



IC37 North American Championship

Newport, Rhode Island
October 1-3, 2021

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association. The host yacht club is New York Yacht Club.

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The International Melges IC37 Class Association (IMIC37CA) rules shall apply except as changed in this Notice of Race (NOR).
- 1.3 All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and race committee communication.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.5 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.2 is deleted.
- 1.6 Class Rule H.3.4(a) is changed as follows: "When the race committee flies code flag "R" (Romeo), all boats shall reef the mainsail until the "R" flag is lowered."
- 1.7 In accordance with IMIC37CA Rule H3.2, this event is classified as an A Regatta.
- 1.8 All boats must fly a 30" x 48" US 50-star flag (not a yachting ensign) off a 48" teak staff (paint optional) from their transom. Non-US boats may fly a suitable substitute of the same size.

2 ADVERTISING

The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the IC37 class.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing and submitting the online entry form and the entry fee payment through the event website.

4 ENTRY FEES

If paid in full on or before Friday, September 24, the entry fee is \$1,200 per boat. After Friday, September 24 the entry fee is \$1,450 per boat.

5 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1	Date	Time	Event
	Tuesday, Sept 28	8am-12pm	Measurement (scheduled individually with class measurer)
	Wednesday, Sept 29	8am-12pm	Measurement (scheduled individually with class measurer)
		1600-2000	Crew Weigh-ins (NYYC Sailing Center)
	Thursday, Sept 30	0800-1100	Crew Weigh-ins (NYYC Sailing Center)
		0900-1730	Registration at NYYC Sailing Center
		1600-1700	Crew Weigh-ins (NYYC Sailing Center)
		1915-2030	Crew Weigh-ins (NYYC Sailing Center)
	Friday, October 1	0800-0900	Late Registration and Crew Weigh-ins (NYYC Sailing Center)
		1100	First Warning Signal
		After Racing	Social TBD
	Saturday, October 2	0800-0900	Crew Weigh-ins (NYYC Sailing Center; crew changes only)
		1100	First Warning Signal
		After Racing	Social TBD
	Sunday, October 3	0800-0900	Crew Weigh-ins (NYYC Sailing Center; crew changes only)
		1100	First Warning Signal
		After Racing	Prize Giving at NYYC

- 5.2 On the final day of the regatta, the initial warning signal will not be made after 1500 hours. The warning signal for a start following one or more general recalls may be made after 1500 hours.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available no later than the start of registration and will be posted on the regatta website as well on the Official Notice Board at New York Yacht Club.

7 VENUE AND RACING AREA

- 7.1 Racing will be held in the waters of Rhode Island Sound and/or Narragansett Bay.
7.2 Regatta headquarters will be at New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court, in Newport, RI.

8 PENALTIES

The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is changed to read: "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*."

9 SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with IMIC37CA Rule H3.1. This changes RRS A2.

10 TEAM AND SPECTATOR VESSELS

- 10.1 The following limitations and restrictions apply to team and other spectator vessels.
- Spectator vessels shall not approach closer than 100 meters to any vessel that is racing. In addition, a spectator vessel shall stay at least 100 meters away laylines or marks of the course.
 - If in the starting area, spectator vessels shall leave the racing and starting areas prior to the warning signal and may station themselves outside of the starboard end of the starting line, but no closer than 150 meters to the race committee signal vessel.
- 10.2 All team spectator vessels must register with the OA prior to the first day of racing. Team spectator vessels shall display the identifying flag issued by the OA at all times while they are on the water.

11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes for the top three finishing teams will be awarded.
11.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

12 RADIO AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

- 12.1 While racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio or wireless communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency.
- 12.2 The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. The race committee's VHF channel will be provided at the Competitors' Briefing and posted on the Official Notice Board.

13 MEDIA WAIVER AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper and individual participating crew member shall submit an online Waiver & Release of Liability form / COVID-19 Release. The fully executed Liability & Media Waiver Form / COVID-19 Release shall be submitted prior to racing. The waiver form link can be found on the IC37 North American Championship [website](#).
- 13.2 Media Waiver – Competitors and crew members on the competing boats grant, at no cost, the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc., New York Yacht Club, and any official sponsors of the regatta, the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media worldwide (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the IC37 North American Championship and the participants in the Melges IC37 North American Championship.
- 13.3 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. All skippers and crew should familiarize themselves with RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and all its Committee members 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.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Regatta Website: <https://www.nyyc.org/2021-melges-ic37-north-american-championship>

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