



2026 FIRECRACKER REGATTA

Organizing Authority: Rochester Yacht Club

July 10-12, 2026

Rochester Yacht Club • Irondequoit, NY

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

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

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online before 1800h on July 10, 2026.

2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board on Clubspot at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/FCvDoVNHPV/#notice-board>.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official online notice board is located on the Clubspot event site at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/FCvDoVNHPV/#notice-board>.

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72.

3.3 [DP] While racing, 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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Melges 15 Class.

4.2 Boats may only enter the event by registering online. Registration closes Saturday, July 11, 2026 at 0845.

4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. FEES

5.1. The registration fee is \$140 and includes Saturday night dinner for the skipper and crew.

5.2 The registration fee increases to \$200 on Saturday, June 27, 2026.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Schedule of events:

Friday, July 10	1500-1800	Competitor check in
Saturday, July 11	0915 1100 1800	Competitor Meeting First Warning Dinner
Sunday, July 12	1000 1400 Post-Race	First Warning No Start After this Time Awards

6.2 A maximum of 10 races are scheduled.

7. VENUE

7.1 Racing will be on Lake Ontario.

8. COURSES

8.1 Courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward.

9. SCORING

9.1 One race completed will be considered a regatta.

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

(b) 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. OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

10.1 Towing is permissible.

11. LAUNCHING

11.1 Boats will be launched via hoist only. Ramp launching is NOT available. Extra lifting bridles are available.

11.2 Rigging spots are not assigned. Do not block other boats from having access to the water.

12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1 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.

13. INSURANCE

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

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes will be awarded to: Top three boats, Top Youth skipper, and Top Woman skipper. Award age requirements are determined on the first day of the event.

15. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 15.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage and photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.

16. HOUSING

- 16.1 Housing is available. Contact the event chair for more information

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

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