

# 2025 MELGES 15 IRISH EAST COAST CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 21,22 2025

Royal Saint George Yacht Club • Dublin, Ireland

## 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 Atlas2/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 Atlas2/Edge at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas2/Edge will be available to borrow for any boat that does not have one available. The Melges 15 profile should be selected on the Vakaros Unit. DTL will not be enabled/allowed for this regatta.

1.2.4 RaceSense information is available to all boats.

1.2.5 Failure of an Atlas2/Edge 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.]

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online before 2100 on Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> 2025. See virtual race office [here](#) for download

### 3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official online notice board is located [here](#)

3.2 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.

3.3 [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.

3.4 The PRO reserves the right to run Race Sense in parallel with traditional start sequences. This will be discussed at the Skippers briefing.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Irish Melges 15 Class. Boat owners must be members in good standing with the Melges 15 Class Association.

4.2 Boats may only enter the event by registering online [here](#)

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

## **5. FEES**

5.1. The registration fee is €100. Late Entry fees at €125

5.2 This event will be using Vakaros RaceSense. Atlas 2 units are available to borrow

## **6. SCHEDULE**

6.1

Date	Time	Event	Number of races planned
Saturday 21 June	10:30 to 11:00	Registration & Check in	
Saturday 21 June	11:00	Skippers briefing at RSGYC main mast	
Saturday 21 June	12:30	Warning signal 1st race of the day	5
Sunday 22 June	11:30	Warning signal 1st race of the day	4

6.2 No warning signal after 15:30 on Sunday June 22nd

## **7. VENUE**

7.1 Racing will be in Dublin 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.

9.2 (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. (b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. (c) When nine races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst two scores.

## **10. LAUNCHING**

11.1 All Melges 15s will be based in RSGYC and must launch from there.

11.2 Rigging spots are not assigned. Do not block other boats from having access to the water.

## **11. 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. INSURANCE**

13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €3,000,000 per event or the equivalent..

## **14. PRIZES**

14.1 Prizes will be awarded.

## **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. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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