



## 2021 Melges 32 Winter Series

With Regattas on January 16-17, February 27-28, and March 27-28

The Organizing Authority is the Davis Island Yacht Club

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The 2021 Melges 32 Winter Series at Davis Island Yacht Club will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix V, and the Melges 32 Class Rules.
- 1.2 Up to two Group 3 competitors, as defined in World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code, are allowed per boat.
- 1.3 Wire standing rigging is allowed.

#### 2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The series is open to all boats of the Melges 32 class however membership in the class is not required.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and paying the required fees.

#### 3 FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is US \$450.00 for the Series plus state and local taxes. Skippers who were registered and paid to participate in the 2020 Winter Series shall be given a \$150.00 plus sales tax credit toward this year's fees.
- 3.2 The entry fee includes a Keg of beer after racing each Saturday, and launching, dockage and retrieval during each regatta.
- 3.3 An entry will not be considered final nor storage confirmed until all fees are paid and all required forms are submitted.

#### 4 ON-SITE REGISTRATION

- 4.1 All competitors must report to the registration desk to complete registration, including waivers.
- 4.2 Boats and sails are subject to inspection for adherence to class rules.
- 4.3 No weigh-ins are required, however adherence may be checked.
- 4.4 Changes or substitutions of crew during a Regatta will require written consent of the race committee and please copy the regatta chair on any crew changes.

#### 5 SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan 16	0700-0800	Registration
	0815	Competitors Meeting
All race dates	1000	First warning signal
Saturdays	After racing	Keg beer
Saturday, Mar 27	After racing	Blender party on the point (Bring a bottle of cheap rum.)

- 5.1 There will be no Warning Signal after 1500 on Sunday of each Regatta.
- 5.2 Seven races are scheduled for each Regatta, 21 total races for the 2021 Melges 32 Winter Series.

#### 6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at registration and posted on the DIYC website.

#### 7 VENUE

All races shall be sailed in that part of Hillsborough Bay that lies south of Davis Island Yacht Club. However, conditions may require sailing in the extreme southern portion of Hillsborough Bay adjoining the eastern portion of Tampa Bay.

## **8 LAUNCHING AND MOORAGE**

- 8.1 All boats must be in the water by 0800 on the first race day of a Regatta and shall remain in the water until the end of the Regatta, unless granted prior permission by the Race Committee.
- 8.2 Once launched, boats shall not use electricity without consent of the Race Committee.

## **9 COURSES**

The course will be a windward / leeward configuration.

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

Appendix V will apply.

## **11 SCORING**

11.1 For each Regatta:

- i. One completed race is necessary to constitute a regatta.
- ii. When 5 or more races are completed in a Regatta, a boat's Regatta score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When fewer than 5 races are completed, no scores will be excluded.
- iii. Any scores excluded in a Regatta will also be excluded for Winter Series scoring.

11.2 To be scored for the Melges 32 Winter Series:

- i. Competitors must register, pay and compete in all three regattas.
- ii. The boat and skipper must be the same in all three regattas unless approved in writing by the Race Committee.
- iii. RRS A5.3 will apply to score the Melges 32 Winter Series.

## **12 PRIZES**

- 12.1 For the Series, trophies will be awarded to the top three boats and the top Corinthian team (with only Group 1 sailors).
- 12.2 Additional prizes may be awarded.

## **13 INSURANCE**

- 13.1 All boats are required to hold adequate third-party insurance (\$300,000.00) and it is the owner or owner representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to competing in the event.
- 13.2 Proof of Insurance shall be provided at the time of online registration. Proof of insurance will be required before boat storage is allowed.

## **14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, illness, disease, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **15 ONSITE BOAT STORAGE**

There will be space for up to six (6) out of town boats to be stored on the Davis Island Yacht Club property commencing on January 1st. All stored boats must be off DIYC property by March 31. The storage fee will be \$600 for the Winter Series or \$300 per month plus state and local taxes. All storage boats will have an assigned spot on the point. A separate Storage Agreement, Release and Waiver must be completed and storage fees paid prior to the boats arrival. Please contact the regatta chair about setting this up and being invoiced. If earlier or later storage dates are required, please contact the regatta chair.

## **16 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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