



Melges IC37 National Championship

Newport, Rhode Island
September 27-29, 2019

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the New York Yacht Club Regatta Association. The host yacht club is New York Yacht Club.

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 The International Melges IC37 Class Association (IMIC37CA) rules shall apply.
- 1.2 All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and race committee communication.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the sailing instructions will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 US Sailing prescriptions 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

2 ADVERTISING

The Organizing Authority may require all participating boats to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.4.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Melges IC37 class.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing and submitting the online entry form and the entry fee payment through the event website.

4 ENTRY FEES

If paid in full on or before Friday, September 13, the entry fee is \$900 per boat. After Friday, September 13 the entry fee is \$1150 per boat.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Thursday, September 26	0900-1700	Measurement
	1300-1800	Registration and Crew Weigh-In at NYYC Sailing Center
Friday, September 27	0700-0830	Late Registration at NYYC Sailing Center
	0830	Competitors Briefing
	1100	First Warning Signal
	After Racing	Post-Race Social
Saturday, September 28	1100	First Warning Signal
	1800	Regatta BBQ
Sunday, September 29	1100	First Warning Signal
	After Racing	Prize Giving at NYYC

6.2 On the final day of the regatta, the initial warning signal will not be made after 1500 hours. The warning signal for a start following one or more general recalls may be made after 1500 hours.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at registration, as well as on the regatta website and posted on the Official Notice Board at New York Yacht Club.

8 VENUE and RACING AREA

8.1 Racing will be held in the waters of Rhode Island Sound and/or Narragansett Bay.

8.2 Regatta headquarters will be at New York Yacht Club, Harbour Court, in Newport, RI.

9 SCORING

Scoring will be in accordance with IM37CA Rule H3.3. This changes RRS A2.

9 SPECTATOR VESSELS

9.1 The following limitations and restrictions apply to team and other spectator vessels.

- a) Spectator vessels shall not approach closer than 100 meters to any vessel that is racing. In addition, a spectator vessel shall stay at least 100 meters outside any layline and shall not be located directly above any windward marks or the finishing line.
- b) If in the starting area, spectator vessels shall leave the racing and starting areas prior to the warning signal and may station themselves outside of the starboard end of the starting line, but no closer than 150 meters to the race committee signal vessel.

9.2 All team spectator vessels must register with the OA prior to the first day of racing. Team spectator vessels shall display identifying flag issued by the OA, at all times while they are on the water.

10 PRIZES

10.1 Prizes for the top three finishing teams will be awarded.

10.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.

11 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

11.1 While racing, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats, except in an emergency. This restriction also applies to any wireless communication device.

11.2 The race committee intends to use VHF marine radio frequencies to broadcast courtesy information to competitors. The race committee's VHF channel will be provided at the Competitors' Briefing and posted on the Official Notice Board.

12 MEDIA WAIVER AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 All competitors shall sign the online Liability & Media Waiver available on the Melges IC37 National Championship website and submit it no later than registration.

12.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. All skippers and crew should familiarize themselves with RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority and all its Committee members 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.

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance that is appropriate taking into account the value of the boats racing and the type of racing.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Regatta Website: <https://nyyc.org/2019-melges-ic37-national-championship>

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