

# 2023 MELGES 15 and MC SCOW REGIONAL Tune-Up REGATTA

April 29, 2023

Organizing Authority (OA): Toms River Yacht Club

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The regatta is organized under the authority of the Toms River Yacht Club (TRYC).
- 1.3 Competitors shall wear a properly secured flotation device (USCG approved) at all times afloat, except briefly while changing clothes.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Seibert Sailing Center and online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com>

### 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on Saturday April 29, 2023.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 The signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the south end of the Club property.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes".

### 5. SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 29, 2023

0830-0930	Check-in, Continental Breakfast
0930	Competitors Meeting
0945	Harbor Gun

1045 First Scheduled Warning MC Scow, racing to follow  
1055 First Scheduled Warning Melges 15, racing to follow

5 races are scheduled

**No Warning after 1600.**

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

The class flags will be the MC Scow fleet class flag and the Melges 15 fleet class flag.

## **7. RACING AREA**

Races will be sailed on the Toms River or on the Wanamaker course at the mouth of the Toms River or on Barnegat Bay south of the Mathis Bridge.

## **8. THE COURSE**

**8.1** The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses, including the angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left. The courses will be windward-leeward – (W) + the number of legs, (Ws) + the number of legs, or (L) + the number of legs.

**8.2** No later than the warning signal, the course designation will be posted by the RC.

**8.3** If a gate mark (2s or 2P) is missing, the remaining mark shall be left to port.

## **9. MARKS**

**9.1** Rounding marks will be orange inflatable balls. Course (Ws) rounding mark will be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron.

**9.2** Mark (Wa offset) will be a small orange or red ball. (Also applies to course (L)).

## **10. THE START**

**10.1** Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made five (5) minutes before the starting signal.

**10.2** The start/finish line for the MC Scow fleet, will be the Race Committee (RC) Signal Boat displaying an orange flag and an orange pin mark at the port end. The start line for the Melges 15 fleet will also be as stated above.

**10.3** The RC will attempt to hail boats that are OCS. Failure to hail, the order or timing of the hail, or the failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE.**

**11.1** To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the gate or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When as a result of a subsequent change, a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

**11.2** If the RC decides to change the axis of the course, and the change is less than fifteen (15) degrees, it may do so without making any signals indicating that a change is being made. Other marks may be moved to maintain the course shape. This changes RRS 33.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The finishing line: MC Scow fleet (start/finish) will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the RC Signal Boat and course side of an orange Pin mark. Melges 15 fleet will be between a blue flag on the starboard side of the RC Signal Boat and the course side of a nearby green mark.

## **13. TIME LIMITS**

**13.1** A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start" (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A-5.

**13.2** The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be one (1) hour. If no boat competes one (1) leg in thirty (30) minutes, the race will be abandoned.

**13.3** Any boats that do not finish within ten (10) minutes of the first finisher will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, 63.1 and A-4.

## **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**14.1.** Boats shall report their intent to protest and the number of the boat they intend to protest to the RC Signal Boat upon finishing and remain in the area until acknowledged by the RC. The protesting boat shall not hinder any boats still finishing.

**14.2.** Protest forms are available at the Seibert Sailing Center. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.

**14.3.** The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the RC finish boat docks after the last race of the day. The docking time and official starting time for protests to be lodged will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**14.4.** Hearings will be heard as posted.

**14.5.** A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than thirty (30) minutes after the decision was posted.

## **15. SCORING**

**15.1.** One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

**15.2.** A maximum of five (5) races will be sailed.

**15.3** When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's score for the regatta will be the total of her race scores.

## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**16.1** Check-in Procedures: Prior to the warning signal for the first race of the day in which it intends to compete, each boat shall check in by sailing past the stern of the RC Signal Boat, on starboard, hail her sail number and obtain verbal acknowledgment from the RC.

**16.2.** A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the RC Signal Boat or a patrol boat as soon as possible.

## **17. COMMUNICATIONS**

**17.1.** The RC will communicate with the fleets on VHF channel #71.

**17.2.** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

## **18. PENALTY TURNS**

A boat that has broken one or more rules of RRS Part 2 shall take a One-Turn Penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

## **19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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.