



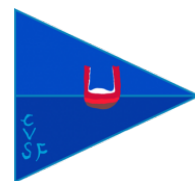
# 32 MELGES SERIES

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 2024 MELGES 32 SERIES

**EVENT 1: SFERRACAVALLO, 25 – 27 APRIL**

Circolo Velico Sferracavallo – Sicily



**EVENT 2: SFERRACAVALLO, 6 – 8 JUNE**

Circolo Velico Sferracavallo – Sicily

**EVENT 3: RIVA DEL GARDA, 5 – 7 JULY**

Fraglia Vela Riva



**EVENT 4 / WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP:**

**PUNTALDIA, 9 – 12 OCTOBER**

Yacht Club Olbia - Marina di Puntaldia



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Note:

[DP] the penalty for an infringement to this rule can be at the discretion of the Protest Committee less than the disqualification.

[NP] denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a protest by a boat (this modify RRS 60.1).

## 1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES

All the events are organized by Italian Sailing Federation (FIV) who designates affiliated clubs in conjunction with the One design racing.

Affiliated clubs:

- Circolo Velico Sferracavallo - Via Plauto, 27 90147- Palermo (PA)
- Fraglia Vela Riva – Via G. Maroni , 38066 Riva del Garda
- Yacht club Olbia - 07026 Olbia

## 2 RULES

This event will be governed by

**2.1** The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 - 2024 and Normativa Nazionale per l'Attività Sportiva in Italia. For Italian crews only: all Italian crews shall be FIV members and have a valid medical certificate.

**2.2** The Class Rules.

The International Melges 32 Class Rules will apply except for the following amended rules:

1. Rule C.2.3.(c) CREWS WEIGHT is amended as follow: All crews shall be weighed during the registration period of the first attending event, as per Event Schedule. The SINGLE recorded weight will apply to all of the Melges 32 Series Events. By entering the weight-in room, each crew member authorizes the Class Secretary to register his/her weight and to keep track of it for the forthcoming events. Re- weighing shall only take place if a valid protest shows that the pre-race weights were false. If there is a crew change COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS EVENT, the team, according to the recorded weight shall remain under the maximum allowed weight, and the new crew member will need to weight-in prior the start of the event. If the weight exceed the limit, the whole or part of the crew shall re-weight with the exception of the owner. If more than two (2) crew members are being replaced for an event, the entire team will need to re-weigh in, with the exception of the owner who can choose if he/she wants to weight-in again or use their previous weight. A new team joining the Melges 32 Series during the season shall weigh-in during the registration time as per schedule.
2. Addendum "Class Rules Updates" will apply.
3. The Organizing Authority may decide to apply umpiring fleet racing if so, Appendix UF applies.
4. Melges32 Event rules apply with the exception of A3 "sail limitation marks".
5. In order to speed up the protest procedure the last day of each event, any hearings may 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.
6. For the boats competing in the Corinthian Division, IM32CA Rule C2.2(c) is modified as follows: The crew shall contain no more than one (1) ISAF Group 3 sailors.
7. For boats competing in the overall Division Class rule C.2.2.(c) will not apply

**2.3** 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 Online Notice Board (This change RRS 63.7).

**2.4** Children who have not yet turned 12 on the date of the first race cannot be taken on board the boats during the races. The parents of children whom will take place at the regattas and haven't yet turn 18, have the full responsibility of the child's attendance and they release the Organizing Authorities of any kind of obligation.

### 3 ADVERTISING and MEDIA

**3.1** The advertising is permitted according to Melges 32 Class Rules. According to the regulation 20.4 World Sailing, the Organizing Authority may ask competitors to display sponsor flag and/or stickers. No personal stickers are allowed next to bow numbers.

The flag and the stickers where applicable 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.

**3.3** Italian competitors shall have the Italian Sailing Federation Advertising Authorization

### 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 helmsmen must comply with requirements of the Class Rules

**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** For all events Italian competitors shall submit their FIV licences valid for the current year and the medical certification as per FIV regulations.

**4.5** Pre-Registration shall be submitted on the event's website by within 10 days from the first racing day complete with:

- Crew lists and World Sailing Sailor IDs for all crew
- Declarations of alternate, substitute and relief helmsmen (if needed shall be sent to [class@melges32.com](mailto:class@melges32.com))
- Italian Sailing Federation ID with renewed medical certification for any crew member (Italian sailors only). Foreign competitors must comply with the provisions of their National Authority.
- 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.
- Italian Sailing Federation Advertising Authorization (Italian boats only)
- Measurement Certificate

**4.6** Registrations must be completed online by 18.00 on the day before the First racing Day. The registration is considered valid after the validation by the secretary office of:

- Sail Declaration Form
- Disclaimer Form signed
- Equipment self-check list
- 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.

**4.7** Corinthian teams must declare their will to be scored in the Corinthian division while registering to the single event and they have to verify their status at the time of registration. Only if the crew comply with NOR 2.2.8 (Melges 32 - The crew shall contain no more than one ISAF Group 3 sailors) due by the deadline for registration, the boat can be classified as a "Corinthian team" for the single event. Only team scored as "Corinthian" at every single event attended will be scored as "Corinthian" in the MWL Ranking.

The Classification Protest Time Limit will be the protest time limit of the first racing day.

### 5 ENTRY FEE

**5.1** All participants shall pay the 2024 Melges 32 Series Registration Fee to join the season prior the first event to be admitted. For more details contact [class@melges32.com](mailto:class@melges32.com)

The registration fee includes for each single event

- Launching and hauling
- Hospitality & docking
- Van & Trailer parking throughout the event
- Professional race management
- Umpires
- Melges World League administration
- Event media coverage
- Social events after race

Teams are responsible for any costs other than those described in NOR 5.1

## 6 EVENTS SCHEDULE

6.1 The program for events 1, 2 will be the following:

Monday:	14.00 - 18.00: Registration and Weight ( <u>for event 1 only</u> )
Tuesdays:	9.30 - 13.00: Registration and Weight ( <u>for event 1 only</u> ) 14.00 - 18.00: Registration and Weight
Wednesdays:	9.30 - 18.00: Registration and Weight TBA: Practice race
Thursdays:	10.00: Deadline for sail declaration 11.00: Skipper Briefing 13.00: First Warning Signal
Fridays:	Races
Saturdays:	Races (No INITIAL Warning after 14.30)

The program for event 3 will be the following:

Wednesday:	14.00 - 18.00: Registration and Weight
Thursday:	9.30 - 18.00: Registration and Weight TBA: Practice race
Friday:	10.00: Deadline for sail declaration 11.00: Skipper Briefing 13.00: First Warning Signal
Saturday:	Races
Sunday:	Races (No INITIAL Warning after 14.30)

The program for event 4 will be the following:

Sunday:	14.30 – 18.00: Boats measurements
Monday:	9.30 - 18.00: Boats measurements, sails inspections and registrations
Tuesday:	9.30 - 18.00: Boats measurements, sails inspections and registrations TBA: Practice race
Wednesday:	10.00: Deadline for sail declaration 11.00: Skipper Briefing 13.00: First Warning Signal
Thursday:	Races
Friday:	Races
Saturday:	Races (No INITIAL Warning after 14.30)

6.2 For the second day of racing for each class, the estimated time of the first warning signal will be posted on the Online 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 no INITIAL Warning Signal will be displayed after 14.30. There is a maximum number of 8 races. A maximum of 3 races can be sailed each day.

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**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 Online Notice Board.

**6.6** The hauling-out list will be published on the Official Online Notice Board at least 2 hours prior the warning signal of the last racing day.

**6.7** The OA and/or RC reserve the right to modify the program because of weather conditions or for any other reason.

## **7 MEASUREMENT AND WEIGHING**

**7.1** All competitors shall observe Class Measurements Rules. There may be measurements checks before the start of the regatta, as well as during the event.

The following control checks may be held:

- Sail dimensions
- Boat and appendixes inspections with Ultrasounds
- Check of Mast, spreaders, boomerangs
- Corrector Weight
- Safety Equipment
- Various 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 within the Skipper's Briefing on the official regatta website.

## **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**

**12.1** A maximum of eight (8) races will be held for events 1, 2 and 3. A maximum of ten (10) races will be held for event 4.

**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.

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

**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. [IM32ER A4.2 apply]

**12.6** Melges 32 Series scoring

1. One (1) race is needed to make valid the single event and to score it in the Melges 32 Series
2. The results of the Melges 32 Series will be scored using a specific scoring system. The scoring system

will assign points (from 20 to 1 progressively decreasing) starting with the top boats finishing.

1st classified at each single event= 20 pts.

2nd classified = 19 pts.

3rd classified = 18 pts.

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## 13 PRIZES

13.1 The Event Prizes will be awarded to:

- First three (3) classified boats in the overall ranking
- Winner of the Corinthian Division

The OA reserves the right to award more prizes

13.2 For the 2024 Overall Melges 32 Series Prizes will be awarded to:

- First three (3) boats classified overall in the League
- First three (3) Corinthian boats

## 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 electronic devices.

## 15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to remain in the race is hers alone."

Therefore: By participating in this event every competitor agrees and recognizes that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity that carries risks. These risks include the possibility of facing strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in the weather, breakdowns / damage to equipment, mishandling of the boat, poor seafaring by other boats, loss of balance due to vehicle instability and fatigue with resulting in an increased risk of injury. The risk of permanent and serious injuries or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes is inherent in the sport of sailing.

## 16 SUPPORT BOATS

IM32ER A.5 Outside Assistance apply. Support boats and support people shall check-in 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
- 4) to have a VHF device on board

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 the "Event Competitor Announcement".

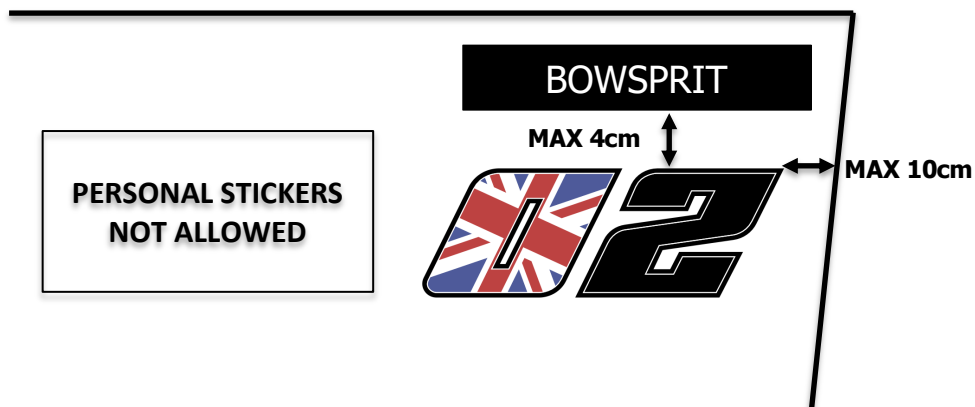
## **19 CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE**

The organization reserves itself the right to change this Notice of Race. Any change made to this Notice of Race prior to a single will be published on the event's website (according to RRS 89.2(b)).

## 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 bow from the front of the boat the stickers must appear fully aligned on both sides. No personal stickers are allowed behind bow numbers.



### Boom Sticker

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

### 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.