



2026 Milton Harbor Hullabaloo

Organizing Authority: American Yacht Club

September 19 - 20, 2026

Rye, NY

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. For all classes/divisions except the Melges 15 class, US Sailing Prescription Appendix U "AUDIBLE-SIGNAL RACING SYSTEM" shall apply. The Melges 15 class will start according to Appendix B RACESENSE.
- 1.3. RRS 40.1 PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES will apply.
- 1.4. Appendix V ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES will apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the [official notice board](#) before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by the race committee using a loud hailer on the signal boat.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the Clubspot regatta website: <https://sailing.americanyc.org/regatta/HKME9lfvoi>
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee will communicate with competitors using the loud hailer. The race committee may also make courtesy broadcasts to Melges 15 and K6 competitors on VHF channel 68. Redress requests for a failure to hear the loud hailer or VHF broadcasts shall be considered invalid (this amends 61.3).

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the docked signal boat.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 40 minutes' in Race Signals AP.



5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

	Saturday Sept 19	Sunday Sept 20	Location
Check-in	0930 - 1030	-	by JAYC house
Competitors Meeting	1030	-	by JAYC house
Harbor Start	1100	1000	
First Warning Signal	1200	1100	
No Warning After	1600	1500	
Refreshments	After racing	After racing	by JAYC house

6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. The racing area will be located outside of Milton Point harbor within 1nm of Bell Buoy 42.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. The diagram in Appendix A COURSES shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. The RC will notify competitors of the course to be sailed before each start using the loud hailer.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. The port-end starting mark and the finish mark will be yellow inflatables. All other marks will be reddish/orange hippity-hops or orange inflatables.

9. THE START

- 9.1. For the Melges 15 class, races will be started according to Appendix B RACESENSE.
- 9.2. For all other classes/divisions:
- 9.2.1. Races will be started using US Sailing Prescription Appendix U.
 - 9.2.2. The race committee will notify a class or division(s) that they will be the next start using the loud hailer.
 - 9.2.3. The race committee may elect to start the ILCA divisions (7, 6, and 4) together or separately.



- 9.2.4. If the race committee decides to start a race under the I or U flag, this will be announced over the loud hailer. The I or U flag may be flown on or immediately before the warning signal for that race.
- 9.2.5. The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the course side of the port-end yellow inflatable (see Addendum A).
- 9.2.6. A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.
- 9.3. [DP] Competitors shall obey any race committee requests to stay clear of the starting area.

10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing mark to a new position, as long as a competitor is not currently on the leg. There will be no visual signal or sound signal indicating the change. This changes RRS 33.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1. For the Melges 15 class, races will be finished according to Appendix B RACESENSE.
- 11.2. For ILCA and other classes, the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and the course side of a yellow inflatable (see Addendum A).

12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1. The Finishing Window of 30 minutes is the time for a boat to finish after the first boat in her class or division sails the course. Boats starting but failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A5.2.
- 12.2. The Race Committee may elect to terminate (not abandon) a race and score boats in their current position in order to start a subsequent race. This will be communicated verbally. This changes RRS 28.1, 35, and A5.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM AND HEARING REQUESTS

- 13.1. RRS Appendix V applies.
- 13.2. Competitors wishing to file a hearing request must submit their request digitally using the form available at <https://sailing.americanyc.org/protest>.



- 13.3. The protest time limit will be 40 minutes after the signal vessel docks.
- 13.4. Notices about hearings, including the location and approximate time of the hearing, will be posted on the [Clubspot official notice board](#).
- 13.5. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: “(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or”
- 13.6. Hearings will be held in the JAYC House unless otherwise communicated to the parties.
- 13.7. To allow for “open” protest hearings, observers who are not witnesses are invited to attend hearings, unless otherwise decided by the Protest Committee.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 14.1. For more information, please contact the following:

Event Chairs	Adam Gottsch (gottsch@gmail.com) and George Spurling (george.spurling@gmail.com)
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Protest Committee	Giff Constable and Lisl Dunlop (americanycprotests@gmail.com)
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Appendix A COURSES

Melges 15 Courses	ILCA Courses
Course W2 Rounding Order: Start - W - O - Finish Course W4 Rounding Order: Start - W - O - gates GS/GP - W - O - Finish Note 1: If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.	Course W2 Rounding Order: Start - W - O - GP (to port) - Finish Course W4 Rounding Order: Start - W - O - gates GS/GP - W - O - GP (to port) - Finish Note 1: If one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port. Note 2: A boat is not required to go between GS and GP to finish. She may leave GS to port.



Appendix B RACESENSE

Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System

- B.1 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 / Atlas Edge configured for RaceSense at check-in. Boats without a configured Atlas 2 / Atlas Edge may have one provided by the OA, for applicable fees. Competitors must present their Atlas 2 device upon check in for the regatta for software and registration purposes and confirm that it is mounted in the approved location. This might include visual inspection off the water or on the water.
- B.2 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee and the relevant information will be available to all boats.
- B.3 Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep the Atlas 2 / Atlas Edge safe and operational and promptly notify the Race Committee on the water or ashore of any device issues.
- B.4 RRS 26 is changed. The countdown to the start on the Atlas 2 / Atlas Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal flags will only be used for information purposes.
- B.5 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on each of the Race Committee signal vessel at the starboard end, and the Vakaros unit on the port end Starting Mark.
- B.6 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and RRS 30 by the Race Committee is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, modifying RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4. In the event a start needs to be recalled, for fairness or safety reasons, the Race Committee will display signal flag N with three sounds and the race will be abandoned.
- B.7 Any failure of the Atlas 2 / Atlas Edge, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 41(c), 61.1(a), 61.1(c).
- B.8 If the Race Committee vessel displays signal flag O with a sound signal before the warning signal of a race, B.4 to B.6 inclusive will not apply to that race. Instead, the race will be started using US Sailing Prescription Appendix U.
- B.9 The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee signal vessel at the port end and the Vakaros unit on the starboard-end Finishing Mark.
- B.10 If the Race Committee vessel displays signal flag O when a boat is finishing a race, B.9 will not apply to that race, in which case the finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal vessel at the port end, and the course side of the starboard end finishing mark.



- B.11 If the Race Committee vessel displays signal flag R with a sound signal before the warning signal of a race, Competitors shall restart their Vakaros Atlas 2 / Atlas Edge unit by switching it off, waiting 10 seconds and then switching it back on to reconnect to the RaceSense network. Signal flag R will remain displayed for a minimum of 2 minutes and will be removed with the next warning signal.
- B.12 If firmware updates to Atlas 2 / Atlas Edge devices are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and or posted to the official notice board.