 5.2 No later than Thursday, February 10, 2011, each entrant shall submit a completed Crew Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 3.1) to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator at classadmin@melges32.com or fax at +1 (912) 756-6728 for verification. The Crew Declaration Form should list all crew, together with their classification and, for Group 1 sailors, their ISAF Sailor ID number.
- 5.3 All Crew Declaration Forms will be posted on the Melges 32 website, www.melges32.com, upon receipt.
- 5.4 The earliest time a classification protest may be submitted is 0900 EDT hours on Friday, February 11. The Classification Protest Time Limit under ISAF Regulation 22.1 is 1700 hours on Friday, February 25.
- 5.5 A boat will not be eligible to race until all crew classifications have been checked for compliance.

6. FEES

- 6.1 The entry fee will be \$1,200 USD per boat for entries received by Thursday, February 10, 2011. The fee for entries received after that date will be \$1,350 USD. Fees can be paid by credit card on line at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=314. Checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable to the Melges 32 Class.

7. SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 10

Entry Deadline, IM32CA Crew Declaration Deadline

Wednesday, March 2

1400 - 1800 Registration and crew weigh-in

Thursday, March 3

0800 - 1100 Registration and crew weigh-in

1400 - 1800 Registration and crew weigh-in

1800 Competitor Meeting and welcome reception (Location TBD)

Friday, March 4

1100 Warning signal for 1st race of the day - subsequent races to start ASAP
3 races

Saturday, March 5

1100 Warning signal for 1st race of the day - subsequent races to start ASAP
3 races

Sunday, March 6

1100 Warning signal for 1st race of the day - subsequent races to start ASAP
2 races

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 Each entrant must provide a completed Yacht Owner Compliance Declaration (IM32CR Appendix 4) to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator, via e-mail at classadmin@melges32.com or via fax at +1 (912) 756-6728 by Thursday, March 3.
- 8.2 Each entrant must provide a completed Sail Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 3.2) to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator by the close of registration (1800) on Thursday, March 3.
- 8.3 Each entrant must submit a completed Crew Weigh-in/Liability Form (IM32CR Appendix 5) to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator by the close of registration (1800) on Thursday, March 3.
- 8.4 All competitors shall weigh-in during the following times: 1400 - 1800 hours on Wednesday, March 2, 0800 - 1100 and 1400 - 1800 on Thursday, March 3 . Late weigh-in on Friday, March 4 from 0800 - 0830 is by appointment only.

9. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

- 9.1 Crew substitutions before and during the event are permitted. A revised crew list must be submitted to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator and approval received prior to the race to which it applies.
- 9.2 Crew substitutions may weigh-in during the designated Substitute Crew Weigh-In period, from 0800 – 0830 hours, on the first day that they will compete.

10. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled-out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the protest committee. All boats shall be launched prior to 2000 hrs, Thursday, March 3, 2011.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be provided to entrants that have completed registration.

12. VENUE

The racing area will be off Miami Beach. Further information will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

13. THE COURSES

Courses will be windward / leeward.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is modified by adding the following: Except for a starting mark, the turns penalty for a Part 2 rule broken inside the zone shall be a Two-Turns Penalty as prescribed in this rule without modification. The turns penalty for a Part 2 rule broken outside the zone shall be a one turn, including one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS 44.1.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of RRS Part 2, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing.
- 15.2 This changes RRS Part 5, Section B. RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time limit for filing requests for redress and requests to reopen a hearing. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

16. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, with the following modification: when fewer than six races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores; 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. Eight (8) races are scheduled; three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

17. SUPPORT BOATS

- 17.1 Restrictions on Support Boats shall apply as described in International Melges 32 Class Rule C.11 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.
- 17.2 Only support boats that have registered with the RC and carry identification provided by the RC will be allowed in the racing area.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 While on the water, the RC may communicate with competing boats via VHF radio, including starting penalties.
- 18.2 Each competing boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channel 9,16,22,69, 72.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded after racing on Sunday to boats placing first through fifth overall.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers (organizing authority, host yacht club, race committee, protest committee, sponsors, and any others acting in an official capacity for this event) from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

Boat Launching and Boat Storage.

For information and arrangements regarding boat launching and storage contact the IM32CA at +1 (912) 398-5776.

Dockage

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