



**Melges IC37 Winter Series
Lauderdale Yacht Club**

NOTICE OF RACE

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

Organizing Authority and Host: Lauderdale Yacht Club in coordination with the International Melges IC37 Class Association (IMIC37CA) Supported by Melges USA

The Melges IC37 Winter Series will be hosted by the **Lauderdale Yacht Club** in association with the **International Melges IC37 Class Association** supported by Melges USA. The Lauderdale Yacht Club is located at 1725 SE 12th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316, 1+ (954) 524-5500. The IMIC37 Class Association may be contacted via phone at +1 203-829-3770 or via e-mail at admin@melgesic37class.com, Diana McConnell, IMIC37CA Executive Director.

1. RULES

- 1.1 This regatta series will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017 - 2019 *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The "class rules" for the purposes of the definition of "rules" are the International Melges IC37 Class Rules (IMIC37CR).
- 1.3 This regatta series will be run as IMIC37CA "**B Regatta**". Refer to IMIC37CR H.3.2.
- 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 US Sailing prescriptions to 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code (see World Sailing Regulation 20).

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1 The Melges IC37 Winter Series shall be open to boats whose Owner or Skipper is a current member of their National Governing Body (US SAILING for US entries; to join USSA call 1-800USSAIL-1) and the International Melges IC37 Class Association (IMIC 37CA).
- 3.2 Owners and crews must meet all World Sailing and IMIC37CA rules.
- 3.3 Each entrant must submit a completed Entry Form for each scheduled event online via Yacht Scoring (<http://yachtscoring.com>). Original signatures must be provided on the entry form.

3.4 IMIC37CR Section C.9 MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY, and all subsections, shall apply.

3.5 Entry deadlines:

- Event 1** - **November 08, 2019**
- Event 2** - **January 10, 2020**
- Event 3** - **March 06, 2020**

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1 To complete registration all entrants shall have submitted all required class forms, paid all entry fees and submitted a completed Entry Form and Signed Release Agreement including the photo release agreement. Original signatures are required.
- 4.2 Only boats that have fully completed registration will be eligible to race. Late registration may be allowed only with the prior approval of the Lauderdale Yacht Club (OA) and IMIC37CA and will be subject to late entry fees pursuant to 5 below.

5. FEES

The entry fee will be \$ 1,750 USD per boat per event. The entry fee is reduced to \$ 1,500 per boat per event if the total entry fees for all three events are paid prior to November 08, 2019. (\$4,500 USD) The fee for entries received after the entry deadline date will be \$ 2,000 USD per boat per event. Fees can be paid by check and mailed to the Lauderdale Yacht Club or paid at the time of registration. Checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank and made payable to the Lauderdale Yacht Club. All entry fees include Florida State sales tax. The entry fee does not include dockage, please refer to dockage (#23) below for contact information.

6. CLASSIFICATION

- 6.1 The World Sailing Classification Code, Regulation 22, will apply. Details of the World Sailing Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found in Appendix 4 on the World Sailing website at <https://members.sailing.org/classification/>
- 6.2 Each entrant shall submit a completed Crew Declaration, Waiver and Owner/Charterer Declaration Form (IMIC37CR Appendix 2) to Diana McConnell. admin@melgesic37class.com by the entry deadline designated in SI 3.5 for that event.
- 6.3 All Crew Declaration Forms will be posted online.
- 6.4 The earliest time a classification protest may be submitted is 0900 EDT hours one week prior to the first day of racing before each event. The Classification Protest Time Limit for each event under World Sailing Regulation 22.1 is 1700 hours on the Friday before each event.
- 6.5 A boat will not be eligible to race until all crew classifications have been checked for compliance.
- 6.6 A representative of the World Sailing Sailor Classification Commission may be present during registration and may carry out spot checks.

7. Schedule

	<u>Fall Cup</u>	<u>Lauderdale Cup</u>	<u>Midwinter Championship</u>
Event Dates	Nov. 22, 23 & 24	Jan. 24, 25 & 26	March 20, 21 & 22
Entry Deadline	Nov. 08, 2019	Jan. 10, 2020	March 06, 2020
Crew Declaration Due	Nov. 08, 2019	Jan. 10, 2020	March 06, 2020
Check In* 1800-1900	Nov. 21, 2019	Jan. 23, 2020	March 19, 2020
Skipper's Meeting* 1900	Nov. 21, 2019	Jan. 23, 2020	March 19, 2020

** To be held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Little Yacht Club tent.*

7.2 Schedule of races for each event:

First Warning Signal 1100 for the first race of the day for each day of racing.

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. On the last scheduled day of racing for each event no Warning Signal shall be made after 1400 Hours.

7.3 Award Presentation

On Sunday at Pier 66, immediately following racing and relevant protest hearings.

8. MEASUREMENTS

8.1 Each entrant must provide a completed Yacht Owner Compliance Declaration (IMIC37CR Appendix 2) to the IMIC37CA Administrator by 1700 Thursday of each event weekend.

9. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

9.1 An IC37 shall race the entire event with the crew as submitted per IMIC37CR 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.

10. 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.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be provided to entrants during check-in and will be posted on the official notice board.

12. VENUE

12.1 The racing area will be the Atlantic Ocean approximately 1.5 nm south of the Port Everglades inlet. Further information will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

13. THE COURSES

Courses will be windward / leeward.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so the penalty shall be a one turn penalty including one tack and one gybe. This modifies RRS 44.1 and 44.2.

15. PROTEST, ARBITRATION, AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time limit for filing requests for redress and requests to reopen a hearing. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 Up to eight (8) races are scheduled for each event of which one race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 16.2 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, with the following modifications: when fewer than six races have been completed, a boats event score will be the total of all of her race scores; when six or more races have been completed, a boats event score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.3 For the purpose of scoring the overall Melges IC37 Winter Series a boats final score will be the total of that boat's final finish position in each of the scheduled events with no event score discarded. A boat that does not compete in one or more of the scheduled events shall receive the score of one more than the number of boats registered for that event.
- 16.4 Melges IC37 Winter Series Ties - For the purposes of a tie in the final scoring of the Melges IC37 Winter Series a boats final score in each event will be listed in order of best to worse, and at the first point(s) where there is a difference the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat with the best score(s). This modifies RRS A8.1.
If a tie remains between two or more boats after application of 16.4 they shall be ranked in order of their final overall position in the last event both boats competed in to determine the winner. This modifies RRS A8.2.

17. SUPPORT BOATS

- 17.1 IMIC37CR Section H.4 is invoked regarding restriction of outside assistance and support boats.
- 17.2 Only spectator boats that have registered with the Race Committee will be allowed near the racing area and should monitor VHF channel 69.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 While on the water, the Race Committee may communicate with competing boats, including information about starting penalties, via VHF radio.
- 18.2 Each competing boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channel 69.

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20. SAILORS FOR THE SEA

We pledge our commitment to clean waters and shores by participating in Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regattas program. We vow to fulfill, and encourage others to fulfill, the goals and requirements of Clean Regattas as set forth by Sailors for the Sea, and to work to protect and restore our waters for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations. For more information, please visit www.sailorsforthesea.org

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 competitors participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

23. DOCKAGE

Dockage is available at Pier 66.

For information and arrangements regarding boat launching and storage contact Andy Burdick or Harry Melges at +1-262-275-1110. andy@melges.com or harry@melges.com

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

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