



## NOTICE OF RACE

**EVENT NO. 1: BVI SPORTBOAT REGATTA • FEBRUARY 21-24, 2013**

**EVENT NO. 2: INTERNATIONAL ROLEX REGATTA • MARCH 22-24, 2013**

*(A separate NOR for Event No. 2 will be issued as part of the International Rolex Regatta)*

**EVENT NO. 3 (NON-SANCTIONED): BVI SPRING REGATTA • MARCH 29-31, 2013**

*(A separate NOR for Event No. 3 will be issued as part of the BVI Spring Regatta)*

**EVENT NO. 4: CARIBBEAN CHAMPIONSHIP • APRIL 26-28, 2013**

### 1. VENUE / AUTHORITY

- 1.1 **The International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA)**, in collaboration with the **Melges 32 North American Fleet (M32NA)** is the Organizing Authority (OA), supported by **Melges USA (MUSA)**.
- 1.2 On-shore functions for the Melges 32 Virgin Islands Sailing Series are as follows:

#### **Virgin Island Sailing Series EVENT NO. 1**

##### **(USA Sailing Series Event No. 3)**

Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) Marina Virgin Gorda

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#### **Virgin Island Sailing Series EVENT NO. 2**

##### **(USA Sailing Series Event No. 4)**

International Rolex Regatta

St. Thomas Yacht Club (STYC)

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St. Thomas, VI00802  
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Website: [www.rolexcupregatta.com](http://www.rolexcupregatta.com)

**Virgin Island Sailing Series EVENT NO. 3 (Non-sanctioned)**

BVI Spring Regatta  
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Nanny Cay Marina  
Road Town, Tortola  
British Virgin Islands, VG1110  
T: +1 (284) 541-6732  
Website: [www.bvispringregatta.org/bvi/](http://www.bvispringregatta.org/bvi/)

**Virgin Island Sailing Series EVENT NO. 4  
(USA Sailing Series Event No. 5)**

Peter Island Resort & Spa  
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Road Town, Tortola  
British Virgin Islands, VG1110  
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Website: [www.peterisland.com](http://www.peterisland.com)

- 1.3 For additional dockage, mooring, trailer storage, accommodations, launch and haul out facilities information, please reference Appendix A - 2013 Melges 32 VISS Logistics and Planning Companion (M32VISSLP).

**2. RULES**

- 2.1 Regattas will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).  
2.2 No national prescriptions will apply.  
2.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), Part I - Use of Equipment, will apply.  
2.4 The “class rules” for the purposes of the definition of “rules” are the International Melges 32 Class Rules (IM32CR).  
2.5 International Melges 32 Class Rules (IM32CR) Section H (EVENT RULES) including all subsections (H1-H8) will apply.  
2.6 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA).  
2.7 Video and/or photographs shall not be used as evidence at protest or request for redress hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.  
2.8 Class Rule C.1.1 (b) is changed as follows:  
(a) RRS 49 is changed to read:  
**49 CREW POSITION**

**49.1** Competitors shall use no device designed to position their bodies outboard, other than hiking straps, stiffeners worn under the thighs and the lower lifeline as described in rule 49.2.

**49.2** Lifelines shall meet the tautness requirements in the Class Rules. Competitors shall not position any part of their torsos outside the lifelines, except briefly to perform a necessary task. However, a competitor sitting on the deck facing outboard with his waist inside the lower lifeline may have the upper part of his body outside the upper lifeline.

2.9 Class Rule C.6.1 (q) shall apply and reads as follows:

(q) When pushing down hard on the lower lifelines the lifeline shall when measuring from the deck to the top of any padding on the lifeline not measure less than 100mm in the lowest position between the after most stanchion and the middle stanchion. Shock cord may be added to the lower lifeline to pull the lifeline tight when no pressure is applied. The aft lower spectra section must be taut. The upper lifeline shall not deflect more than 50mm in any one spot when pushing down hard on the lifeline at the midpoint between any two stanchions.

2.10 Wind Limits - In accordance with IM32CR H.4.3(a), races will not be started when the Race Committee deems that winds are consistently at or above 25 knots or gusting to 28 knots and above. If a race has been started and the wind increases to 25 knots and above, it remains at the discretion of the Race Committee whether or not to abandon the race. Races will not be started unless winds are consistently above 5 knots at the time of the start.

2.11 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules, or other non-Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

2.12 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

### **3. ADVERTISING & MEDIA**

3.1 IM32CR C.4. ADVERTISING shall apply. To conform with regulation 20.4 ISAF, the OA may ask competitors to display sponsor flag and/or stickers. Flags and stickers will be displayed from the day before until the end of the event.

3.2 The OA may ask competitors to install/carry on board electronic devices designated for media coverage of the event.

3.3 Each participant shall acknowledge that all media and commercial rights belong exclusively to the Organizing Authority and the IM32CA and shall grant to the OA and IM32CA the unrestricted right and permission to use and publish any biographical information, text and images arising from the Championship including name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media worldwide (being television, print and digital media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the Melges 32 Worlds Championship and the participants in the regatta. The OA will exercise these rights in its sole discretion or as it may agree with the events sponsors. Unless previously authorized by the OA or IM32CA, participants shall not reproduce, publicly communicate or distribute images of the race in any way or form.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1 The Virgin Islands Sailing Series (VISS) shall be open to Melges 32s whose Owner or Skipper is a current member of their National Governing Body (US SAILING for US entries; to join call 1-800-USSAIL-1) and the IM32CA.
- 4.2 All Owners, charters and crews shall comply with all ISAF and IM32CA rules, including C.2 CREW and H.7 CREW LISTS.
- 4.3 For EVENT NO.1 each entrant shall submit a completed entry form online via Yacht Scoring ([www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)) by February 1 and payment, shall be paid in full by February 13. Registration shall be completed at the Race Office by 17.00 on February 20.
- 4.4 EVENT NO.2 entry fees are as defined in the NOR for the International Rolex Regatta, located online at Yacht Scoring ([www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)).
- 4.5 EVENT NO.3 entry fees are as defined in the NOR for the BVI Spring Regatta, located online at the official event website: [www.bvispringregatta.org](http://www.bvispringregatta.org)
- 4.6 For EVENT NO.4, each entrant shall submit a completed entry form online via Yacht Scoring ([www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)) by April 12 and payment, shall be paid in full by April 18. Registration shall be completed at the Race Office by 17.00 on April 25.
- 4.7 Late entries will be accepted only with the prior approval of the IM32CA

#### **5. REGISTRATION**

- 5.1 To complete registration, all entrants shall have submitted all required class forms (Sail Declaration Form - Appendix 2 of IM32CR and Owner Compliance Declaration Form - Appendix 3 of IM32CR), paid all entry fees and submitted a completed Entry Form and Signed Release Agreement with original signature.
- 5.2 Only boats that have fully completed registration as defined by each event will be eligible to race.

#### **6. CLASSIFICATION**

- 6.1 The ISAF Classification Code, Regulation 22, will apply (see rule 79). Details of the ISAF Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on the ISAF website at [www.sailing.org/classification](http://www.sailing.org/classification).
- 6.2 For EVENT NO. 1, no later than Friday, February 1, each entrant shall submit a completed online Crew Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 1)
- 6.3 For EVENT NO. 2, no later than Thursday, March 7, each entrant shall submit a completed online Crew Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 1)
- 6.4 For EVENT NO. 4, no later than Friday, April 12, each entrant shall submit a completed online Crew Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 1)
- 6.5 All Crew Declaration Forms shall list all crew and their classification, for Group 1 sailors, their ISAF Sailor ID number and expiration shall be included.
- 6.6 All Crew Declaration Forms shall be submitted to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator at [classadmin@melges32.com](mailto:classadmin@melges32.com) or fax to +1 (912) 756-6728 for verification.
- 6.7 All Crew Declaration Forms will be posted on the Melges 32 website,

[www.melges32.com](http://www.melges32.com), and /or the event web site upon receipt.

- 6.8 The earliest time a classification protest may be submitted is 0900 EDT on the first day following the Crew Declarations deadline for that event. The Classification Protest Time Limit under ISAF Regulation 22.1 is 1700 EDT the day prior to racing for that event.
- 6.9 A boat shall not be eligible to race until all crew classifications have been checked for compliance.
- 6.10 A representative of the ISAF Sailor Classification Commission may be present during registration and may carry out spot checks.

## **7. FEES**

- 7.1 The entry fee will be \$1,475 USD per boat for entries to Virgin Island Sailing Series EVENT NO. 1 and NO. 4.
- 7.2 EVENT NO.2 entry fees are as defined in the NOR for the International Rolex Regatta, located online at Yacht Scoring ([www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)).
- 7.3 EVENT NO.3 entry fees are as defined in the NOR for the BVI Spring Regatta, located online at the official event website: [www.bvispringregatta.org](http://www.bvispringregatta.org).
- 7.4 Entry fees for EVENT NO. 1 and EVENT NO. 4 may be paid by credit card by contacting Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator at +1 (912) 756-6706. Checks shall be drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable to the Melges 32 Class. Payment may also be made via wire transfer.

## **8. SCHEDULE**

### **8.1 Virgin Island Sailing Series EVENT NO. 1**

Wednesday	February 20	09.00 - 17.00	Registration & Weigh-In
Thursday	February 21	11.00	First Warning Signal
Friday	February 22	11.00	First Warning Signal
Saturday	February 23	11.00	First Warning Signal
Sunday	February 24	11.00	First Warning Signal

### **Virgin Island Sailing Series EVENT NO. 2**

Schedule of races are as defined in the NOR for the International Rolex Regatta, located online at Yacht Scoring ([www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com))

### **Virgin Island Sailing Series EVENT NO. 3**

Schedule of races are as defined in the NOR for the BVI Spring Regatta, located online at the official event website: [www.bvispringregatta.org](http://www.bvispringregatta.org).

### **Virgin Island Sailing Series EVENT NO. 4**

Thursday	April 25	09.00 - 17.00	Registration & Weigh-In
Friday	April 26	11.00	First Warning Signal
Saturday	April 27	11.00	First Warning Signal
Sunday	April 28	11.00	First Warning Signal

- 8.2 FOR EVENT NO. 1, ten (10) races are scheduled: The Race Committee (RC) may run fewer races at its discretion and may make up a race on any day if needed.
- 8.3 FOR EVENT NO. 4, eight (8) races are scheduled: The Race Committee (RC) may run fewer races at its discretion and may make up a race on any day if needed.

## **9. MEASUREMENTS**

- 9.1 For EVENT NO. 1, NO. 2 and NO. 4, each entrant shall provide a completed Yacht Owner Compliance Declaration (IM32CR Appendix 5) to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator, via e-mail at [classadmin@melges32.com](mailto:classadmin@melges32.com) or via fax at +1 (912) 756-6728 by the close of registration for each respective event.
- 9.2 For EVENT NO. 1, NO. 2 and NO. 4, each entrant shall provide a completed Sail Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 2) to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator by the close of registration for each respective event.
- 9.3 For EVENT NO. 1, NO. 2 and NO. 4, each entrant shall complete a Crew Weigh-in/Liability Form (IM32CR Appendix 6) to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator by the close of registration for each respective event.
- 9.4 All competitors shall weigh-in during the following times:  
EVENT NO. 1: Wednesday, February 20, 09.00-17.00  
EVENT NO. 2: Thursday, March 21, 09.00 - 17.00  
EVENT NO. 4: Thursday, April 25, 09.00-17.00

## **10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 10.1 Sailing Instructions will be provided to entrants that have completed registration at the registration desk.

## **11. THE COURSES**

- 11.1 The courses for EVENT NO. 1 and NO. 4 will be as detailed in the Sailing Instructions (SIs). For EVENT NO. 2, courses will be as defined in the NOR for the International Rolex Regatta, located online at Yacht Scoring ([www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)). For EVENT NO. 3, courses will be as defined in the NOR for the BVI Spring Regatta, located online at the official event website: [www.bvispringregatta.org](http://www.bvispringregatta.org).

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 12.1 IM32CR H.4.1 (a) is CHANGED to read:

### **RRS 44.1 is changed to read:**

#### **44.1 Taking a Penalty**

- (a) A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing within the zone of a mark.
- (b) A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing outside the zone of a mark or rule 31.
- (c) However, if a boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

**12.2 RRS 44.2 is changed to read:**

**44.2 One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties**

After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty by promptly making the required number of turns in the same direction, each turn including one tack and one gybe. However, unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties within the zone of the windward mark or penalties on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, she shall sail completely to the course side of the line before finishing.

**12.3 Appendix P will apply and is changed so rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. P2.1 is changed to read:**

When a boat is first penalized under rule P1 her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes rule Appendix P.

**12.4 Penalty Declarations** – A boat that has taken a penalty turn(s) in accordance with NOR 12.1 shall complete the Penalty Declaration form available at the jury desk before the end of the Protest Time Limit.

**13. PROTEST**

**13.1 IM32CR H.1 (PROTEST TIME LIMITS)** shall apply. The protest time limit will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

**13.2 IM32CR H.4.1(b)** shall apply (this supersedes IM32CR H.2):

In the case of a protest, the representative from each yacht that attends the protest in the protest room shall be the owner or the Group 1 driver. Group 3 sailors from the boat protesting or the boat being protested are not allowed in the protest room or to be in contact with the representative in the protest room. Group 3 sailors from other boats may be allowed in the protest room as a witness.

**14. SCORING**

**14.1 IM32CR H.4.2.** Scoring shall apply.

(a) Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

(b) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes rule Appendix A2.

(c) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**15. SUPPORT BOATS**

**15.1 Restrictions on Support Boats** shall apply as described in International Melges 32 Class Rule H.5 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.

**15.2** Only support boats that have registered with the RC and carry identification provided by the RC will be allowed in the racing area.

## **16. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 16.1 Boats shall not be hauled-out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

## **17. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 17.1 The Race Committee will endeavor to hail each boat that is OCS on VHF radio. The timing of such hail, the sequence of the hails, or the failure to make, or for the competitor to hear, such an announcement shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 17.2 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 phones and any other electronic device.

## **18. PRIZES**

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded to boats placing first through third overall.
- 18.2 A prize will be awarded to the best boat that has an all Corinthian crew.
- 18.3 Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

## **19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising 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.
- 19.2 Skippers and crew will be required to sign a waiver of liability during registration.

## **20. INSURANCE**

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

## **21. CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE**

- 21.1 The organisation reserves the right to change this Notice of Race in accordance with rule 89.2(a) Any change made to this NOR will be published on Yacht Scoring ([www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com)).



## **22. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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