



2026 MELGES 19 LGYC Regatta

Organizing Authority: Melges 19 Class Association in conjunction with the Minnetonka
Yacht Club

August 21-23

Minnetonka Yacht Club, Minnetonka, MN

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. All rules in Melges 19 Class Rules Section H shall apply.
- 1.3. [DP] Class Rules
- 1.4. RRS 41(c), 60.4(a), 60.5(c), and 61.3 are changed in the notice of race.
- 1.5. RRS 60.4(b) replaces "a *committee*" with "the race committee or protest committee."
- 1.6. 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.
- 1.7. Rule 26, Rule 29.1, Race Signal P Preparatory Signal, and Race Signal X Individual Recall are changed in SI 12, The Start.
- 1.8. Appendix T - Arbitration will apply Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check-in, which shall be mounted within 6 inches of the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be available for rental to any boat that does not have one available.
 - 1.8.1. RaceSense information is available to all boats.
 - 1.8.2. [NP] A redress request by a boat alleging failure of an Atlas or the RaceSense system.



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2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions and Schedule

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs 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 as permitted by RRS 90.2(c).

3. Communications with Competitors

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Club Spot Notice Board:
<https://melgeswatersportscenter.theclubspot.com/regatta/jB999G5bsv/#notice-board>
- 3.2. An unofficial notice board will be the Melges 19 WhatsApp Group Chat.
- 3.3. The Race Office is located at MYC
- 3.4. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 69.
- 3.5. The Race Committee may communicate via competitor VHF any information deemed necessary and/or helpful for the efficient and fair management of races.
- 3.6. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency or medically necessary, 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.

4. Code of Conduct

- 4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a race official or any representative of the organizing authority.

5. Signals Made Ashore

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Flag Pole at MYC and announced on VHF channel 69.
- 5.2. When AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6. Schedule

- 6.1. A Competitor Briefing will be held at 0930 on August 22nd, 2026 at the MYC Bug Island Race Center and 0800 on August 23rd in the same location.
- 6.2. The first warning signal is scheduled on August 22nd, 2026 at 1100 hrs. Subsequent races will follow.
- 6.3. The first warning on Saturday will be at 1100 and Sunday will be at 0930. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1230. Schedule will be confirmed via WhatsApp at 2000 the night before.

7. Racing Area

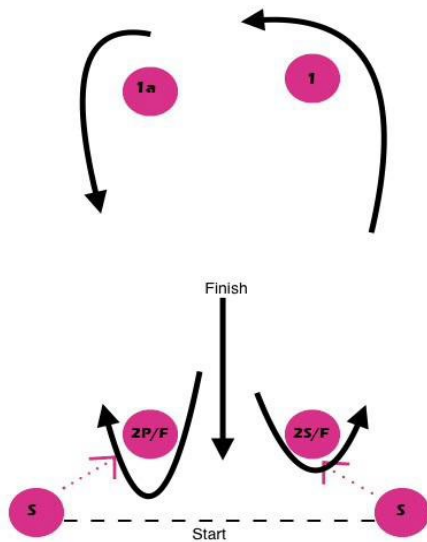
- 7.1. The racing venue will be the waters of lower Lake Minnetonka



8. Courses

- 8.1. 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 LA - Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LA2	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p 1 - 1a – Finish (between gates 2s/2p)
LA3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a- Finish (between gates 2s/2p)
LA4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a – Finish (between gates 2s/2p)
LA5	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a – Finish (between gates 2s/2p)



- 8.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 8.3. When the course is changed, the offset or a second gate mark may not be set. If only one windward or leeward mark is present, a boat shall round the remaining mark, leaving it to port.

9. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

- 9.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable in accordance with RRS 33.
- 9.2. RRS 33 adds: "(d) Course bearing changes less than 10 degrees and/or length changes less than 10% made before any boat begins the leg may be made without signaling. This changes RRS 33.

10. Marks

- 10.1. Windward marks and offset will be Orange Cylindrical Buoys. Leeward gate, start line and finish line will be yellow cylindrical buoys.

11. The Start

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 (5 Minutes).

- 11.2. RRS 26 is changed to, "Races will be started by RaceSense." Times shall be taken from the timer display on a boat's Vakaros unit. There will be no visual or sound signals made by the signal boat.

Minutes before starting signal	Visual signal on Vakaros Unit	Means
5	5:00	Warning Signal
4	4:00	Preparatory Signal
1	1:00	One minute
0	0:00	Starting Signal

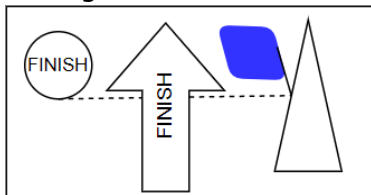
- 11.3. Race signal Preparatory Signals P Preparatory signal is changed to 4:00 on a boat's Vakaros unit. This changes Race Signals P Preparatory signal.
- 11.4. The Starting Line will be: Between 2 yellow cylindrical buoys, each with Vakaros units mounted on them
- 11.5. Individual recalls will be made by the Vakaros RaceSense system. The Race Committee will not verbally notify competitors who are over via VHF. Notification will be via red lights on your Vakaros RaceSense after the start. If your device notifies you that you are OCS, you must sail back below the line until your unit light changes from red to green.
- 11.6. Race signal X Individual Recall is changed to the display of "OCS" and red lights on a boat's Vakaros unit.
- 11.7. RRS 29.1 is changed to, "When at a boat's starting signal any part of her hull is on the course side of the starting line or she must comply with rule 30.1, the race committee will promptly notify all such boats by displaying "OCS" and displaying red lights on the boat's Vakaros unit. The notification shall be displayed until the hull of the boat has been completely on the pre-start side of the starting line or one of its extensions, and until the boat has complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, but no later than four minutes after the starting signal or one minute before any later starting signal, whichever is earlier. If rule 29.2, 30.3 or 30.4 applies this rule does not.
- 11.8. 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.
- 11.9. 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.

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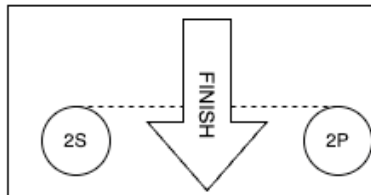


12. The Finish

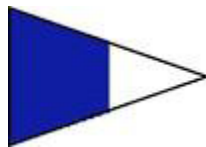
- 12.1. For an upwind finish, the finishing line will be between the windward and offset marks.
- 12.2. For a downwind finish, the finishing line will be between Vakaros devices mounted on marks 2S and 2P unless the second substitute flag is displayed before the start, in which case the finish will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark or



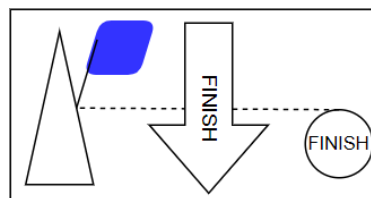
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Second Substitute Flag



and



13. Penalty System

- 13.1. Appendix T applies as changed Sailing Instruction 1.9
- 13.2. RRS 44.2 is changed to add after the first sentence: "However, if Mark 1a (offset) is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a."

14. Time Limits

- 14.1. The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) is 75 minutes.
- 14.2. The first mark time limit is 25 minutes.
- 14.3. 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.
- 14.4. The Finishing Window time limit is 20 minutes.

15. Hearing Requests

- 15.1. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signal boat docks after the last race of the day.
- 15.2. Hearing requests shall be submitted to the race office at <https://bit.ly/2025hearing>.
- 15.3. 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, she may submit a redress request according to RRS 61.2 within the protest time limit, or 30 minutes of being informed of the scoring inquiry result, whichever is later.
- 15.4. 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. Hearings will be held in the LGYC club house or in another physical or virtual location as deemed appropriate by the protest committee.

16. Scoring

- 16.1. 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.
- 16.2. 1 (one) race is required to constitute a series.
- 16.3 RRS 90.3(e) applies.

17. Safety Regulations

- 17.1. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. Equipment and Measurement Checks

- 18.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules.

19. Trash Disposal

- 19.1. Trash may be placed aboard official vessel

