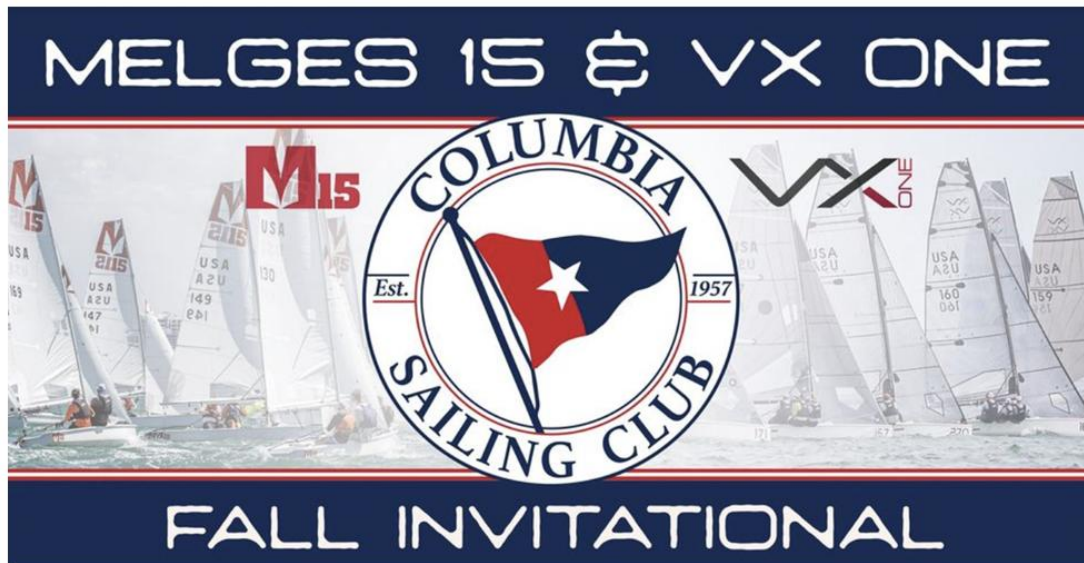




2026 Melges 15 & VX One Fall Invitational

October 24 - 25, 2026

Columbia Sailing Club

292 Shuler Road, Columbia, SC 29212

NOTICE OF RACE

v. 7.20.2026

The notation [DP] in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

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

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2. The rules are changed as follows:

- 1.2.1. Rules 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10 are amended to add: "Boats failing to finish within twenty minutes of the first boat to finish in its class and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and scored for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within her Finishing Window."
- 1.2.2. The following is added to rule 29.1: "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 via VHF radio. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request."
- 1.2.3. The US Sailing prescriptions to rule 63.1 is deleted.
- 1.2.4. Appendices A5.1 and A5.2 are amended to add: "A boat that has not met the definition of start 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS."

- 1.2.5. Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of Incident will be in effect. (The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.)

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at a link to be supplied by the organizing authority via Clubspot.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located on the bulletin board next to the main entrance of the clubhouse.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 71, including courtesy broadcasts.
- 3.3. [DP][NP] Competitors may receive VHF radio transmissions from the race committee concerning safety, notice of OCS starting, and general information to assist in the management of the event. No other electronic communication device shall be used to obtain information to benefit or influence their racing. Communication in any form is permitted to request or provide assistance in an emergency or to inform the race committee that a boat is retiring.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to the following one-design classes: Melges 15 and VX One.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration at columbiasailingclub.theclubspot.com/regatta/xs5CD24EKg.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees prior to October 23, 2026 at 1800.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Early registration fee (by October 9): \$155
- 5.2. Standard registration fee (after October 9): \$175
- 5.3. No refunds will be issued after October 9.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Check-In: CSC Clubhouse

Date	From	To
Friday, October 23, 2026	1600	1730
Saturday, October 24, 2026	0800	0930

6.2. Competitors' Meeting

A competitors' meeting will be held Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 1000 on the front porch of the main clubhouse.

6.3. Racing

Day	Date	1 st Warning Signal	
Saturday	October 24	1130	Additional races to immediately follow
Sunday	October 25	1030	Additional races to immediately follow

6.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1400, except if due to a general recall.

7. VENUE

Racing will be the waters of Lake Murray in front of the Columbia Sailing Club.

8. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward leeward.

9. SCORING

9.1. The low-point scoring system, RRS A2, shall apply with the following additions.

9.2. Unlimited races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute an event.

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

9.4. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.

11. INSURANCE

Each participating boat should be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

12. PRIZES

Awards will be given to the top three competitors in each class.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact regatta chairs Rich Horton at richhorton@gmail.com or Stanley Hassinger at stanley.hassinger@gmail.com .

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. INCLUDED WITH EACH REGISTRATION

- 1.1. Dinner Friday and Saturday nights for all competitors
- 1.2. Continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday for all competitors
- 1.3. Two regatta shirts per boat
- 1.4. Beer bracelets for all competitors 21 and over (good for as long as supplies last)

2. EXTRA ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ONLINE

- 2.1. Friday Dinner. Order by October 9.
- 2.2. Saturday Dinner. Order by October 9.
- 2.3. Regatta shirt. Order by October 9.
- 2.4. Sunday hamburger lunch after racing. Order by October 9.
- 2.5. Beer bracelet (Must be 21 or over, good for as long as supplies last)

3. SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Date	Time	Activity and Location
Friday, October 23	1200	Club gate is open for early arrivals
	1600-1730	Check in, packet pick up, CSC Clubhouse
	1800-2000	Lasagna Dinner served
Saturday, October 24	0730-0900	Continental Breakfast
	0800-0930	Check in, packet pick up, CSC Clubhouse
	1000	Competitors' Meeting, CSC Clubhouse
	1130	First Warning Signal
	1700	Happy Hour, CSC Clubhouse Porch, beer on site
	1800	Barbeque dinner served
Sunday, October 25	1030	First Warning Signal
	1400	No races started after this time
	After Sailing	Burger Lunch (for those who preordered)
		Awards to follow

4. LODGING / CAMPING

- 4.1. **Hotels:** There are several chain hotel options at exit 102 on Interstate 26. These are approximately 4-5 miles from the club.
- 4.2. **Camping:** Camping is welcome on the grounds of Columbia Sailing Club. Campers are invited to use the showers and restroom facilities. If coming by RV, there are no hook-ups.
- 4.3. Club rules **DO NOT ALLOW PETS OR OPEN FIRES** on the club grounds during club events or regatta weekends.