



Sailing Instructions

International MELGES 32 2011 United States National Championships

June 9-12, 2011

Organizing Authority
The American Yacht Club

Hosted by
The American Yacht Club

1.0 RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012*.
- 1.2. All boats must carry minimum equipment as required by the United States Coast Guard and the International Melges 32 Class Rules. To meet United States Coast Guard requirements concerning life jacket requirements, each boat must have a United States Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III or IV life jacket for each person aboard and must have at least one Type IV throwable device as well.
- 1.3. Notice of Race 14.1 is deleted. Protest arbitration will not be used.

2.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Race Committee Notice Board located on the front porch of the American Yacht Club main clubhouse and will be broadcast on VHF channel 69 at 0900 each day.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Race Committee Notice Board located on the front porch of the American Yacht Club main clubhouse and on the event website at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=512> before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole at American Yacht Club and announced on VHF channel 69.
- 4.2. If races are postponed from ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after AP is lowered. This changes "AP" in Race Signals.
- 4.3. If racing for the day is abandoned from ashore, signal flags N over A will be displayed with three sound signals and announced on VHF channel 69.

5.0 MEASUREMENT

Crew weigh-ins will be conducted. Instructions will be provided at the time of registration.

6.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, June 9

1000-1700	Registration, measurement and weigh-in
1800-1900	Competitors' meeting
1900-2000	Casual pasta buffet dinner (\$26/person-tickets available at American Yacht Club; reserve by email to dcolavito@americanyc.org by June 5)

Friday, June 10

0700-0800	Crew weigh-in by appointment only
1030	Warning for first race, followed by subsequent races

Saturday, June 11

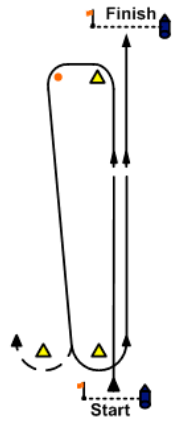
	Junior Sailing Day (see Sailing Instruction 18)
1030	Warning for first race, followed by subsequent races
1830	Steak & Lobster Dinner at American Yacht Club

Sunday, June 12

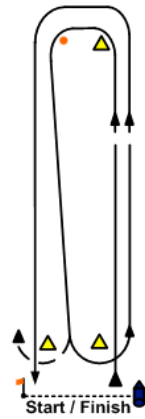
1030	Warning for first race, followed by subsequent races if needed No warning signal will be given after 1430 Prize Ceremony at American Yacht Club as soon as possible after last race is concluded and RC is ashore (on Front Lawn, weather permitting; otherwise, in the Clubhouse)
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7.0 COURSES

- 7.1. Courses will be windward/leeward with an offset mark at the windward mark.
- 7.2. The Race Committee may set a gate as the leeward mark. If the leeward mark is a gate, boats shall pass through the gate from the direction of the previous mark before proceeding onto the next leg of the course. The leeward mark or gate is not a mark of the course for a final downwind leg.



Sample Odd-Leg Course



Sample Even-Leg Course

7.3. Sample course board and configurations (labels will not be displayed):

Legs	Range	Bearing	

Fore

Aft

8.0 RACING AREA

The racing area will be east of buoy R42 off Milton Point, Rye, NY, as shown in chart on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=512> under Additional Documents.

9.0 MARKS

- 9.1. Marks, except the offset mark, will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.2. The offset mark will be a pink ball.
- 9.3. A new mark replacing an original mark will be an orange tetrahedron. In a subsequent change of course, the orange tetrahedron will be replaced with an original yellow tetrahedron. Further course changes will follow this pattern.

10.0 THE START

- 10.1. The Warning signal will be Numeral Pennant 1.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between the staff flying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an orange tetrahedron.
- 10.3. The Race Committee signal boat may have one or more inflatable buoys secured to it which shall be considered to be part of the signal boat for the purpose of rule 31.
- 10.4. A boat that starts later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

11.0 RECALLS

The Race Committee will attempt to identify recalled boats and to broadcast their sail numbers on VHF channel 69. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hail, shall not be cause for redress.

12.0 THE FINISH

- 12.1. Except when the course is shortened, the finishing line for all courses will be between a staff flying an orange flag on an official boat displaying a blue flag or shape and the finish mark.
- 12.2. For courses with an odd number of legs, the finishing line will be located approximately 100 yards to windward of the windward mark on the same bearing as the last leg.
- 12.3. For courses with an even number of legs, the finishing line will be located approximately 100 yards to leeward of the leeward mark or gate on the same bearing as the last leg.
- 12.4. Boats approaching a windward finishing line to finish may ignore the windward mark. Boats approaching a downwind finishing line to finish may ignore the leeward mark or gate.

13.0 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 2.5 hours after the start will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) as described in sailing instruction 17.3. This changes rules 35 and A4.

14.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

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.

15.0 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 Boats shall check-in prior to the first race each day by passing astern of the signal boat on starboard tack.
- 15.2 Any boat withdrawing before the start or retiring from a race for any reason shall notify the Race Committee at the earliest possible opportunity on VHF channel 69 or by telephone to American Yacht Club (914-967-4800).

16.0 PROTESTS

- 16.1 Written protests shall be delivered to the Protest Committee desk in the American Yacht Club Clubhouse within one hour of the time that the Race Committee signal boat docks. This time limit will be posted on the official Race Committee Notice Board. A list of protests filed with the Protest Committee will be posted on the official Race Committee Notice Board.
- 16.2 Protest hearings will be held at American Yacht Club in the Trustees Room as soon as possible after each day of racing. A protest against a boat whose representative has not announced his intention to appear at the hearing by reporting to the protest committee desk in person or by telephone (914-967-4800) by the protest time limit may be heard without that representative as provided in rule 63.3(b).
- 16.3 The representative to the protest hearing of a boat involved in a protest must be the boat's owner/helmsman. Other persons may be called as witnesses.
- 16.4 It is the responsibility of the parties to ensure that their witnesses are available when called to testify. If witnesses are not in the vicinity of the protest room when called, they may not be heard.

17.0 SCORING

- 17.1 Nine races are scheduled of which three completed races will constitute a regatta.
- 17.2 When fewer than six races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.3 A boat that fails to finish within the time limit shall, without a hearing, be scored by the Race Committee with points equal to the number of boats that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit plus two points. This changes rules A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

18.0 JUNIOR SAILING

- 18.1 Experienced local junior sailors may be randomly assigned to each boat for racing on Saturday, June 11. These individuals will not be included for calculation of class weight restrictions.
- 18.2 A representative from each boat should meet their junior sailor at the main dock and take him/her back to the boat.
- 18.3 Junior sailors must wear their United States Coast Guard approved personal flotation device at all times while on the boat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

19.0 SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1 Restrictions on Support Boats shall apply as described in International Melges 32 Class Rule Part III, 1.5, OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.
- 19.2 International Melges 32 Class Rule Part III, 1.5 prescribes that video and photos taken from any support and/or coach boat shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This alters rule 63.6.

20.0 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels 16, 69 and 71. 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 communication.

21.0 LAUNCHING, HAUL-OUT AND BERTHING RESTRICTIONS

- 21.1 All boats shall remain in the water from Friday, June 10 at 0900 through the conclusion of the final race on June 12, and shall be moored in Milton Harbor at American Yacht Club, or moored or docked at other in-water location(s) which shall be registered with the IM32CA Class Administrator. Violation of a term of SI 21 may be disqualification from all races on the day of violation.
- 21.2 No boat will be launched or hauled at American Yacht Club except under supervision of an American Yacht Club staff member or authorized member.

22.0 PRIZES

- 22.1 Series prizes will be awarded to boats placing first through third.
- 22.2 Prizes will be awarded at American Yacht Club after the final race and protests.

23.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

24.0 OTHER DOCUMENTS

Forms and documents related to this event are located on <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eID=512>.

American Yacht Club cordially extends the privileges of the Clubhouse and harbor facilities to participants before and after the races.

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