

MELGES IC37 Winter Series

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY
THE LAUDERDALE YACHT CLUB

November 22, 23 & 24, 2019
January 24, 25 & 26, 2020
March 20, 21 & 22, 2020



Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2019 *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the Notice of Race, the rules of the International Melges IC37 Class (IMIC37CR), these Sailing Instructions, and properly posted amendments thereto.
- 1.2 These Sailing instructions, including amendments, will take precedence in the case of a conflict with the Notice of Race.
- 1.3 This regatta series will be run as a IMIC37CA “B Regatta”. Refer to IMIC37CR H3.2
- 1.4 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Lauderdale Yacht Club (LYC).
- 1.5 All boats must carry minimum equipment as required by the U.S Coast Guard and the IMIC37CR.
- 1.6 RRS 82 will not apply.
- 1.7 U.S Sailing prescriptions 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.
- 1.8 Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code (see World Sailing Regulation 20).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located under the LYC Pavilion on the eastern side of the property.
- 2.2 The Race Committee will attempt to announce its intentions for the day on VHF channel 69 at 0900 each morning of the event.
- 2.3 Race Committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at the east end of the LYC property.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the Race Signal AP, and the scheduled time of the next warning signal will be posted on the Official Notice Board when AP is lowered.
- 4.3 As a courtesy, signals made ashore may be reported on the Pier 66 Notice Board.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Eight races are scheduled for each event of which one race must be completed to constitute a completed event in the series. Three events are scheduled.
- 5.2 The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.
- 5.3 The Race Committee shall run no more than three (3) races per day. The Race Committee will signal its intent to start another race by displaying Flag R from the signal boat at the finish of the previous race and will attempt to broadcast its intentions over VHF channel 69.
- 5.4 Three races are scheduled for Friday, three races are scheduled for Saturday and two races are scheduled for Sunday. The Race Committee may run a different number of races each day at its discretion.

6. BOW NUMBERS

Bow numbers shall be displayed on both sides of the bow with the number forward in accordance with Melges IC37 class guidelines.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The racing area is in the Atlantic Ocean, approximately 1.5 nautical miles south of Port Everglades Inlet and .75 miles offshore.
- 7.2 Competitors' attention is drawn to the Notice Regarding Threatened Species posted on the Official Notice Board.

8. COURSES AND MARKS

- 8.1 The courses are shown on the attached course diagrams **MELGES IC37 COURSES**.
- 8.2 A leeward gate (two marks) will not be used.
- 8.3 A windward offset mark will be laid to port of the windward mark, approximately perpendicular to the course axis and approximately 100 to 150 yards distant. The windward offset mark is to be rounded to port. In the event of a course change, the offset mark may or may not be used.
- 8.4 The approximate magnetic compass bearing from the starting line to the windward mark and the approximate distance from the leeward gate to the windward mark will be posted on the Race Committee signal boat at, or prior to, the warning signal.
- 8.5 The signal boat will display the course to be sailed on a white board at, or prior to, the warning signal.
- 8.6 Marks "W" and "L" will be orange tetrahedrons. Mark W-o and the starting line mark will be yellow.

9. THE START

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with racing rule RRS 26.
- 9.2. The Class Flag will be the Melges Class Flag.
- 9.3 The starting line will be between the course side of a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the nearby yellow starting mark.
- 9.4 The Race Committee Signal Boat may be protected by a nearby limit mark, which shall rank as a starting mark. Boats shall not pass between a limit mark and the nearby committee boat when approaching the line to start. The area between the limit mark and the committee boat does not rank as an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 18 or 19.
- 9.5 The Race Committee will attempt to identify recalled boats by bow number(s) broadcast over VHF channel 69.

10. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

- 10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (and/or offset mark) or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 10.2 A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

11. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby finishing mark to port of the Race Committee boat.

12. PENALTIES

- 12.1 The first sentence of RRS 44.1, **Taking a Penalty**, is changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*."
- 12.2 If a breach of Class Rules is found, penalties shall be at the discretion of the jury in consultation with a non-competing Class Representative.

13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1 Any race in which no yacht rounds the first windward mark within 25 minutes or finishes within 90 minutes of the start will be abandoned.
- 13.2 If a yacht finishes within the 90-minute limit, the time limit for all other yachts will be 15 minutes after the finish of the first yacht. Yachts not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the jury desk near the Official Notice Board at the LYC Pavilion. Protests shall be delivered there within the Protest Time Limit.

- 14.2 The Protest Time Limit is 90 minutes from the time the Race Committee signal boat docks at LYC on Friday and Saturday, and 60 minutes from that time on Sunday. The Protest Time Limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible.
- 14.3 Protest Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after they are delivered to the jury desk to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing to which they are a party. Protest hearings will be scheduled to start as soon as possible after the notices are posted. The jury will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Official Notice Board at LYC.
- 14.4 Although the Committee will make every effort to post the Protest Time Limit and Protest Notices on the Pier 66 Notice Board, it is each boat's responsibility to check the Official Notice Board at LYC by the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any party to appear on time for a hearing will be considered by the jury as grounds for proceeding under rule 63.3(b).
- 14.5 Only the race committee may initiate a protest for a violation of Sailing Instructions 6, 17, 19 & 20. This modifies RRS 60.1(a).

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix 'A', as modified below, will apply.
- 15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute an event..
- 15.3 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's event score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's event score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1 All yachts must carry minimum equipment as required by the U.S. Coast Guard and the Melges IC37 class rules.
- 16.2 Florida law requires that vessels underway maintain a 300-foot clearance from boats displaying a "diver down" flag. Competitors failing to observe this rule may be subject to protest by the Race Committee only.
- 16.3 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee on VHF Channel 69 and receive acknowledgement.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

- 17.1 An IC37 shall race the entire event with the crew as submitted per Appendix 2. After registration, crew may only be replaced for justifiable reasons and with the permission of the Race Committee. A revised crew list must be submitted to the CA Administrator and approval received prior to the race to which it applies.

19. 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 1200 hours, the Thursday prior to the first day of racing for that event.

20. SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1 IMIC37CR Section H.4 is invoked regarding restriction of outside assistance and support boats.
- 20.2 Only spectator boats that have registered with the Race Committee will be allowed near the racing area and should monitor VHF channel 69.
- 20.3 Video and photos taken from any support and/or coach boat shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This alters RRS 63.6. This rule is not intended as a deterrent to social interaction before and between races.

21. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to boats placing first through third overall in each event and to boats placing first through third overall for the Winter Series.

22. 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.



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