

## **MELGES 32 BOW NUMBERS**

### **POLICY & PROCEDURES**

#### **ABOUT THE NUMBERS**

Every Melges 32 that races yearly sanctioned events shall wear the current Melges 32 bow numbers.

With your new or renewed membership, please select and/or confirm a unique bow number that will be yours for the entire year to race worldwide. This number is yours to keep or relinquish. Once confirmed, the IM32CA will highlight that you have paid your membership online at [melges32.com](http://melges32.com). Your bow number will display alongside of your name, boat name and sail number.

#### **RACING WITH NUMBERS**

Prior to racing, every Melges 32 must have bow numbers in place and positioned properly. Making sure that your bow numbers are on and in place is the sole responsibility of the team. You **SHALL NOT** race without them.

#### **REPLACING LOST OR DAMAGED NUMBERS**

Providing that you have taken careful time and consideration to follow the recommended installation and placement steps as detailed in this document, your bow numbers should last a long time.

Unfortunate circumstances though may occur while racing resulting in either lost or damaged numbers. Every team is strongly encouraged to carry a set of SPARES.

Replacement IM32CA Class Approved Melges 32 Bow Numbers can be purchased by contacting Melges USA via e-mail ([sales@melges.com](mailto:sales@melges.com)) or over the phone at +1 (262) 275-1110. Bow numbers can be purchased individually or in sets. Please allow a lead time of three weeks, especially in advance of an event.

**ABSOLUTELY NO PAINTED NUMBERS** are allowed.

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### **INSTALLATION & PLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **PERSONAL INSTALL**

The following steps are recommended for installing and placing Melges 32 bow numbers correctly on your boat. Please read first, then apply.

**1.) Prepping the surface, a good coating of acetone to remove all wax and other possible coating.**

**2.) Measure out the placement:**

Also, see Appendix 1 to this document

From the deck line, measure down 12 inches:

*PLEASE NOTE: The tape measure should butt against the edge of the deck and wraps around the roll of the hull edge, then down 12 inches.*

#### **TOP TO BOTTOM:**

STARBOARD: where the bowsprit is attached, measure from just in front of where the bowsprit attaches to the hull

PORT: right behind the aft leg of the bow pulpit

#### **FROM THE BOW (BACK SPACING):**

STARBOARD: Measure 6 inches aft of the bottom of the bow u-bolt

PORT: Measure 6 inches aft of the bottom of the bow u-bolt

**3.) Scribe a line between the two 12 inch marks, then align the top of the numbers with that line**

**4.) Use a spray bottle filled with water and a drop of soap to wet the hull surface and back of numbers to allow easy placement**

**5.) Use a credit card or spreader, remove the bubbles from the numbers**

#### **KEY TIPS:**

**Bow numbers are more accurately applied, out of the water, on the trailer.**

**Best results are when they are applied 12 hours in advance of sailing - This is key!**

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MELGES 32 CLASS RULES  
BOW NUMBER GRAPHIC DIAGRAM

