

MELGES 15 & VX ONE



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: Columbia Sailing Club (CSC)

Date: October 15-17, 2021

Location: Columbia Sailing Club, 292 Shuler Rd., Columbia, SC 29212

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS)

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located inside the main entrance of the CSC clubhouse.
- 2.2 The race committee will use VHF channel 72 to communicate with competitors on the water.

3 SCHEDULE

Friday, October 15

Arrive at Club (any time)

1700-2100 Happy Hour at Lightning Bar (BYOB or Beer available for purchase)

1830-2100 Chubby's Burger's Food Truck

Saturday, October 16

0730-0900 Continental Breakfast

0800-1000 Check-in (reminder: no on-site registration)
1030 Competitor's meeting
1130 First warning signal
1700 After sailing beverages for competitors on the porch. Bar open for guests.
1800 Dinner: Los Chicanos Food Truck
2100 Optional after party at Billy Ray's Barn, live band: Lighten Up Francis

Sunday, October 17

0730-0900 Continental Breakfast
1030 First warning signal
1400 No warning signal made after this time, except if due to a General Recall.
Awards to follow as soon as possible after racing.

4 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the yardarm in front of the CSC Clubhouse.
5.2 When an AP flag is displayed *ashore*, a warning signal will not be made less than 30 minutes after the AP is lowered.

6 RACING AREA

- 6.1 The racing area is on Lake Murray between the Lake Murray Dam to the East and Spence Islands to the West.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class flag for the M15 fleet will be the class insignia on a plain background. Should the M15 class insignia flag become unavailable, the *pennant one* flag will be used in its place.
7.2 Class flag for the VX One fleet will be the class insignia on a plain background. Should the VX One class insignia flag become unavailable, the *pennant two* flag will be used in its place.

8 MARKS

- 8.1 The windward mark, offset mark, and one of the leeward gate marks will be orange MARKSET BOTS.
8.2 The second leeward gate mark will be an orange tetrahedron affixed to an anchor.
8.3 The starting mark will be a green MARKSET BOT located to port of the RC vessel.
8.4 The finishing mark will be *either* a green MARKSET BOT *or* an anchored red ball buoy located to port of the RC vessel.
8.5 Competitors are asked to avoid the MARKSET BOTS while they are being navigated to these positions or repositioned, especially between races.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Attachment 1 shows the courses and the order in which the marks are to be passed.
- 9.2 If only one leeward mark is present for any reason it shall be rounded to port.
- 9.3 The course identifier (number of legs to be sailed) will be displayed from the RC signal vessel prior to the warning signal for each race.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the green starting mark (MARKSET BOT) on the port end.

11 RECALLS

- 11.1 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail OCS boat on VHF.
- 11.2 The timing and order of such hails or the failure for any reason of a boat to hear or interpret the hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 The RC may make minor adjustments to the course using the MARKSET BOTS without signaling. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.2 If a significant change is made, RC will follow RRS 33. That a change qualifies as “significant” is left to the sole discretion of the RC.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line will be on the starboard side of the RC signal vessel between a staff displaying a plain blue flag on the RC signal vessel and the course side of a finishing mark, which will be *either* a green MARKSET BOT *or* an anchored red ball buoy.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes. A race will be abandoned if the first boat takes longer than 30 minutes to round the weather mark.
- 14.2 Boats still racing more than 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. The score for TLE will be two points more than the last boat to finish. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while *racing*. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.”

16 PROTESTS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available in the main club house. Protests shall be delivered there within the specified time limit, which is 30 minutes after the RC vessel docks with one sound after the last race of the day.
- 16.2 Protest notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors when and where there is a hearing to which they are a party or a witness.
- 16.3 RRS 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last day of racing a *party* to a hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision."

17 SAFETY

- 17.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day in which it intends to compete, each boat is requested to check in either by VHF radio or by sailing by the RC signal vessel. When checking in, each boat shall hail its class and sail number.
- 17.2 A PFD shall be worn according to class rules.
- 17.3 The safety of a boat is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper who must decide whether or not to start or continue racing.

18 RETIREMENT

- 18.1 A boat which retires from the race shall notify the RC before leaving the race area. Hailing by VHF radio is acceptable.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 19.1 A boat shall neither make nor receive radio, phone, or other data transmissions while racing not available to all boats, except in an emergency.
- 19.2 All boats are *recommended* to carry a VHF radio onboard, but are *required* to do so if carrying a VHF is required by their own class rules.

20 COACHING

- 20.1 Coaching or other performance assistance shall not be permitted on the race course during a race. Coaching is permitted between races provided it does not interfere with the safe maneuvering of other competitors.

21 SCORING

- 21.1 The number of races scheduled for this event is undetermined.
- 21.2 If a minimum of one race is completed for a class, this will constitute a completed regatta for the class.
- 21.3 After six races are completed for a class, each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst excludable score. This modifies RRS A2.

22 PRIZES

- 22.1 Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each class.

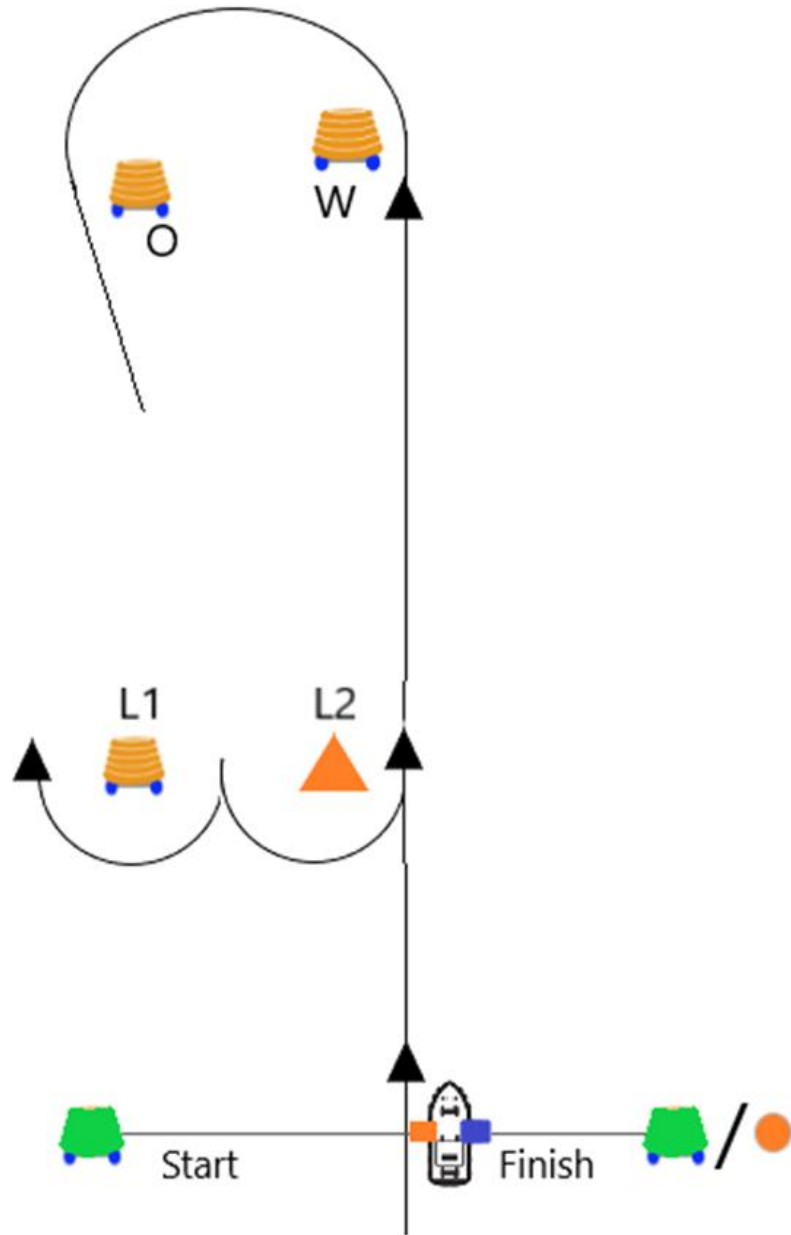
23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3. The organizing authority, CSC, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24 NO DISCHARGING OF TRASH

24.1 Any competitor observed discharging trash into the waters at any location will, after a hearing, be scored DSQ for all races that day. All RC and safety/mark vessels will gladly receive and dispose of trash if necessary.

ATTACHMENT 1



Course 2: Start – W – O – Finish

Course 4: Start – W – O – Gate (L1/L2) – W – O – Finish