



# 2025 MELGES 15 GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP

Organizing Authority (OA): Charlevoix Yacht Club

In conjunction with the Melges 15 Class (M15)

August 21 – 24, 2025

Lake Charlevoix – Charlevoix, MI USA

## NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in [The Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#) including US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions to 63.1 will not apply.
- 1.3. [Melges 15 Class Rules](#) will apply.
- 1.4. Vakaros (or other GPS) products will not be issued or utilized by OA. Competitors may use Vakaros (or other GPS) products but must be setup in Melges 15 Class mode. The use of starting features is grounds for disqualification by OA or other competitors.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between SIs and NoR, the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5(c)(2).

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available online before 1300 hours (1:00 pm) Thursday, August 21, 2025.
- 2.2. The SIs will consist of the instructions in the [RRS, Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions](#), and supplementary sailing instructions (SSIs) that will be on the Official Notice Board.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official online notice board is located on Clubspot event site.
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 78.
- 3.3. Following the display of the Individual Recall Flag, the RC will attempt to announce by VHF Radio the sail numbers of all boats identified as OCS. Such announcement is a courtesy and failure of the RC to make the announcement or of competitors to hear or understand shall not constitute a ground for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b.1).
- 3.4. [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.
- 3.5. The race office will be the CYC Office, upstairs in the Charlevoix Yacht Club clubhouse at 220 Ferry Avenue, Charlevoix, MI 49720.
- 3.6. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" shall be replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the Race Signal AP. This changed RRS Race Signals.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats of the Melges 15 Class. The Helmsperson must be a member in good standing with the Melges 15 Class Association.
- 4.2. Registration is open, online at Clubspot event site. Registration will close at 1800 hours (6:00 pm) on Thursday, August 21, 2025.
- 4.3. No registration will be considered complete until all fees, required forms, and signatures are received.
- 4.4. Registration is limited to the first 40 eligible and paid entrants.



## 5. FEES

- 5.1. The registration fee is \$195.00 before July 21, 2025. There is a late fee of \$50.00 beginning July 21, 2025.
- 5.2. The entry fee is refundable until August 7, 2025, minus a \$25.00 administrative fee.
- 5.3. The entry fee includes admission to all social events, snacks, and dinner on Saturday for the skipper and one crew member. Additional dinner tickets can be purchased in advance during registration.

## 6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Competitors may arrive at the venue starting at 1000 hours (10:00 am) on Thursday, August 21, 2025. Please see Parking and Launching documents.
- 6.2. Daily Schedule
  - 6.2.1. Thursday, August 21, 2025
    - 6.2.1.1. 1000 – 2000 Check-in
    - 6.2.1.2. 1600 Practice Race (2 starts and 2 2-leg races)
    - 6.2.1.3. 1600 - 2100 Regular club bar (cash/cc), Food available (\$)
  - 6.2.2. Friday, August 22, 2025
    - 6.2.2.1. 1000 Competitors' Meeting (0930 coffee, juice, snacks(included))
    - 6.2.2.2. 1200 First Warning
    - 6.2.2.3. 1700 Competitors' Debrief
    - 6.2.2.4. 1700 – 2100 Regular club bar (cash/cc), snacks (included)
  - 6.2.3. Saturday, August 23, 2025
    - 6.2.3.1. 0900 Coffee and Snacks (included)
    - 6.2.3.2. 1100 First Warning
    - 6.2.3.3. 1600 Competitors' Debrief
    - 6.2.3.4. 1600 – 2100 Dinner (1800) at CYC (included), bar (cash/cc)
  - 6.2.4. Sunday, August 24, 2025
    - 6.2.4.1. 0900 Coffee and Snacks (included)
    - 6.2.4.2. 1100 First Warning Signal
    - 6.2.4.3. 1400 No starts after this time
    - 6.2.4.4. 1400 - 1800 Awards following racing, bar (cash/cc), snacks (included)
- 6.3. A maximum of 9 races are scheduled, with a maximum of 3 races per day.

## 7. VENUE

- 7.1. The racing will be in the Northwest end of Lake Charlevoix.

## 8. COURSES

- 8.1. Courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward, detailed in the SIs.

## 9. SCORING

- 9.1. The Low Point System, [RRS Appendix A4](#), will apply.
- 9.2. Nine (9) races are scheduled. One race completed will constitute a regatta. Three races completed will constitute a championship.
- 9.3. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.



- 9.4. 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. PRIZES

- 10.1. Prizes will be awarded to at least the top three boats; Top Youth (U21); Top Female; Top Master (age 50-59 years); Top Grand Master (age 60-69); Top Mega Master (age 70+). Award age requirements are determined on the day of the first race of the Event. Age categories are determined by the skipper.

## 11. BOW NUMBERS

- 11.1. Boats shall carry identification bow numbers, corresponding to sail number. Bow numbers must be applied to the forward section of the hull on each side of the boat following the application instructions included with the numbers from the manufacturer. Application to the class for approval must be made in cases of variation between bow numbers and sail numbers, and the registrar must be notified of any change. Bow numbers are available for advance purchase and onsite delivery at [www.melgessailingsupply.com](http://www.melgessailingsupply.com).

## 12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1. *"RRS 3: DECISION TO RACE: 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 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. Competitors are solely responsible for obtaining the required coverage and provide proof of insurance if required.

## 14. LAUNCHING

- 14.1. Boats will be beach or ramp launched. Hoist launching is not available.  
14.2. Extra trailers may need to be moved to a satellite parking lot for the duration of the event at the discretion of the OA.  
14.3. There is no trailer parking in the CYC parking lot at 220 Ferry Avenue.

## 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. INFORMATION

- 16.1. For more information contact:  
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