



**Sailing Instructions**  
**Melges 15 Firecracker Regatta**  
**July 7-9, 2023**  
**Rochester Yacht Club**



## 1 Rules

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Each competitor is responsible for ensuring their equipment follows the Melges 15 class rules. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the regatta.

## 2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the regatta website at [Yachtscoring.com](http://Yachtscoring.com)

## 3 Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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.

## 4 Signals Made Ashore

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal boat "George Newell" in the south basin of RYC

4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'. This changes Race Signal AP.

## 5 Schedule

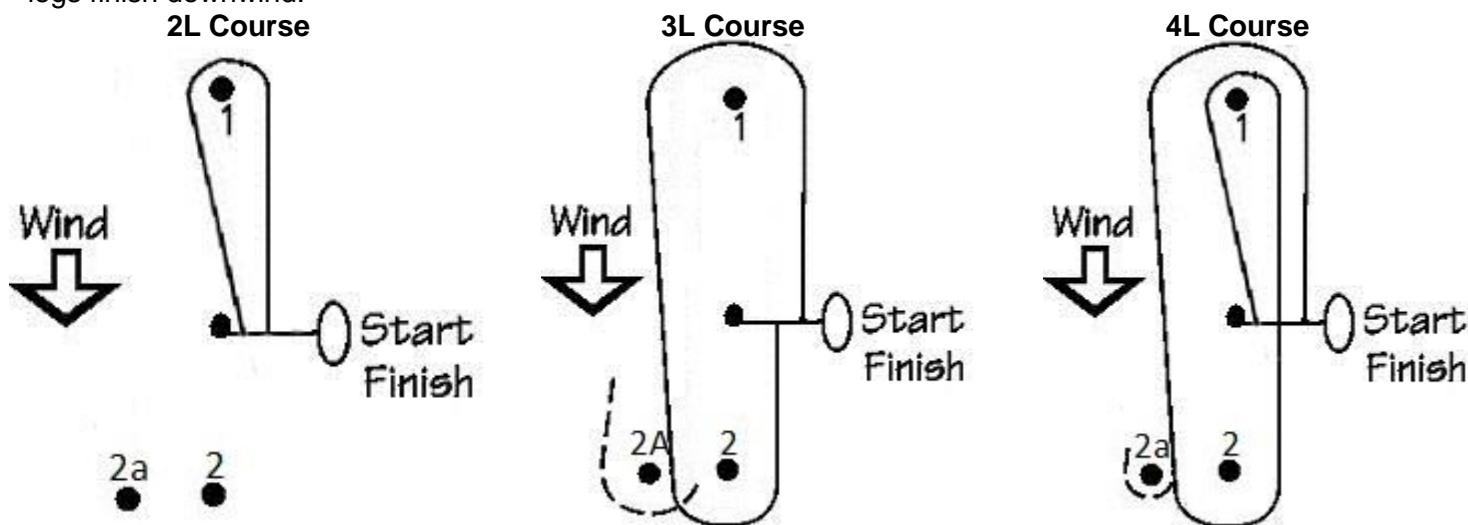
Thursday July 6th, 2023	Saturday July 8th, 2023
1000 - RYC grounds open for boat arrival and camping. Hoists available for launching Food Available for purchase at RYC	0900-1000 Late Check In 0930 Competitors Meeting 1100 First warning signal 1800 Event Dinner and Festivities
Friday July 7th, 2023	Sunday July 9th, 2023
RYC grounds open for boat arrival and camping. Hoists available for launching	0930 Competitors Meeting 1030 First warning signal 1500 No Warning Signal After Awards and refreshments to follow racing

## 6 Racing Areas

Racing shall be held on the waters of Lake Ontario at the race committee's discretion.

## 7 Courses

Course will be Windward-Leeward with gate. Start / Finish line will be in the middle of course, and the finish will generally be downwind. 4L is four legs, finish downwind. 3L is three legs, finish upwind. 2L is two legs finish downwind.



## **8 Marks**

Marks will be orange, yellow, green, or red tetrahedrons.

## **9 Start**

9.1 Starts shall be in accordance with RRS 26

9.2 The Starting Line will be between the Orange flag on the Signal Boat and the nearby Green Tetrahedron mark.

## **10 Finish**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a nearby mark.

## **11 Change of Course**

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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **12 Time Limits**

12.1 Race Time limit is 60 minutes for a boat to start, sail the course and finish.

12.2 Boats not finishing within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish shall be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, and A10.

12.3 Failure to meet the Target Time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

## **13 Hearing Requests**

13.1 Competitors intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing.

13.2 Protests to be filed at RYC registration area within 60 minutes of the time the Race Committee Signal boat docking.

13.3 RRS Appendix V2 (Post Race Penalties) shall be in effect

13.4 A Jury will be assembled from Competitors not involved in the incident

13.5 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt.

## **14 Scoring**

14.1 One race will constitute a Regatta

14.2 Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. However, if six races are completed, the boats' series score shall be the total of her race score excluding her worst score

## **15 Safety Regulations**

15.1 Life jackets shall be always worn while racing, failure to do so will result in disqualification.

15.2 Each boat must carry a VHF radio. General announcements will be made on VHF 72.

15.3 A competitor that withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible.

15.4 All boats intending to race shall check in with the Signal Boat prior to the first warning signal by sailing past the signal boat on Starboard tack and hailing the signal boat before the Attention signal.

## **16 Disclaimer of Liability**

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.