

NOTICE OF RACE

2012 Melges 32 Gold Cup

November 30, December 1, 2 | Fort Lauderdale, F.L.



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

The Melges 32 Gold Cup Regatta will be hosted by the Lauderdale Yacht Club in association with the International Melges 32 Class Association (IM32CA), supported by Melges USA, Wednesday through Sunday, November 28 - December 2, 2012. Lauderdale Yacht Club is located at 1725 SE 12th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316, 1+ (954) 524-5500. The IM32CA may be contacted via phone at +1 (912) 398-5776 or via e-mail at classadmin@melges32.com

1. RULES

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in 2009-2012 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 Lauderdale Yacht Club and IM32CA.

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

1.6 RRS.82 will not apply.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 IM32CR C.8 Advertising shall apply.

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

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3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

3.1 The Melges 32 Gold Cup 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 1-800-USSAIL-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 online and pay the entry fee via YachtScoring (<http://yachtscoring.com>) by Friday, November 9. Original signatures must be provided on the entry form to be mailed in with T-shirt sizes and any additional dinner requests. Late entries will be accepted only with the prior approval of the OA.

3.4 IM32CR Section C.9 MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY, and all subsections, shall apply.

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 with original signature.

4.2 Only boats that have fully completed registration by 1900 hours on Friday, November 16, 2012 will be eligible to race. Late registration may be allowed only with the prior approval of the OA and IM32CA and will be subject to late entry fees pursuant to 5 below.

5. FEES

The entry fee will be \$1,475 USD per boat for entries received by Friday, November 9, 2012.

The fee for entries received after that date will be \$1,575 USD. 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.

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 No later than Friday, November 16, 2012, each entrant shall submit a completed Crew Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 3.1) to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator at classadmin@melges32.com or fax to +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.

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 on Friday, November 9, 2012. The Classification Protests Time Limit under ISAF Regulation 22.1 is 1700 hours on Friday, November 23, 2012.

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

Friday, November 16

Entry Deadline, IM32CA Crew Declaration Deadline

Wednesday, November 28

0800 - 1000 Weigh-in at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center

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Thursday, November 29

0800 - 1100 Weigh-in at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center
1600 - 1800 Weigh-in at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Sailing Center
1800 - 1900 Registration at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Pool/Pavilion
1900 Skipper's meeting at Lauderdale Yacht Club Pool/Pavilion

Friday, November 30

1100 Warning signal for 1st race of the day - subsequent races to start ASAP
3 Races are scheduled

Saturday, December 1 – “LYC Sailing Foundation Junior Race Day”

1100 Warning signal for 1st race of the day - subsequent races to start ASAP
3 Races are scheduled
1830 Commodore's Banquet, Lauderdale Yacht Club

Sunday, December 2

1100 Warning signal for 1st race of the day - subsequent races to start ASAP
2 Races are scheduled
TBD Award presentation – Bahia Mar, immediately following racing and relevant protests

Eight (8) races are scheduled: The Race Committee may run fewer races at its discretion and may make up a race on Sunday if needed.

8. MEASUREMENT

8.1 Each entrant must provide a completed Yacht Owner Compliance Declaration (IM32CR Appendix 4) to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator, via e-mail at classadmin@melges32.com or via fax at +1 (912) 756-6728 by Thursday, November 29 .

8.2 Each entrant must provide a completed Sail Declaration Form (IM32CR Appendix 3.2) to Joy Dunigan, IM32C Administrator by the close of registration (1800) on Thursday November 29.

8.3 Each entrant must submit a completed Crew Weigh-In/Liability Form (IM32CR Appendix 5) to Joy Dunigan, IM32CA Administrator by the close of registration (1800) on Thursday, November 29.

8.4 All competitors shall weigh-in during the following times: 0800 - 1000 on Wednesday, November 28, 0800 - 1000 and 1600 - 1800 on Thursday, November 29. Late weigh-in on Friday November 30 from 0800 - 0830 is by appointment only.

9. REPLACEMENT OF CREW

9.1 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.

9.2 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.

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 hrs, Thursday, November 29, 2012.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be provided to entrants during registration.

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12. VENUE

The racing area will be the Atlantic Ocean south of the Port Everglades inlet. Further information will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

13. THE COURSES

Courses will be windward / leeward.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is modified by adding the following: Except for a starting mark, the turns penalty for a Part 2 rule broken inside the *Zone* shall be a Two-Turns Penalty as prescribed in this rule without modification. The turns penalty for a Part 2 rule broken outside the *Zone* shall be One Turn, including one tack and one gybe. This changes RRS 44.1.

15. PROTEST AND ARBITRATION

15.1 For protest involving an alleged breach of RRS Part 2, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to the protest hearing.

15.2 This changes RRS Part 5, Section B. RRS 62.2 and 66 will be changed to shorten the time limit for filing request for redress and requests to reopen a hearing. The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

16. SCORING

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. Eight (8) races are scheduled; three (3) races must be completed to constitute a regatta.

17. SUPPORT BOATS

17.1 IMR32R Section I.5 is invoked regarding restriction on support boats.

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

17.3 Restrictions on support boats shall apply as described in IM32CA C.11 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 While on the water, the Race Committee 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 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 Saturday. These junior sailors will not be included for calculation of class weight restrictions.

19.2 The junior sailor aboard the yacht with the lowest total points during Saturday's racing will be recognized with an award from the LYC Sailing Foundation during the Commodore's Banquet.

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

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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.

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 competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

23. DOCKAGE

Dockage is available at Bahia Mar (964) 627-6309

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

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

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