

2026 LONG ISLAND SOUND MELGES 15 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Organizing Authority: Centerport Yacht Club & Noroton Yacht Club

Part 1: May 30 - 31, 2026
Noroton Yacht Club • Darien, CT

Part 2: September 26 - 27, 2026
Centerport Yacht Club • Centerport, NY

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

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

1.2 In addition to other rules changed in this document, the following racing rules are changed:

1.2.1 RaceSense

1.2.2 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilized by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 41(c)

1.2.3 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 or Edge 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 Vakaros unit at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or a unit will be available for rental to any boat that does not have one available.

1.2.4 RaceSense information is available to all boats. DTL will only be available to boats with an Atlas 2.

1.2.5 Failure of a Vakaros unit or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 60.1(b), 60.3(b), and 63.1.]

1.3 All competitors are required to wear a personal floatation device (PFD) to the minimum standard ISO 12402-5, (level 50, or USCG Type III, or AUS PFD II) or equivalent while racing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online before 0900h on Friday, May 29, 2026 for Event 1; and 0900h on Friday, September 25, 2026 for Event 2.

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.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official online notice board is located on the Clubspot event site.

3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on a channel designated in each Event's SI.

3.3 Individual recalls will be made by the Vakaros units on your boat. RC will **not** notify competitors who are over. If you see red lights on your unit after the start, you must sail back below the line until your unit light changes from red to green.

3.4 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 Each event is open to all boats of the Melges 15 Class. Further, competitors are welcome to sail either event, individually, or both, as a combined series. Each event will be scored as a stand-alone regatta, and a combined championship series for those competing in both.

4.2 Boats may only enter either event by registering online. Registration closes for Event 1 on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 1000. Registration closes for Event 2 on Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 1000.

4.3 Boats planning to compete in both events will need to enter each, separately.

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

5. FEES

5.1. The registration fee for each event is \$200 and includes Saturday night food and beverage for the skipper and crew.

5.2 The registration fee increases to \$275 on May 1, 2026 for Event 1; and September 1, 2026 for Event 2.

5.3 The entry fee is refundable, minus a \$25 administrative fee, until May 15, 2026 for Event 1; and September 11, 2026 for Event 2. .

5.4 This event will be using Vakaros RaceSense. For Vakaros Atlas 2 rental information, please email the event chairs:

Event 1: Gillian Graves: gjayson@yahoo.com

John Bainton: bainton@me.com

Event 2: John Storck III: storck3@gmail.com

5.5 For information on additional tickets for food and beverage, please email the event chairs:

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6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Event 1:

Saturday, May 30	830 1030 1200 1830	Registration & Check In Competitor Meeting First Warning Competitor Dinner
Sunday, May 31	1000 1400 Post-Race	First Warning No race to start after this time Awards

6.2 Event 2:

Saturday, September 26	830 1030 1200 1830	Registration & Check In Competitor Meeting First Warning Competitor Dinner
Sunday, September 27	1000 1400 Post-Race	First Warning No race to start after this time Awards

6.3 A maximum of 7 races are scheduled at each event. The Race Committee will target a 6-race series at each event and sail an additional 7th race if conditions permit.

7. VENUE

7.1 Racing for Event 1 will be on Long Island Sound.

7.2 Racing for Event 2 will be on Northport Bay.

8. COURSES

8.1 Courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward or windward/leeward with a dogleg finish.

9. SCORING

9.1 One race completed will be considered a regatta, for both events. Three races at either event will constitute a championship.

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.

9.3 Each event will be scored as an individual regatta.

9.4 The Long Island Sound Championship will be scored by combining the final points at Event 1 with the final points at Event 2, for all boats competing in both. Any and all drop races that were accounted for in an individual event, will also be accounted for in the Championship scoring.

10. Coaching and Outside Assistance

10.1 The Melges 15 Class does not permit outside coaching during this event.

10.2 Outside assistance during a race is **NOT** Allowed.

11. LAUNCHING

11.1 Competitors are requested to bring a dolly for launching. Hoist launching has limitations for both events.

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.

12.2 Prior to participating in either event, every competitor shall sign a liability waiver, provided by the hosting Club. Competitors with incomplete waivers will be scored DNC and refunds will not be given.

13. INSURANCE

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

14. PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be awarded at each event. Overall championship prizes will be awarded following the presentation of Event 2 prizes. Specific prize categories and quantities will be dependent upon entries.

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. No Commercial Activity Policy

16.1 The sale of goods or services, as well as the promotion or advertising of any commercial business, brand, or product, is strictly prohibited onsite without consent.

16.2 Conducting paid or profit-driven activities, such as workshops, events, or services, is prohibited without written consent.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

Event 1 Contact:

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