



Hosted by Sail Newport
Newport, R.I
August 15 - 17, 2014

NOTICE OF RACE

**Organizing Authority: Sail Newport in coordination with the
International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA)
Supported by Melges USA**

1. Venue

- 1.1 Sail Newport is the Organizing Authority (OA) in cooperation with the International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA).
- 1.2 The event headquarters will be at the Newport Shipyard.
- 1.3 Websites:
 - International Melges 32 Class Association (www.melges32.com)
 - Melges USA (www.melges.com)
 - Newport Shipyard (www.newportshipyard.com)
 - Sail Newport (www.sailnewport.org)

2. RULES

- 2.1 This Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 2.2 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).

- 2.3 RRS 42.3(c) is changed to allow the spinnaker sheet to be trimmed without restriction.
- 2.4 These Sailing Instructions (SI's), including amendments, will take precedence in the case of a conflict with the Notice of Race (NOR). This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.5 If there is a conflict between languages, this English text shall take precedence.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 IM32CR C.4 (Advertising) shall apply.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority. If provided, flags and/or decals shall be displayed beginning on Friday, August 15 through Sunday, August 17, 2014.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1 The Melges 32 U.S. National Championship Regatta is open to all boats of the International Melges 32 Class that meet the obligations of the IM32CR.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by visiting www.yachtscoring.com and completing the online entry process, paying the required fee, and submitting the Crew Declaration Form by Friday, August 1, 2014 to be eligible to race.
- 4.3 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.4 All entrants must provide the Class Administrator with a completed Sail Declaration, an Owner Compliance Declaration Form and have satisfied the crew weigh-in requirement before the close of registration (1700) on Thursday, August 14, 2014. Original signatures must be provided at registration.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is US \$1,275 if received by Friday, July 18. For entries received after this date, the entry fee will be \$1,475.
- 5.3 Entries will not be valid until payment is received and all required documents are submitted.

6. CLASSIFICATION

- 6.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code (Regulation 22) will apply.
- 6.2 All Melges 32 entrants shall submit a completed Crew Declaration Form (Appendix 1) by Friday August 1 to the IM32CA via e-mail at classadmin@melges32.com or fax to 1 (912) 756-6728. The form should include ISAF ID. No.'s, Group Classifications and expiration dates for each crew member.
- 6.3 All submitted Crew Declarations will be posted online at www.melges32.com.
- 6.4 Classification protests may be submitted to the IM32CA beginning, 0900 on Monday, August 4. The Classification Protest Time Limit under ISAF Regulation 22.1 is 1700 on Tuesday, August 12.
- 6.5 A representative of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission may be present during registration and may carry out spot checks.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, August 13

0800 - 1100	Registration and Weigh-in at Newport Shipyard
1400 - 1800	Registration and Weigh-in at Newport Shipyard

Thursday, August 14

0900 - 1700	Registration and Weigh-in at Newport Shipyard
1300	Practice Race / Starts (Location TBD)
1630 - 1730	Hoists at Sail Newport are not available during this time*
1730	Skippers Meeting at Newport Shipyard

Friday, August 15- RACE DAY ONE

0830 - 0930	Crew Substitution Weigh-in
1100	Initial Warning Signal
Apres Racing	Afternoon social at Newport Shipyard

Saturday, August 16- RACE DAY TWO

0830 - 0930	Crew Substitution Weigh-in
1100	Initial Warning Signal (3 Races Scheduled)
Apres Racing	Afternoon social at Newport Shipyard

Sunday, August 17- RACE DAY THREE

0830 - 0930	Crew Substitution Weigh-in
1100	Initial Warning Signal (2 Races Scheduled)
1430	No initial Warning Signal after this time
Apres Racing	Awards Ceremony at Newport Shipyard

7.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled. The Race Committee may conduct as many as three (3) races per day..

(*Please refrain from using the lifts at this time. The hoist area at Sail Newport (Admiral's Pier) will be utilized by J/24 Fleet 50. Please also avoid the gin pole area and remove your boats from any floating docks near either hoist. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.)

8. MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 Crew Weigh-ins will be conducted at the Newport Shipyard during specified registration times (NOR section 7).
- 8.2 An IM32CA representative may weigh, measure, or inspect any boat and/or her equipment and sails before, during, or after the races, for compliance with class rules.
- 8.3 There will be no facilities available for initial measurement. Sails shall be measured and stamped by an approved measurer before arrival at the regatta.
- 8.4 Chartered or loaned boats may display national letters and sail numbers in contravention of class rules.

9. BOW NUMBERS

- 9.1 All Melges 32s competing shall race with International Melges 32 Class Association Bow Numbers affixed as instructed in IM32CA Bow Number Policies and Procedures.

10. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

- 10.1 Crew substitutions before and during the event are permitted with the prior written approval of the IM32CA Administrator.
- 10.2 A revised crew list must be submitted to the IM32CA for approval prior to the race to which it applies.
- 10.3 Crew substitutions may weigh-in during the designated Substitute Crew Weigh-in period from 0830 to 0930 daily. Weigh-in must be completed no later than 0930 on the first day that the substitute will compete.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 The SIs will be available on the event website prior to the event and at registration.

12. RACING AREA AND THE COURSES

- 12.1 Racing will take place in the waters of Narragansett Bay and Rhode Island Sound off Newport, Rhode Island.
- 12.2 The course to be sailed will be a Windward/Leeward configuration. Specific course details will be provided in the SIs.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 13.2 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 13.3 When six (6) or more races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.
- 13.4 Three (3) races are necessary to constitute a series.

14. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Restrictions on support boats shall apply as described in IM32CR C.11 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.
- 14.2 Only support boats that have registered with the OA at registration will be allowed in the racing area.

15. LAUNCHING AND BERTHING

- 15.1 Dockage and launching arrangements can be made by contacting the Newport Shipyard at (401) 846 - 6000.
- 15.2 Boat and trailer storage is also available at Sail Newport at the direction of Sail Newport staff.
- 15.3 The Sail Newport Hoist will be available between the hours of 0830 and 2000 on Wednesday, August 13 and Thursday, August 14 with the exception of a one-hour black out on Thursday to accommodate local J24s between 1630 and 1730.

16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

16.1 All competing boats shall be afloat by 1800 on Thursday, August 14. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the IM32CA. Violations of this clause will not be protestable by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

16.2 Other than in an emergency, boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior permission from the OA.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels 9, 16, 22A, 69, and 72.

18. PRIZES

18.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers overall with the top finisher to be named the U.S. National Champion.

19. INSURANCE

19.1 All boats are required to hold adequate third-party insurance and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

20. MEDIA RIGHTS

20.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

21.1 Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers include the OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, the State of Rhode Island, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official who will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event during shoreside or on-the-water activities. 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. FURTHER INFORMATION

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