



**2021 Melges 32 Weekend Racing Series
Port Credit Yacht Club
Mississauga, Ontario**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T will apply.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the online official notice board by 0800 on the day it will take effect. It is the responsibility of each registered skipper to check the website prior to racing. This changes rule 90.2 (c).

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board located at [https://pcyc.net/Boating/Club Racing/Melges 32](https://pcyc.net/Boating/Club%20Racing/Melges%2032).
- 3.2 [DP] All boats must carry a VHF radio that is equipped with working VHF transmitter/receiver supporting Canadian frequencies of 6, 9, 16, 68, 71, 72 and 73.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on **VHF radio channel 71**.
- 3.4 [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole located south of the main clubhouse.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Dates of Racing and Scheduled Warning Signal:

<i>Date</i>	<i>First Warning Signal</i>	<i>No Race to Be Started After</i>
Monday, August 2 nd (Civic Holiday)	1255	1600
Saturday, August 14 th	1200	1600
Monday, September 6 th (Labour Day)	1255	1600
Saturday, September 11 th	1050	1500
Saturday, September 25 th	1050	1500
Sunday, October 3 rd	1050 Turkey Race will follow Racing	1500

6.2 A maximum of four races will be completed each day.

7 CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The class flag will be the Melges 32 Class Flag.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 Racing will take place on a bearing of 145 degrees and a distance of 1.2 nautical miles from the entrance to the harbour.

8.2 [NP] Course location will be at the discretion of the race officer.

9 COURSES

9.1 The course to be sailed will be windward/leeward, twice around.

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Mark 1

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Mark 2

x _____ x
Start/Finish

Start – Mark 1 – Mark 2 – Mark 1 – Finish

10 MARKS

10.1 Inflatable marks will be used.

10.2 The colour of the marks are as follows:

Mark	Colour
Start/Finish	Green
Mark 1	Yellow
Mark 2	Yellow
Change of Course	Orange

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.
- 11.2 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessels and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 12.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

13 TIME LIMITS [AND TARGET TIMES]

- 13.1 The Finishing Window of 10 minutes is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing.
- 13.2 A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 13.3 Overall time limit is one hour from the start of the race.
- 13.4 Failure to meet target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14 HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal vessel docks. The time will be posted on the online official notice board.
- 14.2 Hearing request forms are available online from the PCYC Melges 32 Fleet web page, and outside of the Communications Station.
- 14.3 Notices will be posted on the online official notice board no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and to notify competitors of the location of the hearing. Hearings will be held as soon as is feasible.
- 14.5 RRS 62.2(a) and 66.2(a) do not apply.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 The scoring system is the RRS A-4 Low Point Scoring System.
- 15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 For the overall series, a boat's worst score per race day will be excluded.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17 TRASH DISPOSAL

17.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.

18 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

18.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the last race of the event. Races

19 PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division.

19.2 Additional prizes may be awarded.

20 RISK STATEMENT

20.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

20.2 Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID 19.

21 INSURANCE

21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.