



Notice of Race

2009 MELGES 32 East Coast Championships

May 15, 16 and 17, 2009

Organizing Authority

The American Yacht Club

Hosted by

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1.0 RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the International Melges 32 Class Rules, except as these are altered by the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. All boats must carry minimum equipment as required by the US Coast Guard and the Melges 32 Class Rules.

2.0 ADVERTISING

- 2.1. International Melges 32 Class Rule C.8. ADVERTISING shall apply.

3.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. The event shall be open to boats who's Owner and/or Skipper is a current member of their National Governing Body (US SAILING ASSOCIATION for US entries; to join USSA call 1-800-USSAIL-1) and the Melges 32 Class Association. Owners and crews must meet all Melges 32 Owner/Charterer Class Rules, ISAF and Melges 32 Class Association rules.
- 3.2. All subsections of International Melges 32 Class Rule C.9. shall apply.

4.0 CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1. 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 (www.sailing.org/classification).
- 4.2. Crew Limitations and Steering - International Melges 32 Class Association Rule Section C.9, Membership and Eligibility, shall apply.
- 4.3. No later than the Crew Declaration deadline as stated in Section 6.3 a crew list shall be submitted to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator at classadmin@melges32.com or fax +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.
- 4.4. A boat will not be cleared for racing until all classifications have been checked and agreed.
- 4.5. Crew lists will be posted on the official notice board(s) and the IM32CA website, www.melges32.com upon receipt.
- 4.6. Crew substitutions before and during the event 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.
- 4.7. The Classification Protest Time Limit begins on Monday, April 27 until Friday, May 8.

5.0 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5.1. Thursday, May 14

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| 1000-1700 | Registration, measurement and weigh-in |
| 1800-1900 | Competitor's meeting |

Friday, May 15 Up to four races may be sailed
0700-0800 Crew weigh-in by appointment only
1030 Warning for first race, followed by subsequent races

Saturday, May 16 Junior sailing day (see NOR 12.0). Up to four races may be sailed
1030 Warning for first race, followed by subsequent races
1830 Dinner at American Yacht Club

Sunday, May 17 Two races are scheduled
1030 Warning for first race, followed by subsequent races
No warning signal will be given after 1330

6.0 ENTRIES

- 6.1. Online registration and electronic fee payment is available at www.yachtscoring.com. Online entry is required. Paper entries will not be accepted.
- 6.2. The online entry deadline is Friday, May 1.
- 6.3. All Entrants must provide a completed Crew Declaration and Owner Declaration form to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator via e-mail at classadmin@melges32.com or, via fax +1 (912) 756-6728 by Friday, April 24, 2009.
 - 6.3.1. All Crew Declarations will be viewable online at melges32.com and YachtScoring.com.
- 6.4. All entrants must provide a completed Sail Declaration form to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator by 17:00 on Thursday, May 14, 2009.

7.0 FEES

- 7.1. The entry fee is \$1100.00.
- 7.2. There will be a late fee of \$250.00 for entries received after Friday, May 1.

8.0 MEASUREMENTS

- 8.1. Crew weigh-in will be conducted at the Junior AYC clubhouse near the hoist.
 - 8.1.1. Crew weigh-in on Friday from 0700 to 0800 is by appointment only. Contact Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator to schedule an appointment.
- 8.2. Sail measurement certificates will be confirmed at registration.

9.0 SCORING

- 9.1. Three completed races will constitute a regatta.
- 9.2. A maximum of ten races are scheduled.

10.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1. Sailing instructions will be provided after 1800 hours on Thursday, May 14 to boats that have completed entry and measurement requirements.

11.0 ARBITRATION

- 11.1. For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS.

12.0 VENUE

12.1. The racing area will be east of buoy R42 off Milton Point, Rye, NY, as shown in chart on www.yachtscoring.com under General Race Forms

13.0 JUNIOR SAILING

13.1. Experienced local junior sailors may be randomly assigned to each yacht for racing on Saturday. These individuals will not be included for calculation of class weight restrictions.

14.0 SUPPORT BOATS

14.1. Restrictions on Support Boats shall apply as described in International Melges 32 Class Rule C.11.1. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.

15.0 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

15.1. Each boat shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channel 69. Except in an emergency or to report a protest or withdrawal, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and data communication.

16.0 DOCKAGE AND LAUNCHING

16.1. Moorings will be provided by American Yacht Club without charge to all registered boats.

16.2. Boats may be launched at American Yacht Club or at various boat yards in close vicinity of Rye, NY. A list of yards is located on www.yachtscoring.com.

16.3. Melges 32 boats entered in the American Yacht Club Spring Series regatta, to be held April 25 and 26 and May 2 and 3, will be provided storage for the period between the Spring Series and the East Coast Championships at no charge.

17.0 PRIZES

17.1. Series prizes will be awarded to boats placing first through third.

17.2. Prizes will be awarded at American Yacht Club after the final race and protests.

18.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

19.0 OTHER DOCUMENTS

19.1. Forms and documents related to this event are located on www.yachtscoring.com.

For further information, contact:

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