

2026 Long Island Sound Melges 15 Championship - Part Two

Centerport Yacht Club
33 Beach Plum Drive, Centerport, NY 11721
September 26-27, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preamble – The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule and for which the Jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1 as stated below. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for breaking this rule may, at the discretion of the Jury, be more or less than a single disqualification.

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.1.1 The Melges 15 Class Rules shall apply.
- 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 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 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 official online notice board.
- 3.2 An unofficial notice board may be located at the Centerport Yacht Club Sailing Center.
- 3.3 The Race Office is located at Centerport Yacht Club Sailing Center.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 72.
- 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

[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 signal boat located CYC dock when ashore 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

- 6.1 Competitor Briefing will be held at 1030 on Saturday, September 26, 2026 at CYC Sailing Center.
- 6.2 The first warning signal is scheduled on September 26, 2026 at 1200 hrs.
- 6.3 The first warning Sunday September 27, 2026 will be at 1000.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no race shall start after 1400.
- 6.5 A maximum of 7 races are scheduled at each event.

7 Class Flags

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

8 Racing Area

The racing venue will be the waters of Northport Bay, NY.

9 Courses

- 9.1 Course diagrams and descriptions can be found in SI Addendum A.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee vessel will display the course to be sailed.
- 9.3 When the course is changed, the offset or a second gate mark may not be set.
- 9.4 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 lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable in accordance with RRS 33.
- 10.2 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.

11 Marks

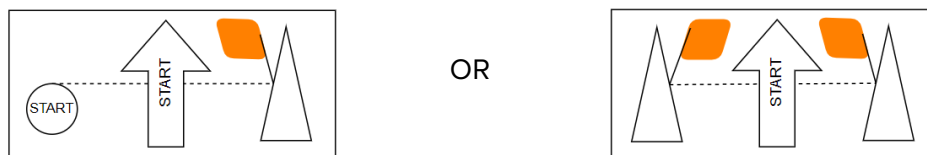
Windward and Leeward gate marks will be Large Orange Tetrahedral Buoys.

12 The Start

- 12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 (5 Minutes).
- 12.2 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

- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 The starting line will be: Between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and a Vakaros unit mounted to the starting mark or between two staffs displaying orange flags on two race committee vessels.

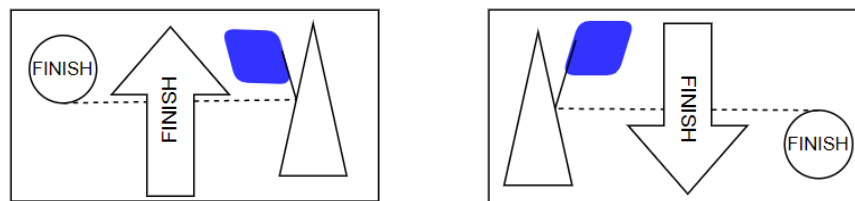


- 12.5 Individual recalls will be made by the Vakaros RaceSense system. The Race Committee will not notify competitors who are over via VHF. Notification will be via red lights and an “OCS” message on your Vakaros RaceSense after the start. If your device notifies you that you are OCS, you must sail back below the line until your unit light changes from red

- to green and displays "Cleared".
- 12.6 Race signal X Individual Recall is changed to the display of "OCS" and red lights on a boat's Vakaros unit.
 - 12.7 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.
 - 12.8 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.
 - 12.9 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.
 - 12.10 If for any reason, the Race Committee needs to abandon or suspend Race Sense for any duration of the regatta, such will be announced on VHF 72.
 - 12.11 All starts during an abandonment or suspension of Race Sense shall follow RRS 26 and RRS 29, as written.

13 The Finish

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the race committee vessel and a Vakaros unit mounted to the finishing mark to port for an upwind finish. For a downwind finish, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a Blue flag on the race committee vessel and a Vakaros unit mounted to the finishing mark to port (as a racing boat sails downwind).



14 Penalty System

- 14.1 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."
- 14.2 Appendix V rule V2 applies.
- 14.3 RRS 44.1 is changed so that a two-turn penalty is replaced by a one-turn penalty.

15 Time Limits

- 15.1 The Race Time Limit (see RRS 35) is 60 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 20 minutes.

16 Hearing Requests

- 16.1 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the signal boat docks after the last race of the day.
- 16.2 As permitted by RRS 60.3(b) Hearing requests shall be submitted via this <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 the <https://bit.ly/2025Hearing>. If the scoring inquiry result does not satisfy the boat, she may submit a redress request according to RRS 62.2 within the protest time limit, or 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 to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held upstairs in the CYC Sailing Center .

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.
- 17.2 1 (one) race is required to constitute a series. 3 Races will constitute a championship.

18 Safety Regulations

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

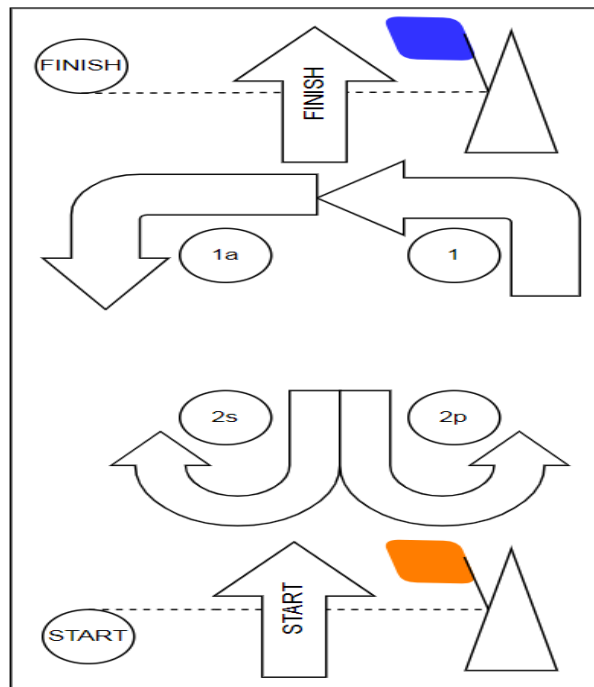
19 Equipment and Measurement Checks

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

SI Addendum A

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 W - Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
W3	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish
W5	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - Finish



Course L - Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L4	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p 1 - 1a - Finish
L6	Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1 - 1a- Finish

