



# MELGES 15 IRISH NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

20 - 21 June 2026

## NOTICE OF RACE

- The Organising Authority (OA) is Howth Yacht Club CLG.
- The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Event will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The [Irish Sailing Prescriptions](#) to the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2025 – 2028 shall apply.
- 1.3. The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilised by the race committee. This changes RRS 41(c). Each boat shall have a working Vakaros (Atlas Edge or Atlas 2) configured for RaceSense at check in, and shall be mounted within 6 inches on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing.
- 1.4. RaceSense information is available to all boats.
- 1.5. Failure of an Atlas edge or Atlas 2 instrument or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 63.1, 60.1(b), 60.2(b) and 60.3(b)
- 1.6. DTL information may not be displayed on competitors' Vakaros devices. The 'Melges 15' class profile with the option 'Apply Melges 15 Class rules' should be selected for each device which suppresses the display of DTL on Atlas 2 devices. This will be checked at registration and ad hoc during the regatta.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions (SI) will be made available on the [events section](#) of the Howth Yacht Club Website before 21:00 on 19 June 2026

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official online notice board will be the event Whatsapp group
- 3.2. [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.



#### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. The Event is open to all boats of the Melges 15 Class
- 4.2. One representative from the boat must be a fully paid up member of the Irish Melges 15 class
- 4.3. Eligible boats may enter the Event by registering online at <https://hyc.ie/open-Events> .
- 4.4. To be considered an entry in the Event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.5. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

#### **5. FEES**

- 5.1. The entry fee is € 120
- 5.2. The entry fee for entries received after Tuesday 16 June 2026 is €140

#### **6. CREW LIMITATIONS**

- 6.1. The owner / competing helmsman of the boat shall be current members of the Irish Melges 15 Class Association or the Melges 15 Class Association of their nationality.
- 6.2. The names of the helm and crew shall be declared at the time of registration.
- 6.3. After registration, crew substitutions are permitted but must not be made for tactical advantage. Substitutions based on weather conditions or forecasts (e.g., choosing heavier or lighter crew members based on wind strength) are not allowed. All crew changes must be reported to the Race Committee prior to the start of the day's racing.

#### **7. ADVERTISING**

- 7.1. Competitors may be required to display Event sponsor's advertising material as prescribed under World Sailing Regulation 20.

#### **8. NOT USED**

## 9. SCHEDULE

### 9.1

Date	Event	Time
Sat. 20 June	Registration for Vakoras	11:00 – 11:30
	Briefing	11:30
	Race Warning Signal	12:55
	Subsequent races	Immediately after preceding races
Sun. 21 June	Race Warning Signal	11:30 (See 9.5)
	Subsequent races	Immediately after preceding races

9.2. Launching outside the specified times should be requested through the OA.

9.3. Seven races are scheduled.

9.4. No race will be started after 15:00 on Sunday 21 June, except for postponements, general recalls and abandonment of a race where the first warning signal was made before 15:00

9.5. The warning signal for the first race on Sunday 21 June may be brought forward at the discretion of the race committee and in the event of this change, competitors will be notified no later than 8pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August

## 10. NOT USED

## 11. VENUE

12.1. The Race Area will be in the waters North of Howth, Co. Dublin, Ireland.

## 13. COURSES

13.1. The courses to be sailed will be defined in the SI and will be Windward-Leeward.

## 14. NOT USED

## 15. SCORING

15.1. The Low Points scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

15.2. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

15.3. 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.



16.– 20 **NOT USED**

## 21. **DATA PROTECTION**

21.1. Competitors give their consent to the OA to use or to license the use of their name, comments, photographs and likeness as it sees fit for the promotion of the Event. The OA reserves the right to use or to license the use of any images and sound recording during the Event free of charge.

## 22. **RISK STATEMENT**

22.1. Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- g. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

## 23. **INSURANCE**

23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and adequate third-party liability insurance.

## 24. **PRIZES**

24.1. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, third placed boat overall.



## 25. FURTHER INFORMATION

The Regatta Organising Committee and Organising Authority may be contacted at:

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