

2026 ILYA Melges 15 Championship

Organizing Authority – Inland Lake Yachting Association

Thursday, July 30, 2026 – Saturday, August 1, 2025

Host – Clear Lake Yacht Club

103 Main Ave, Clear Lake, IA 50428

Notice of Race – Includes Amendment 1

Preamble – The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest or request redress under this rule. This changes *Rules* 60.4(a) and 61.3 as stated below. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means the penalty for breaking this rule may, at the discretion of the jury, be more or less than a single disqualification. This changes *Rule* 60.5(c).

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 ILYA Regatta Conditions, ILYA Support Person Rules, ILYA Drone Policy, ILYA Trophy Policy, and ILYA Jury Policies, available at <https://ilya.org/regatta/bM2wZ4JpAu> apply.
- 1.3 All rules in Melges 15 Class Rules Section H shall apply.
- 1.4 Bow numbers as described in Class Rule C2.3 shall be installed at all times while afloat.
- 1.5 In addition to other *rules* changed in this document and the Sailing Instructions, the following *rules* are changed:
 - 1.5.1 RRS 41 adds: “(e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided after return on board, the boat returns to the approximate location of the recovery.
 - 1.5.2 RRS 60.4(a) adds, “(4) if the protest is by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP].”
 - 1.5.3 RRS 60.5(c) adds, “(5) the protest is based on a rule with the notation [DP] and the protest committee decides the penalty shall be more or less than a single disqualification.”
 - 1.5.4 RRS 61.3 adds, “or is a request by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP].”
 - 1.5.5 RRS 78.1 deletes “While a boat is racing,” and replaces that language with “From the time of arrival through all periods while racing,”
 - 1.5.6 RRS A5.4 is added, “A boat that is scored TLE by the Race Committee shall be scored points for the finishing place 2 more than the number of boats that sailed the course prior to the finishing window expiration.
 - 1.5.7 RRS A10 adds” “TLE – Finishing Window Time Limit Expired. This changes RRS A10
- 1.6 Vakaros RaceSense
 - 1.6.1 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilized by the Race Committee. This

changes RRS41(c).

2 Sailing Instructions

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available after July 23, 2025 at

<https://ilya.org/regatta/bM2wZ4JpAu>.

3 Communication

3.1 The official notice board will be located at <https://ilya.org/regatta/bM2wZ4JpAu>.

3.2 [DP] All boats and persons shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Channels.

3.3 [DP] While Racing, except in an emergency, a boat or support person shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not medically necessary.

3.4 Vakaros RaceSense

3.4.1 Each boat shall provide their own Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge at check-in for configuration with RaceSense.

3.4.2 Each boat's Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge shall have a current RaceSense Pass, available for purchase at <https://vakaros.com/pages/passes>, at all times while racing. Rental units include a RaceSense pass.

3.4.3 The checked-in Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge shall be mounted within 6 inches of the aft side of the mast while racing. Note: devices mounted directly to the mast suffer some GPS Signal degradation, so some space between the mast and device is helpful to RaceSense performance.

3.4.4 No other electronic or magnetic devices shall be mounted above or near a boat's Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge.

3.4.5 Unless otherwise directed at check-in, the boat's Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge shall be mounted facing aft (perpendicular to a line from the center of the bow to the center of the transom).

3.4.6 Each boat is responsible for updating the firmware on their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge as required prior to and during the event.

3.4.7 Each boat is responsible for ensuring calibration of their Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge prior to and throughout racing.

3.4.8 Each boat is responsible for ensuring her Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge is configured for a proper class-compliant profile while racing.

3.4.9 If a boat cannot provide an Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge, they shall rent a unit. Rentals are available during online registration must be booked on or before July 1, and may be picked up at check-in.

3.4.10 Timing and recall signals will be made exclusively via Vakaros RaceSense. The full list of changes will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

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4 Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The event is open to boats of the Melges 15 Class whose helmsperson is a member in good standing of the ILYA.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://ilya.org/regatta/bM2wZ4JpAu>.

4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration

requirements, pay all fees, and complete the on-site check-in process.

5 Fees

5.1 The entry fees are as follows:

Class	Entry Fee Until July 18, 2025	Entry fee after July 18, 2025 and until onsite registration	Entry fee onsite
Melges 15	\$200	\$230	\$260
Vakaros Rental	\$105	\$150 until July 15	Unavailable

5.2 Other Fees:

5.2.1 [NP]Meals and soft goods will be available for purchase

6 Crew Limitations

6.1 The following crew limitations apply:

6.1.1 Melges 15 Class Rules C3.1 and C3.2 will apply.

7 Advertising

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8 Schedule

8.1 The first date and time boats may arrive at Clear Lake Yacht Club is at 1700 on Wednesday, August 29, 2026. While you may stage between 1700 and 2000, no Clear Lake Yacht Club will be available to assist, and Check-in does not open until Thursday, July 30, 2026.

8.2 On-site check-in is required by all entries at Clear Lake Yacht Club and will occur from 0800 to 1200 on Thursday, July 30, 2026.

8.3 Dates of racing are Thursday, July 30, 2026 thru Saturday, August 1, 2026.

8.4 Number of races: 8 races are scheduled. No more than 4 races will be completed on any race day.

8.5 No practice race is scheduled.

8.6 The competitor briefing will be 1130 on Thursday, July 30, 2026 on the lawn at Clear Lake Yacht Club.

8.7 The scheduled warning for the first race of the first day of racing is 1300. The first scheduled warning for each subsequent day is 1000.

8.8 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1600.

9 Equipment Inspection

9.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

9.2 [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 from arrival until they have finished the last race of the series.

10 Venue

10.1 NOR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue ashore.

10.2 NOR Addendum B shows the racing area (venue).

11 Courses

11.1 Courses will be windward/leeward courses with offset marks and gates.

12 Scoring

12.1 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 When fewer than 6 races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

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- 12.3 When 6 or more races are completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.4 RRS 90.3(e) applies.
- 13 Support Person Vessels
 - 13.1 No accommodation for coach/parent/spectator boats will be made at Clear Lake Yacht Club, expect to haul each night at the boat ramp. Dockage during the day is available for coach/parent/spectator boats at the city docks.
- 14 Berthing
 - 14.1 [DP] Boats at Clear Lake Yacht Club shall be kept in their assigned places in the boat park.
 - 14.2 Expect to haul coach/parent/spectator boats at the ramp daily.
- 15 Risk Statement
 - 15.1 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 to the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 16 [NP] Insurance
 - 16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.
- 17 Prizes
 - 17.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
 - 17.1.1 The top 10 finishers.
 - 17.1.2 All perpetual trophies will be awarded as directed by the ILYA Trophy Policy
- 18 Further Information
 - 18.1 For further information, please contact Mark Tesar, mtesar@cltel.net.

Addendum A – Venue



Addendum B - Racing Area

