



2023 Weeknight Racing
ONE°15 Brooklyn Sail Club
Wednesday and Thursday Evening Racing Series
Spring, Summer, and Fall Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The racing series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS"), and the spirit of the class rules for the Melges 24 and J/80.
- 1.2. The following RRS are changed:
 - 1.2.1. RRS 44.1 is changed as follows:

'USCG approved personal flotation devices (PFD) shall be worn at all times'
- 1.3. It is the intention to adhere to the spirit of the Class Rules of each fleet with the following changes under RRS 87:
 - 1.3.1. Rule(s) Section B.2, Section C.5.2(a)(1) and C.10.2(c) of the International Melges 24 Class Rules are changed as follows:
 - B.2 The helmsman does not need to be a current member of the NCA.
 - C.5.2(a)(1) When not in use, the engine shall be tilted out of the water and the outboard bracket shall remain in place.
 - C.10.2(c) Sails can be changed or substituted whilst underway or away from the dockside or mooring.
 - 1.3.2. Rule(s) C.3.2, C.4.1, C.5.2 (a)(iii) and C.5.3 (a)(i) of the International J/80 Class Rules are changed as follows:
 - C.3.2 Member or Open Class event designation does not apply to these races. (The helmsman does not need to be a current member of the Class).
 - C.4.1 The maximum crew weight is swimming apparel is unlimited with no limit to the number of crew
 - C.5.2(a)(iii) Not applicable (mandatory compass, applicable charts and either (a) speed and depth measuring devices or (b) operational GPS).
 - C.5.3(a)(i) When not in use, the engine shall be tilted out of the water and any removable outboard bracket shall remain in place.

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2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices, including amendments to the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Club website (<http://one15brooklynmarina.com/club-racing/>) or the Sail Club Float Plan sign-in binder located at the ONE 15 Brooklyn Sail Club office or docks.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Club website or included the Club Float Plan Sign-In Binder located at ONE 15 Brooklyn Sail Club office or docks before 1730 on the day it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at ONE 15 Brooklyn Sail Club docks and announced on VHF Channel 71.
- 4.2. If races are postponed from ashore, the first warning signal will be made not less than 20 minutes after the AP is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Dates of racing:

Spring Series (7 evenings)

Wednesday evening: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & June 7, 14

Thursday evening: May 4, 11, 18, 25 & June 1, 8, 15

Summer Series (7 evenings)

Wednesday evening: June 21, 28 & July 5, 12, 19, 26 & August 2

Thursday evening: June 22, 29 & July 6, 13, 20, 27 & August 3

Fall Series (7 evenings)

Wednesday evening: August 9, 16, 23, 30 & September 6, 13, 20

Thursday evening: August 10, 17, 24, 31 & September 7, 14, 21

- 5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1825.
- 5.3. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, sound signals at least one minute before a warning signal may be made.
- 5.4. It is the intention of race committee to hold more than one race on any day for the Melges 24 and J/80 Fleet
 - 5.4.1. If the race committee intends to start another race on the same day, it will display a yellow flag (with no sound) while boats are finishing or make an announcement over the VHF. Boats awaiting the start of an additional race should assemble in the vicinity of the downwind end of the course and stay clear of boats that are still racing.
 - 5.4.2. The next race for each class will begin as soon as practicable after the previous race.

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6. RACING AREA AND VHF CHANNEL USED

- 6.1. The races are located in the vicinity of the Gowanus Flats near Red Hook Channel. Communication for racing will be conducted on the VHF Race Channel

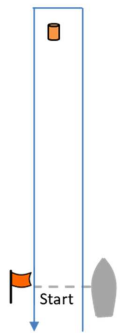
7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1. Class flags will be numeral pennants:
 Class Flag
 Melges 24 & J/80 Numeral Pennant 3

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The course for each race will be Windward-Leeward using windward marks or government marks (WL) or courses around government marks, as provided in Sailing Instruction 10.1.
 8.2. The windward marks are to rounded to port. Two windward marks may be laid or designated, one for the Sail Club fleet (Melges 24 and J/80).
 8.3. For WL courses, the race committee signal boat will announce or display the number of legs. For races WL course around government marks, marks will be announced or displayed on a course board or a white board. The information will be announced on the VHF Race Channel.

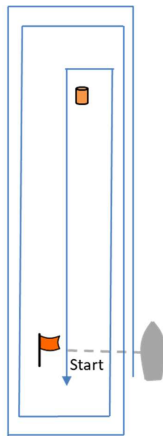
Single or Multiple Fleet



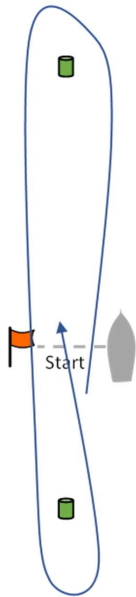
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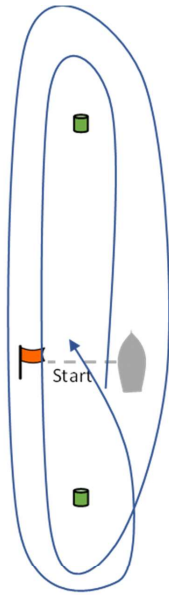
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 - W(p) - L(p) - finish



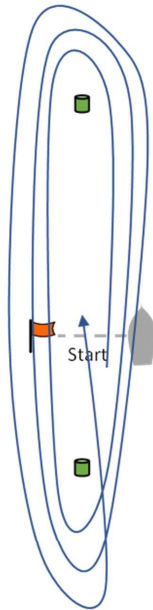
W3 or X3:
 Start - W(p) - L(p)
 - W(p) - L(p)
 - W(p) - L(p) - finish



W2 or X2:
Start - W(p) - L(p) - finish



W4:
Start - W(p) - L(p)
- W(p) - L(p) - finish



W6:
Start - W(p) - L(p)
- W(p) - L(p)
- W(p) - L(p) - finish

- 8.4. At the discretion of the race committee, one or more races in the series may be sailed around government marks from the start, around specified government marks and then to the finish.
- 8.5. If government marks are to be used, the race committee signal boat will signal the course by letters according to Sailing Instructions. Marks shall be rounded in the order signalled and left on the hand so that the rhumb line to the next mark will not cross the rhumb line from the previous mark. If the next mark is reciprocal, the mark shall be left to port when rounding.

9. MARKS FOR WL

- 9.1. Marks for the WL course will be [INSERT COLOR] special marks or government buoys.
- 9.2. A new mark replacing an original mark will be a different color [INSERT COLOR].
- 9.3. The race committee, at its discretion, may set an offset mark [INSERT DESCRIPTION] at the windward mark(s). Windward offset marks will be to port of the windward mark(s).



The windward offset mark(s) are to be rounded to port. If no offset mark is in place, the windward mark shall be rounded to port.

- 9.4. The race committee, at its discretion, may set a gate as the leeward mark. If the leeward mark is a gate, boats shall pass through the gate from the direction of the previous mark before proceeding onto the next leg of the course.

10. MARKS FOR RACING AROUND GOVERNMENT MARKS

- 10.1. Marks for courses using government marks are shown in Appendix A
- 10.2. Mark X, if signalled, will be a special race mark [INSERT COLOR] used anywhere in the course

11. CHECK IN

- 11.1. Before the first warning signal of each day, all boats shall sail past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and check in by hailing their bow number. They shall continue to do so until their bow or sail number is verbally acknowledged by the race committee.

12. THE START

- 12.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange mark and the course side of the port-end [INSERT COLOR] starting mark
- 12.2. Class starts may be signalled at five minute intervals by displaying a class flag at the start of the preceding class, in which case the start of the preceding class shall be the warning for the next class.
- 12.3. At the discretion of the race committee, class starts may be combined. The race committee will signal this type of start by displaying the numeral pennants of all classes sharing the start as the warning signal.
- 12.4. The race committee signal boat may have one or more buoys secured to it which shall be considered to be part of the committee boat for the purpose of RRS 31.
- 12.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 12.6. Use of an engine is permitted until one minute before the start signal as per RRS 42.3(i).
- 12.7. A boat that starts later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.

13. RECALLS

- 13.1. The race committee will attempt to identify premature starters and to broadcast their sail numbers on the VHF Race Channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hail, shall not be cause for redress.

14. CHANGE OF COURSE BETWEEN STARTS

- 14.1. If the race committee changes the first mark following a postponement during a starting sequence flag C will be displayed with short repeated sounds prior to the warning signal and the windward mark for all classes not yet started will be a course change mark in accordance with Sailing Instruction 12.2.



15. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 15.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark, or set a change mark [INSERT DESCRIPTION] (or the finishing line) to a new position. There will be no offset mark for the changed windward mark.

16. THE FINISH

- 16.1. The finishing line for all courses will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an official boat and the course side of the finish mark.
- 16.2. If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17. PENALTIES

- 17.1. At the first reasonable opportunity during, or immediately after, the race, a boat that accepted a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty shall report that fact to the race committee on the VHF Race Channel and identify the other boat(s) involved in the incident. This changes RRS 44.2.

18. TIME LIMIT

- 18.1. If no boat has passed the first mark within 60 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 18.2. The time limit for any race is 90 minutes or 20 minutes prior to sunset whichever is sooner. If no boat has finished within the time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 18.3. Unless Rule 18.4 applies, any boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 18.4. When the Melges 24 and J/80 fleets have the same start and the first boat that sails the course and finishes is a Melges 24, then any J/80 boats failing to finish within 12 minutes after that boat finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

19. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 19.1. RRS 61.1 (a) is changed to require that the red flag must be flown from the backstay and the 'protest' hail can be repeated over the VHF Race Channel.
- 19.2. A boat intending to protest shall comply with RRS 61 and additionally report to the race committee (signal boat or finish boat) as soon as possible after finishing, giving the race committee its bow number and the bow numbers of the protested boat(s). This changes RRS 61.
- 19.3. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be filed on the standard US Sailing protest forms.
- 19.4. Protest forms are available from the Sailing Center Associates, located at ONE 15 Brooklyn Sail Club docks. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 19.5. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.
- 19.6. 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.



- 19.7. To educate Club Members in protest sessions and the racing rules, protest hearings will be held at the ONE 15 Brooklyn Sail Club docks in an open forum as soon as possible after the day of racing.
- 19.8. Protest committee intends on dispensing their decisions immediately and their decisions are not subject to appeal even if there is an error in the application of the RRS.

20. SCORING

- 20.1. The scoring system will be the Low Point System of Appendix A of the RRS, as modified as follows:
 - One race is required to be completed to constitute a series
 - DNC and DNS will be scored as the number of boats racing in the fleet for the first race that night plus one
 - When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her scores
 - When 5 or 6 races are completed in a series, the boat's score shall be the total of her scores excluding her worst score
 - When 7 or 8 races are completed in a series, the boat's score shall be the total of her scores excluding her two worst scores
 - When 9 to 12 races are completed in a series, the boat's score shall be the total of her scores excluding her three worst scores
 - When 13 races or more races are completed in a series, the boat's score shall be the total of her scores excluding her four worst scores
- 20.2. If a Sail Club racing team's assigned boat is not available for the racing due to a breakdown, a request for redress can be submitted
- 20.3. Late entrants must participate in a minimum of four race days of the series to be eligible for any prize that might be awarded for that series

21. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION

- 21.1. Except in an emergency or to report a protest or withdrawal, or as otherwise provided herein, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats.
- 21.2. The Race Committee may announce changes to the starting line, finish line or the course on the VHF Race Channel. Failure to hear such broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.

22. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 22.1. A boat and its crew shall at all times keep clear of all commercial vessels and shall not manoeuvre in any manner which would cause a commercial vessel to be unable to sail its proper course or carry out its commercial functions in a normal manner.
- 22.2. A boat whose actions or manoeuvres result in danger signal (5 or more blasts) from commercial vessels shall be protested by the Race Committee.
- 22.3. The penalty for breaking this rule shall be disqualification from the race.
- 22.4. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.



- 22.5. All boats should be continuously monitoring the VHF Race Channel throughout the race.
- 22.6. Any COB situation will result in the immediate abandonment of the race and all boats must standby to provide assistance as directed by the RC or authorities.

23. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 23.1. On the water transfer and/or substitution of competitors is not be allowed.
- 23.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be allowed at the discretion of the Race Committee or the Director of Sailing Operations.

24. EQUIPMENT MODIFICATIONS

- 24.1. Boats shall not be modified in any manner with the express authorization of the Director of Sailing Operations. This includes (i) any cutting or markings on boat, lines and sails (lines, except halyards, may be taped), (ii) adjustment to lifelines, (iii) tuning the rig (any standing rigging), (iv) use of lubricants or solvents, and (iv) removal of equipment found on boats.
- 24.2. Competitors may only use spinnakers and sails provided unless authorized by the Director of Sailing Operation.

25. ADVERTISING

- 25.1. No boats shall display advertising on the hull or sails unless supplied or approved by the organizing authority.

26. RACE COMMITTEE

- 26.1. Staffing of the Race Committee will be provided by Club Members and guests on a voluntary basis. Skippers and racing crews will be required to perform Race Committee duties on their non-racing evenings. Interested Club Members and guests interested in helping out should send an email to sailclub@one15brooklynmarina.com.