



# MELGES 32 2019 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

OCTOBER 24 – 27  
VALENCIA

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY



La Marina de València

**La Marina de Valencia**  
**Valencia** [www.lamarinadevalencia.com](http://www.lamarinadevalencia.com)



**Real Club Náutico de**  
**Valencia** [www.rcnv.es](http://www.rcnv.es)

Together with:

Melges 32 Class Association – European Fleet  
[eurofleet@melges32.com](mailto:eurofleet@melges32.com)



## 2. RULES

- 2.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017 - 2020
- 2.2** The International Melges 32 Class Rules will apply
- 2.3** Addendum “Class Rules Update 2016” and “Class Rules 2017” will apply
- 2.4** IM32CA may decide to apply umpiring fleet racing as per SIs.
- 2.5** *IM32CR part III H.3 Sail Limitation Mark apply*
- 2.6** *IM32CR part III H.7 Competitor Conduct apply*
- 2.7** *IM32CR part III H.4.3 Wind Speeds apply*
- 2.8** In order to speed up the protest procedure the last day of each event, any interview will take place on the umpire boat following the same procedures as per match race, team racing, and medal racing.  
Further details will be communicated in the specifications of the Sailing Instruction.
- 2.9** For the boats competing in the MELGES WORLD LEAGUE Corinthian Division, IM32CA Rule C2.2(c) is modified as follows: The crew shall contain no more than one (1) ISAF Group 3 sailors.
- 2.10** If there is a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail, including the subsequent Announcement that will be displayed in the Official Notice Board (This change RRS 63.7).
- 2.11** <spare>
- 2.12** Children who have not yet turned 12 on the date of the first race cannot be taken on board the boats during the races.

## 3 ADVERTISING and MEDIA

- 3.1** The advertising is permitted according to Class Rule (IMC32CR C.4). According to the regulation 20.4 WORLD SAILING, the Organizing Authority may ask competitors to display sponsor flag and/or stickers. The flag and the stickers must be displayed from the day before the start and until the end of the event. The correct display of the above is explained in the **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2** The Organizing Authority may ask competitors to install/carry on board electronic devices aiming to the media coverage of the event.

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** The events are open to all boats of the International Melges 32 Class Association.
- 4.2** All the boat owners and helmsmans must comply with requirements of the Class Rules IM32CR Part II.C.2.
- 4.3** All competitors shall be in compliance with the WORLD SAILING Eligibility Rules, WORLD SAILING Sailor Classification Code, and Melges 32 Class Rules. As per IM32CR C.2, the IM32CA delegated to a Classification Code Committee the authority of evaluating a helmsman's status within the spirit of the Class rules.
- 4.4** All competitors shall submit their Sailing Federation licences valid for the current year



**4.5 Pre-registration** shall be submitted to the International Melges 32 Class Association - Eurofleet by e-mail: [eurofleet@melges32.com](mailto:eurofleet@melges32.com) within October 21<sup>st</sup> complete of:

- Crew Declaration
- Sailing Federation ID
- Copy of the Entry Fee Payment
- Valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of €1.500.000,00 per event or the equivalent amount if expressed in a different currency.
- Whit sailors younger than 18 years old, the registration form must be signed at the bottom by the parent, guardian or "Support Person" which allows him to comply with the Rules (RRS 3.1 (b)) and who, during the event, assumes responsibility to get it down in the water to race.

**4.6 Registration** must be completed at the Regatta Race Office within h.10.00 on the first day of racing.

The registration is considered valid after the delivery of:

- Sail Declaration Form (Appendix 2 of IM32CR)
- Entry Form signed
- Disclaimer Form signed
- Equipment check list signed
- If a crew member is younger than 18 years old, the registration form must be signed by the parent, guardian or "Support Person" which allows him to comply with the Rules (RRS 3.1 (b)). During the event, this person assumes the responsibility to get him racing.
- Corinthian teams must declare their will to be scored in the corinthian division while registering to the event and they have to verify their status at the time of registration. Only if the crew comply with NOR 2.9 (The crew shall contain no more than one ISAF Group 3 sailors) due by the deadline for registration, the boat can be clasified as a "Corinthian team" for the single event.**

## 5 ENTRY FEE

**5.1** All participants shall pay the 2019 WORLD LEAGUE Registration Fee to join the event to be admitted.

The registration fee includes for each single event

- Hospitality & docking
- Professional race management
- Umpires
- Melges Wolrd League administration
- Event media coverage
- Social events after race

Teams are responsible for any costs other than those described in NOR 5.5



## 6 EVENTS SCHEDULE

**6.1** The Program will be the following:

Monday	14.30 - 18.00: Registration and Weight
Tuesday	09.00 - 18.00: Registration and Weight
Wednesday	09.00 - 17.00: Registration and Weight
Thursday	10.30: Deadline for Registration 11.00: Skipper Briefing 13.00: First Warning Signal
Friday	Races
Saturday	Races
Sunday	Races (No INITIAL Warning after 15.00)

**6.2** For the second day of racing, the estimated time of the first warning signal will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 20.00 of the previous day. If no notices are displayed, the starting time will be the same as day before.

**6.3** *On the last day of the regatta for Events 4 no INITIAL Warning Signal will be displayed after 15.00*

**6.4** Social event programs will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

If other events with separate rankings are organized, these specific announcements will also be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**6.5** IT IS MANDATORY that each boat attending the Event is moored at the organizing Yacht Club or Marina at the latest within the start of the Skipper Briefing, as indicated on the Official Notice Board.

**6.6** IT IS MANDATORY that at least four (4) crew members attend the prize giving. If a team fails to attend, PENALTIES will be applied having effect on the Results of the Circuit as specified in **Appendix 2**.

**6.7** The hauling-out list will be published on the Official Notice Board by h 20.30 of the day prior to the last day of racing.

For the correct procedure please refer to **Appendix 3**.

## 7 MEASUREMENT AND WEIGHING

**7.1** All competitors shall observe Class Measurements Rules. There will be measurements checks before the start of the regatta, as well as during the event, as stated by the International Melges 32 Class Association.

There will be the following control checks:

- Sail dimensions
- Boat and appendixes inspections with Ultrasounds
- Check of Mast, spreaders, bommerangs
- Corrector Weight
- Safety Equipment
- Random Measurement Checks
- Any further boat/Equipment check requested by the OA



## 8 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

**8.1** All boats shall be launched by the close of the event's registration.

**8.2** Boats shall not be hauled out during the events without the written permission of the Race Committee, in accordance to the rules.

**8.3** The Organizing Authority may impose haul-out restrictions.

## 9 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available to all competitors during registration within the Skipper's Briefing.

## 10 VENUE

Racing will take place on the water outside the Yacht Club/Marina as per the Sailing Instructions.

## 11 COURSE

The course shall be in a Windward-Leeward configuration with an offset mark between the windward mark and leeward gate.

The Race Committee may provide different courses that will be included as an option and communicated in the Sailing Instructions.

## 12 SCORING

### Single event scoring

**12.1** A maximum of ten (10) races will be held for each event.

**12.2** A maximum of three (3) races may be hold on each racing day

**12.3** The Low Point System of RRS Appendix 'A' is applied *[IM32CR part III H.4.1 (c) apply]*

**12.4** One (1) race is needed to validate the Championship.

**12.5** When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. *[IM32CR H.4.2 (b) & (c) apply]*

## 13 PRIZES

**13.1** At each single Event Prizes will be awarded to:

- First five (5) classified boats of the Event
- First three (3) classified boats sailing under the Corinthian Division.

**Corinthian teams must designate their status at the time of registration** pursuant to NOR Rule 2.9 (For the boats willing to attend the MELGES WORLD LEAGUE Corinthian Division, IM32CA Rule C2.2(c) is modified as follow: The crew shall contain no more than one (1), ISAF Group 3 sailor).

## 14 VHF





14.1 During the starting procedure, in addition to sound and flag signals, the Race Committee may use a VHF to call out any boats that are OCS by sail or bow numbers. The use of VHF radio communication, or failure to use it by the Race Committee, shall not be considered as valid reason for protesting or requesting of redress in any case. This changes Rule 62.

14.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all other boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones and all other electronical devices.

## **15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regattas entirely at their own risk, See RRS Rule 4 Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, the Class, Race Officials, the Race Committee, and the Jury shall not accept any liability for direct or indirect damages or personal injuries or death occuring in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.

## **16 SUPPORT BOATS**

IM32CR H.5 Outside Assistance apply.

Support boats and support people shall check-in at the Registration Office, filling in form and declaring:

- 1) support boat features;
- 2) the acceptance of the “Rules for the relief people” described in the SI.
- 3) the name of the associated team

Relief people checked in are subjected to technical and disciplinary guided lines by the RC or Jury. RC or Jury can operate under RRS 64.4.

## **17 INSURANCE**

17.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of €1.500.000,00 per event or the equivalent, if expressed in a different currency. Proof of insurance shall be provided during pre-registration.

17.2 It is the owner or owner’s representative sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate, including coverage during races, sail training, and all land and sea transportation.

## **18 LOGISTIC INFORMATION**

For the Logistic information please refer to [eurofleet@melges.com](mailto:eurofleet@melges.com) and to the “Event Competitor Announcement”.

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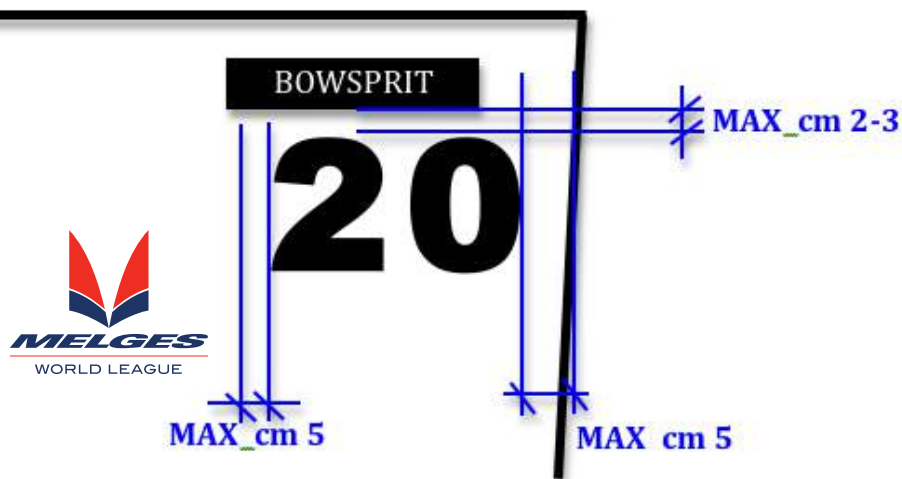
## Appendix 1

### Stickers & bow numbers positioning

#### Hull Sticker

Must respect the MAXIMUM margin on the diagram below. Stickers must be the same height on both sides.

When looking at the the bow from the front of the boat the stickers must appear fully aligned on both sides.



#### Boom Sticker

The boom sticker, if provided by the Organizing Authority, shall be applied on the forward part of each side of the boom, next to the mast.

#### Backstay / Forestay Flag

The Backstay flag, if provided by Organizing Authority, must be placed over the backstay-block, for the entire duration of the event (including during races).

The Forestay flag, if provided by Organizing Authority, must always be hoisted while the boat is at the dock and must be positioned over any other forestay-flag displayed by the team.



## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Required Presence at Prizegiving**

- a) The prizegiving will take place twenty (20) minutes after the mooring of the Committee Boat and it is subject to the publishing of the official provisional results. No further communications need to be made about this scheduled time.
- b) If the prizegiving does not start within thirty (30) minutes from the scheduled time, any absence will be justified.
- c) In case of absence, a notification will be sent to the owner who must reply within two (2) days.
- d) After this lapse of time, the Committee in charge of evaluating the infractions will review the facts and, if an infraction is found, will take action by applying the following sanctions:
  - i) Penalty: Subtraction of five (5) points from the Team's overall score in the MELGES 32 WORLD LEAGUE EUROPEAN DIVISION.
- e) The Committee in charge of evaluating the infractions is composed of:
  - the Eurofleet Board
  - at least one (1) member of the Race Committee
  - a member of the Organization Authority of the Circuit.

If necessary, the Eurofleet Board will nominate substitutes.

- f) The above mentioned procedures, in particular point e) as far as the composition of the Committee is concerned, will apply also in case of issues regarding validations or redresses of MELGES 32 WORLD LEAGUE EUROPEAN DIVISION results.
- g) The above mentioned procedures, in particular point e) as far as the composition of the Committee is concerned, will apply also to all situations involving infractions to the Class Rules.



## **Appendix 3**

### **Hauling Rules**

Hauling rules apply to all events of Melges 32 World League.

The hauling list is prepared following the principle of territorial distance of the boat /owner-helmsman.

Two boats can agree to exchange positions on the hauling list, BUT the change MUST be communicated and approved by the Class Secretary.

Any change in the hauling list or any agreement between two competitors, if not approved by the Class Secretary, is not valid.

In the case a boat called for hauling does not turn up under the crane, the operations manager will call the next boat on the list. The boat that did not turn up will be granted priority over the others on the list when it arrives at the crane.

Those who fail to comply with the hauling rules will be positioned at the end of the hauling list at the following event.

A second warning and infraction during the season will result in that boat being placed at the end of the hauling list in all following events organized by the Class. In this case the Committee in charge of evaluating the infractions can consider additional penalties (fines and/or scoring).

