



INTERNATIONAL MELGES 32 CLASS RACING GUIDELINES FOR RACE COMMITTEES

SECTION H - RACING RULES

H.1 RACING RULES

H.1. For one design class events races will not be started when winds are consistently at or above 25 knots or gusting to 28 knots and above. If a race has been started and the wind increases to 25 knots and above, it remains at the discretion of the race committee whether or not to abandon the race. Races will not be started unless winds are consistently above 5 knots at the time of the start.

H.2 PENALTY SYSTEM

H.2.1 Rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

H.2.2 Appendix 'P' (Immediate penalties for breaking Rule 42) shall apply. 1 Decisions of the International Jury constituted in accordance with Appendix 'N' will be final as provided in Rule 70.4.

H.3. SCORING

H.3.1 The Low Point System of Appendix 'A' will apply.

H.3.2 Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

H.3.3 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from six to twelve races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

SECTION I - RACING GUIDELINES

The Melges 32 Class requests:

- Only windward leeward race courses
- Beats averaging as close to 1.75 miles as possible between leeward gate and windward mark, first beat and last run can be longer but not to exceed 2 miles in length
- Four legs, finishing downwind.
- Gates at all leeward marks
- Offsets at all windward marks.
- No centerline starting boat.
- Two (2) Races per day is the goal with 3 races at the discretion of the race committee only when conditions permit and are generally averaging between 8 to 18 knots with temperatures in a comfortable range as well as rainfall.
- Lots of radio communication with starting line recalls, when starting line is set, tide info at starting line, general information on race committee's intention in terms of number of races, and what they are thinking in regard to wind conditions and what they expect to see. Also communications regarding evening social activities and sponsors are appreciated.
- 15-20 Minute maximum break between races.