

2015/16 Melges 32 BLUE WATER SERIES

**NOTICE OF RACE
Lauderdale Yacht Club**



Melges 32 U.S. National Championship - December 4-6, 2015
Melges 32 Gold Cup – February 12-14, 2016
Melges 32 Lauderdale Cup - April 1-3, 2016

Organizing Authority and Host: Lauderdale Yacht Club in coordination with the International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA) Supported by Melges USA. The Melges 32 Winter

Series, including the Melges 32 United States National Championship, the Melges 32 Gold Cup and the Melges 32 Lauderdale Cup will be hosted by the Lauderdale Yacht Club in association with the International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA), supported by Melges USA.

The Melges 32 Blues Water Series will be held at the following locations:

Lauderdale Yacht Club
1725 SE 12th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316, (954) 524-5500

Bahia Mar Marina and Hotel
801 Seabreeze Blvd
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316 (954) 764-2233

The IM32CA may be contacted via phone at (952) 426-2330 or via e-mail at sam@melges32.com

1. RULES

1.1 This regatta series will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013 - 2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 The "class rules" for the purposes of the definition of "rules" are the International Melges 32 Class Rules (IM32CR).

1.3 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Lauderdale Yacht Club and IM32CA.

1.4 All boats must carry minimum equipment as required by the U.S. Coast Guard and the IM32CR.

1.5 RRS.82 will not apply.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 IM32CR C.4 Advertising shall apply.

2.2 Advertising shall only be displayed in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code (see ISAF Regulation 20).

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

3.1 The Melges 32 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 32 Class Association (IM32CA).

3.2 Owners and crews must meet all ISAF and IM32CA rules.

3.3 Each entrant must submit a completed Entry Form for each scheduled event online and pay the entry fee via Yacht Scoring (<http://yachtscoring.com>). Original signatures must be provided on the entry form. Late entries will be accepted only with the prior approval of the Lauderdale Yacht Club (OA).

3.4 IM32 CR Section C and all subsections, shall apply.

3.5 Entry deadlines:

United States National Championship	-	November 04, 2015
Melges 32 Gold Cup	-	January 12, 2016
Melges 32 Lauderdale Cup	-	March 01, 2016

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. 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 IM32CA and will be subject to late entry fees pursuant to 5 below.

5. FEES

The entry fee will be \$ 1,550 USD per boat per event. The fee for entries received after the entry deadline date will be \$1,700 USD per boat per event. Fees can be paid by credit card on line at (<http://yachtscoring.com>). 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.

Entry fee per event includes the following -

- World Class Race Management for 3 day, 8 race series
- Thursday evening welcome reception, and Saturday Evening full buffet dinner at LYC for 8 people @\$85 per head.
- Trophies and Daily Awards

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 Each entrant shall submit a completed Crew Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 1) to Sam Rogers, IM32CA Manager, at sam@melges32.com or fax to +1 (912) 756-6728 by the deadline designated on the Schedule, (7). The Crew Declaration Form should list all crew, together with their classification and, for Group 1 sailors, their ISAF Sailor ID number.

6.3 All Crew Declaration Forms will be posted online at www.melges32.com, upon receipt.

6.4 The earliest time a classification protest may be submitted is 0900 EDT hours one week prior to the first day of racing for each event. The Classification Protests Time Limit under ISAF Regulation 22.1 is 1700 hours on the Friday of 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 ISAF Sailor Classification Commission may be present during registration and may carry out spot checks.

7. SCHEDULE

	US Nationals	Gold Cup	Lauderdale Cup
Event Dates	Dec. 4-6, 2015	Feb. 12-14, 2016	April 1-3, 2016
Entry Deadline	Nov. 04, 2015	Jan. 12, 2016	March 01, 2016 \
Crew Declaration Due	Nov. 20, 2015	Jan. 29, 2016	March 25, 2016
Check In* 1800-1900	Dec. 03, 2015	Feb. 11, 2016	March 31, 2016
Skipper's Meeting* 1900	Dec. 03, 2015	Feb. 11, 2016	March 31, 2016
Commodore's Banquet *	Dec. 05, 2015	Feb. 13, 2016	April 02, 2016

* To be held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Pool/Pavilion

Junior Race Day	Not Applicable	Feb. 13, 2016	April 02, 2016
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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.

Award Presentation

On Sunday at Bahia Mar, immediately following racing and relevant protest hearings.

8. MEASUREMENTS

8.1 Each entrant must provide a completed an Owner Compliance Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 5) to the IM32CA Administrator by 1700 the Thursday of each event weekend.

8.2 Each entrant must provide a completed Sail Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 2) to the IM32C Administrator by the close of registration for each event.

8.3 Each entrant must submit a completed Weigh-In/Liability Form (IM32CR Appendix 6) to the IM32CA Administrator by the close of registration for each event.

8.4 At the first event a team is competing in all competitors shall weigh-in during the available crew weigh-in times at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center on the Wednesday or Thursday before the start of racing for that event: Wednesday 0800-1100, Thursday 0800-1100 or 1600-1800. Late weigh-in is available from 0800 to 0830 on Friday of each event by appointment only.

8.5 The recorded weight for a team will carry through each subsequent event of the series. If there is a crew change during the series the new crew member must be weighed prior to the start of that event and the team, according to the recorded weight, shall remain under the maximum allowed weight. If the weight should exceed the limit the entire crew shall re-weigh with the exception of the owner. In addition, if 3 or more crew has changed from the previous event the entire team must re-weigh including the owner.

9. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

9.1 Crew substitutions before and during the event are permitted. A revised crew list must be submitted to the IM32CA Administrator and approval received prior to the race to which it applies.

9.2 Crew substitutions may weigh-in during the designated Substitute Crew Weigh-In period, from 0800 - 0830 hours, on the first day that the substitute crew will compete.

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.

12.2 With the exception of the 2 assigned practice days prior to the start of each event, teams may not practice, tune or test within a 25 mile radius of the racing area described in 12.1, 14 days prior to the start of the event. Teams may arrive and set up at the Bahia Mar at anytime, but practice days will be limited.

13. THE COURSES

Courses will be windward / leeward.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The turns penalty for a Part 2 rule broken outside the Zone shall be One Turn, including one tack and one gybe. This modifies RRS 44.1.

15. PROTEST 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 three (3) races 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 boat's event score will be the total of all 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.

16.3 For the purposes of scoring the overall Melges 32 Winter Series a boat's 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 32 Winter Series Ties - For the purposes of a tie in the final scoring of the Melges 32 Winter Series a boat's final score in each event will be listed in order of best to worse, not the boat's individual scores in each race for each event, 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

16.5 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 Only support boats that have registered with the Race Committee will be allowed in the racing area.

17.2 Restrictions on support boats shall apply as described in IM32CA H.5 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE except that IM32CA H.5 is modified as follow: "Contact with support boats is allowed on the water, but transfer of crew-members, sails, equipment, water, food or any other material item is strictly prohibited and towing to and from the Racing Area is strictly prohibited".

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.

19. LYC SAILING FOUNDATION JUNIOR RACE DAY

19.1 Experienced local Junior Sailors will be randomly assigned to race on each yacht for racing on the Saturday of the Melges 32 Gold Cup event and the Saturday of the Melges 32 Lauderdale Cup event. These Junior Sailors will not be included in the calculation of class weight restrictions.

19.2 The Junior Sailor aboard the boat with the lowest total points during each Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Foundation Junior Race Day for each event will be recognized with an award from the LYC Sailing Foundation.

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 in the Blue Water Series. Prizes will be awarded to the top three Corinthian Teams in each event and for the overall **Blue Water Series**. Corinthian teams must designate their status at the time of registration pursuant to the definition of Corinthian in the Class Rules.

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 Bahia Mar (964) 627-6309 and NOT included in the entry fee. For information and arrangements regarding boat launching and storage contact the IM32CA at (952) 426-2330.

24. LODGING

Lodging is available at the Bahia Mar Hotel, and a block of rooms has been reserved under the Melges 32 Blue Water Series.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

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