

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 in the Notice of Race. 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> shall apply.
- 1.3 Rules 41, 60.4(a), 60.5(c), 61.3, 78.1, A5.4, and A10 are changed in the Notice of Race.
- 1.4 RRS 29.1 is changed as follows: '...with one sound. *Additionally, Racesense will notify boats using "OCS" on the screen.*
- 1.5 RRS 30.3 and 30.4 add: "Additionally, the Race Committee may hail via the competitor VHF channel the list of boats identified as breaking RRS 30.3 or 30.4." This changes RRS 30.3 and 30.4.
- 1.6 RRS 33 adds: "(d) Course bearing changes less than 5 degrees made before any boat begins the leg may be made without signaling. This changes RRS 33.
- 1.7 RRS 41 adds: "(e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery." This changes RRS 41.
- 1.8 Race signals is changed so the finish flag will be an orange flag. This changes race signals.
- 1.9 RaceSense
 - 1.9.1 Vakaros Racesense system data shall be information freely available in the context of RRS 41(c).
 - 1.9.2 Each boat shall either provide a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Atlas Edge at check-in for configuration with RaceSense or rent a unit for the regatta. Rentals are available [here](#) and must be booked in advance.
 - 1.9.3 [NP] A request for redress by a boat alleging failure of an Atlas Device or the RaceSense System is not permitted. This changes RRS 61.1. *For information only: If you believe there was a failure, discuss this with the Race Committee or Protest Committee. They are permitted, but not required, to request redress on your behalf.*

2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions and Schedule

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 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 displaying code flag “L” with one sound while in the racing area and making a VHF broadcast describing the change. This changes RRS 90.2(c).

3 Communications with Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at <https://ilya.org/regatta/bM2wZ4JpAu>.
- 3.2 The Race Office is located at <https://bit.ly/2025Hearing>.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 3.4 Any communication deemed necessary or helpful by the race committee for the efficient and fair management of races made by the race committee on VHF channel 72.
- 3.5 [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 freely available to all boats or medically necessary.

4 Code of Conduct

- 4.1 [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a race official.

5 Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal vessel docked at Lighthouse Island or at a flagpole ashore at Lighthouse Island and announced on VHF channel 72.
- 5.2 When AP is displayed ashore ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in Race Signals AP.

6 Schedule of Races

- 6.1 The first warning signal is scheduled on Thursday, July 30, 2025, at 1300.
- 6.2 Subsequent races will follow.
- 6.3 The first scheduled warning for each subsequent race day is 1000.

7 Class Flags

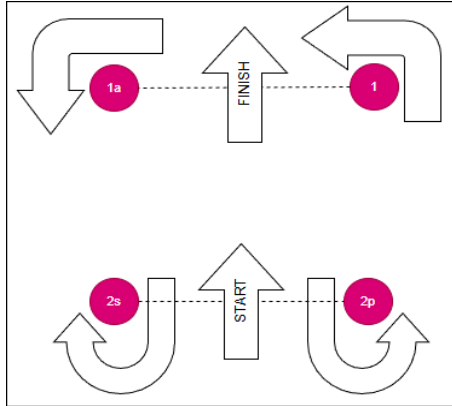
- 7.1 The class flag will be a Melges 15 logo on a white background.

8 Racing Area

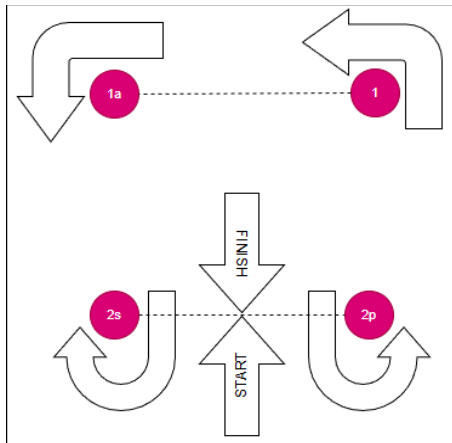
- 8.1 NOR Addendum B shows the racing venue.

9 Courses

- 9.1 The diagrams below show 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.



Course WA - Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
WA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish
WA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish
WA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish
WA5	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish



Course LA - Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p 1 - 1a - Finish
LA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a- Finish
LA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish
LA5	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - Finish

- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 9.3 If only one windward or leeward mark is present, a boat shall round the remaining mark, leaving it to port.

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 marks to the new location in accordance with RRS 33.
- 10.2 RRS 33 adds: "(d) Course bearing changes less than 5 degrees made before any boat begins the leg may be made without signaling. This changes RRS 33.

11 Marks

- 11.1 Marks will be pink MarkSetBots. A green MarkSetBot will act as a spare and unless announced as a substitute, will not be part of the course.
- 11.2 Routine movement of the autonomous marks will not be considered an improper action of the race committee so shall not be grounds for redress. This includes minor readjustments or marks returning to station after being pushed away by a boat.

12 The Start

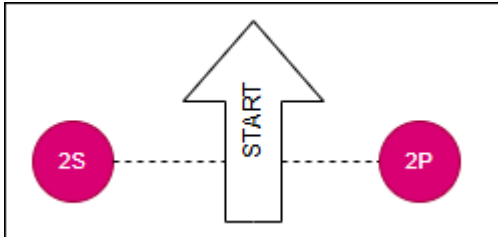
12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

12.2 RRS 26 is changed to, “Races will be started by RaceSense. Times shall be taken from the timer on a boat’s Vakaros unit.

12.3 Race signals is changed so no visual or sound signals will be made by the signal boat for the following signals:

Signal	Replaced this time on Vakaros unit:	Meaning
Class Flag	5:00	5 minutes until the start
Preparatory Signal	4:00	4 minutes until the start
Preparatory Signal Removed	1:00	1 minute until the start
Class Flag Removed	0:00	Starting Signal
Individual Recall (flag X)	OCS with Red Lights	Your boat was identified on the course side at the start and you must comply with RRS 29.1 (restart)

12.4 The starting line will be between a Vakaros devices mounted to MarksetBots 2S and 2P



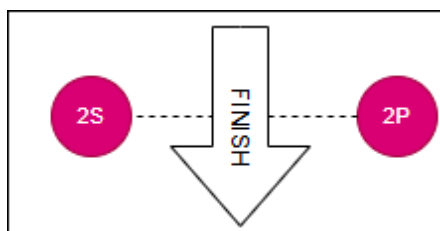
12.5 Individual Recall notification will be made via Vakaros notification as described in SI 11.3. If a boat is identified on the course side at the starting signal, the boat’s Vakaros will display “OCS” with red lights. Once a boat clears behind the line or crosses an extension, the Vakaros device will display green lights with “CLEAR.” This changes race signals.

12.6 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.

13 The Finish

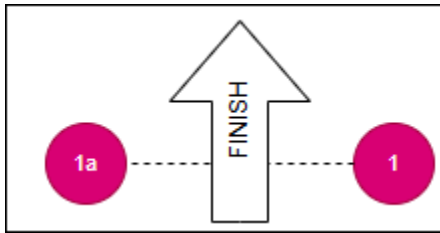
13.1 Downwind Finishes (preferred)

13.1.1 The finishing line will be between Vakaros devices mounted on marks 2S and 2P



13.2 Upwind Finishes

13.2.1 The finishing line will be between Vakaros devices mounted on Marks 1 and 1a.



14 Penalty System

14.1 Appendix T applies as changed in the Notice of Race.

14.2 An arbitrator may be a member of the protest committee that hears the protest.

14.3 RRS 44.2 is changed to add after the first sentence, "However, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around mark 1 or on the leg between marks 1 and 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around mark 1a."

15 Time Limits

15.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) is 75 minutes.

15.2 The first mark time limit is 25 minutes.

15.3 The Finishing Window 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. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, and A10.

15.4 The Finishing Window time limit is 30 minutes.

16 Hearing Requests

16.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

16.2 Hearing requests shall be submitted to the race office at <https://bit.ly/2025Hearing>.

16.3 Scoring Inquiry - If a boat believes their score to be incorrect, the boat shall submit a scoring inquiry at <https://bit.ly/2025hearing>. If the scoring inquiry result does not satisfy the boat, they may submit a redress request to the race office at <https://bit.ly/2025hearing> according to RRS 61.2 within the protest time limit, or within 30 minutes of being informed of the scoring inquiry result, whichever is later.

16.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit, or within 30 minutes of receipt, whichever is later, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at the yacht club, or another physical or virtual location as deemed appropriate by the Jury.

17 Scoring

17.1 RRS Appendix A, except that when fewer than 6 races are sailed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races are sailed, each boat's score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1.

18 Safety Regulations

18.1 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable

opportunity.

19 Equipment and Measurement Checks

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

20 Trash Disposal

20.1 Trash may be placed aboard official vessels.