



NOTICE OF RACE (For Events No. 2 & 3)

EVENT NO. 1 : 2014 Key West Race Week • January 19-24
(A separate NOR is issued for this event)

EVENT NO. 2: 2014 Miami Winter Regatta • February 28 - March 2
(Miami Beach Marina; Miami, FL)

EVENT NO. 3: 2014 Miami Spring Challenge • April 4-6
(Miami Beach Marina; Miami, FL)

Organized by the International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA), hosted by Coconut Grove Sailing Club and supported by Melges USA.

1. VENUE

- 1.1 The International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA) is the Organizing Authority (OA) and the Coconut Grove Sailing Club is the host.
- 1.2 Onshore functions for Miami Winter Series Events No. 2 and 3 will be at Miami Beach Marina located at 300 Alton Road, Miami FL. 33139, +1 (305) 673-6000.
- 1.3 2014 Miami Winter Series Event No. 1 will be held in conjunction with Key West Race Week. There is a separate entry form and fee for Key West Race Week. Any specific details regarding this event will be posted online at premiereracing.com.
- 1.4 In the water dockage for all Melges 32s shall be at Miami Beach Marina.
- 1.5 Trophy presentations will take place at Miami Beach Marina.
- 1.6 Websites:
International Melges 32 Class Association (melges32.com)
Coconut Grove Sailing Club (cgsc.org)
Miami Beach Marina (miamibeachmarina.com)
Melges USA (melges.com)

2. RULES

- 2.1 These regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 2.2 The 'class rules' for the purposes of the definition of 'rules' are the International Melges 32 Class Rules (IM32CR).
- 2.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) will apply.
- 2.4 Video and/or photographs shall not be used as evidence at protest or request for redress hearings. This changes RRS 63.6.
- 2.5 All boats must carry minimum equipment as required by the U.S. Coast Guard and the IM32CR.
- 2.6 RRS/US prescription Appendix T Section A (penalties at the time of the incident), Section B (Post-race penalties) and Section D (Arbitration) will apply.
- 2.3 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).
- 2.4 The IM32CR, including Section H (Event Rules), will apply except as specifically changed in the Notice of Race (NOR) or in the Sailing Instructions (SIs).
- 2.5 RRS 42.3(c) is changed to allow the spinnaker sheet to be trimmed without restriction.
- 2.6 On the water umpiring may be used and will be fully described in the SIs.
- 2.7 IM32CR H.3 (Sail Limitation Marks) shall apply.
- 2.8 In accordance with IM32CR H.4.3 (WIND LIMITS), 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.
- 2.9 In accordance with IM32CR H.8 (Competitor Conduct), all owners are responsible for their crew's conduct and shall at times exemplify the Melges 32 Class Mission Statement and Code of Conduct. Failure to do so is grounds for disqualification.
- 2.10 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1 IM32CR C.4, (ADVERTISING), will apply.
- 3.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If provided, flags and/or decals shall be displayed beginning Friday, 28 February through Sunday, 2 March, and again beginning Friday, 4 April through Sunday, 6 April.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The Melges 32 Miami Winter Series are open to all boats of the International Melges 32 Class Association that meet the obligations of the class rules.
- 4.2 Owners and crews must meet all ISAF and IM32CA rules.
- 4.3 IM32CR Section C.9 Membership and Eligibility, all all subsections shall apply.
- 4.5 For Event No. 2, each entrant must submit a completed entry form and pay the entry fee online via Yachtscoring by Friday, 14 February 2014. Original signatures must be provided at registration. Late entries will be accepted only with the prior approval of the IM32CA.

- 4.6 For Event No. 3, each entrant must submit a completed entry form and pay the entry fee online via Yachtscoring by Friday, 21 March 2014. Original signatures must be provided at registration. 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, paid all entry fees and submitted a completed entry form and event waiver with original signature.
- 5.2 For Event No. 2, only boats that have fully completed registration by 1800 on Thursday, 27 February will be eligible to race. Late registration may be allowed only with the prior approval of the IM32CA.
- 5.3 For Event No. 3, only boats that have fully completed registration by 1800 on Thursday, 3 April will be eligible to race. Late registration may be allowed only with the prior approval of the IM32CA.

6. CLASSIFICATION

- 6.1 The ISAF Classification Code, Regulation 22, will apply. Details of the ISAF Classification Code and information on how to apply can be found on the ISAF website at www.sailing.org/classification.
- 6.2 For Event No. 2, no later than Friday, 14 February 2014, each entrant shall submit a completed Crew Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 3.1) to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator at classadmin@melges32.com or fax at +1 (912) 756-6728 for verification. The Crew Declaration Form should list all crew, together with their classification and, for Group 1 sailors, their ISAF Sailor ID number and ID Expiration.
- 6.3 For Event No. 3, no later than Friday, 21 March 2014, each entrant shall submit a completed Crew Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 3.1) to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator at classadmin@melges32.com or fax at +1 (912) 756-6728 for verification. The Crew Declaration Form should list all crew, together with their classification and, for Group 1 sailors, their ISAF Sailor ID number and ID Expiration.
- 6.4 All Crew Declaration Forms will be posted on the Melges 32 website, www.melges32.com, upon receipt.
- 6.5 For Event No. 2, the earliest time a classification protest may be submitted is 0900 EDT hours on Monday, 17 February. The Classification Protest Time Limit under ISAF Regulation 22.1 is 1700 hours on Tuesday, 25 February.
- 6.6 For Event No. 3, the earliest time a classification protest may be submitted is 0900 EDT hours on Monday, 24 March. The Classification Protest Time Limit under ISAF Regulation 22.1 is 1700 hours on Tuesday, 1 April.
- 6.7 A boat will not be eligible to race until all crew classifications have been checked for compliance.

7. FEES

- 7.1 For Event No. 2, the entry fee will be \$1,175 USD per boat for entries received by Friday 14 February, 2014. The fee for entries received after that date will be \$1,375 USD. Entry fee can be paid online at www.yachtscoring.com.

- 7.2 For Event No. 3, the entry fee will be \$1,175 USD per boat for entries received by Friday 21 March 2014. The fee for entries received after that date will be \$1,375 USD. Entry fee can be paid online at www.yachtscoring.com.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Event No. 2 schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, 26 February

1400-1800 Registration, Crew Weigh-in at Miami Beach Marina

Thursday, 27 February - Practice Day

0800-1100 Registration, Crew Weigh-in at Miami Beach Marina

1400-1800 Registration, Crew Weigh-in at Miami Beach Marina

1800 Opening Ceremonies/Skipper's Meeting at Miami Beach Marina

1800 All boats afloat

Friday, 28 February - Race Day 1

0815 Morning competitor briefing at Miami Beach Marina

1100 First warning

Apres Racing Afternoon social at Miami Beach Marina

Saturday, 1 March - Race Day 2

0815 Morning competitor briefing at Miami Beach Marina

1100 First warning

Apres Racing Afternoon social at Miami Beach Marina

Sunday, 2 March - Race Day 3

0815 Morning competitor briefing at Miami Beach Marina

1100 First Warning

1430 No warning signal after 1430

Awards Afternoon social and awards ceremony at Miami Beach Marina

(Awards and social will commence approximately 1 hour after boats arrive back at Miami Beach Marina after racing)

- 8.2 Event No. 3 schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, 2 April

1400-1800 Registration, Crew Weigh-in at Miami Beach Marina

Thursday, 3 April - Practice Day

0800-1100 Registration, Crew Weigh-in at Miami Beach Marina

1400-1800 Registration, Crew Weigh-in at Miami Beach Marina

1800 Opening Ceremonies/Skipper's Meeting at Miami Beach Marina

1800 All boats afloat

Friday, 4 April - Race Day 1

0815 Morning competitor briefing at Miami Beach Marina

1100 First warning

Apres Racing Afternoon social at Miami Beach Marina

Saturday, 5 April - Race Day 2

0815 Morning competitor briefing at Miami Beach Marina

1100 First warning

Apres Racing Afternoon social at Miami Beach Marina

Sunday, 6 April - Race Day 3

0815	Morning competitor briefing at Miami Beach Marina
1100	First Warning
1430	No warning signal after 1430
Awards	Afternoon social and awards ceremony at Miami Beach Marina <i>(Awards and social will commence approximately 1 hour after boats arrive back at Miami Beach Marina after racing)</i>

- 8.3 (8) Eight races are scheduled
- 8.4 The Race Committee may conduct as many as (3) three races per day
- 8.5 The OA and the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the program due to weather conditions or other causes.

9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 For Event No. 2, each entrant must provide a completed Yacht Owner Compliance Declaration (IM32CR Appendix 4), a completed Sail Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 3.2) and a Crew Weigh-in/Liability Form (IM32CR Appendix 5) to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator, via e-mail at classadmin@melges32.com or via fax at +1 (912) 756-6728 by Thursday, 27 February.
- 9.2 For Event No. 3, each entrant must provide a completed Yacht Owner Compliance Declaration (IM32CR Appendix 4), a completed Sail Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 3.2) and a Crew Weigh-in/Liability Form (IM32CR Appendix 5) to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator, via e-mail at classadmin@melges32.com or via fax at +1 (912) 756-6728 by Thursday, 3 April.

10. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

- 10.1 Crew substitutions before and during the events are permitted. A revised crew list must be submitted to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator and approval received prior to the race to which it applies.
- 10.2 Crew substitutions may weigh-in during the designated Substitute Crew Weigh-In period, from 0800 – 0830 hours, on the first day that they will compete.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 Sailing Instructions will be provided to entrants on the event web site prior to the close of registration.

12. VENUE

- 12.1 Attachment A shows the location of the racing areas.

13. COURSES

- 13.1 The courses to be sailed will be a windward/leeward configuration as described in the Sailing Instructions.

14. PENALTY SCORING SYSTEM

- 14.1 RRS/US prescription Appendix T Section A (Penalties at the time of the Incident), Section B (Post-Race Penalties) and Section D (Arbitration) will apply.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply, with the following modification: when fewer than six races have been sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores; when six 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 rule Appendix A2.
- 15.2 Eight (8) races are scheduled; three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.3 All boats entering the 2014 Melges 32 Miami Winter Series (M32MWS) are eligible to be scored in the series. The 2014 M32MWS includes cumulative combined scoring from Key West Race Week, Miami Winter Regatta and Miami Spring Challenge. All scores carry over and are included in the 2014 USA Sailing Series. All scores acquired by boats count toward participation in the series and calculated as stated below:
- Points are awarded to the Owner/Driver
 - Each event attended counts toward their total ranking score
 - Base scoring system awards points as follows:
 - 1st place = 100 points
 - 2nd place = 99 points
 - 3rd place = 98 points
 - 4th place = 97 points, and etc...
 - 100th place = 1 point
 - 101th place = 0 point

16. SUPPORT & COACH BOATS

- 16.1 Restrictions on Support Boats shall apply as described in International Melges 32 Class Rule C.11 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.
- 16.2 Only support boats that have registered with the RC and carry identification provided by the RC will be allowed in the racing area.

17. HAUL OUT INSTRUCTIONS

- 17.1 For Event No. 2, boats shall not be hauled-out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. All boats shall be launched prior to 1800, Thursday, 27 February 2014.
- 17.2 For Event No. 3, boats shall not be hauled-out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee. All boats shall be launched prior to 1800, Thursday, 3 April 2014.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 While on the water, the RC may communicate with competing boats via VHF radio, including starting penalties.
- 18.2 Each competing boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channel 9,16,22,69 and 72.

19. TROPHIES

- 19.1 Trophies for winning helmsman and each crew member for the top three boats overall for each Event No. 2 & No. 3.
- 19.2 Daily trophies for the winner of each race will be presented at each event's

final awards ceremony.

- 19.3 Additional trophies and/or awards may be given at the discretion of the Race Committee and the OA.
- 19.4 At the close ceremonies of Event No. 3, a Miami Winter Series Championship Trophy will be awarded to the overall Series winner.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1 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.

21. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

- 21.1 The organization reserves the right to change this Notice of Race (NOR) in accordance with RRS 89.2 (a). Any change made to this NOR will be published on the regatta website.

22. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 22.1 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 event 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 event and the participants in the regatta. The OA will exercise these rights in its sole discretion or as it may agree with the event sponsors. Participants shall not reproduce, publicly communicate or distribute images of the race in any way or form without previous authorization from the OA or the IM32CA.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1 The boat is 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.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

Boat Launching and Boat Storage

For information and arrangements regarding boat launching and storage contact the IM32CA at +1 (912) 398-5776.

Dockage

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ATTACHMENT A

VENUE - Racing Area

Not to be used for navigation

