



NOTICE OF RACE

Savannah M15 Regatta April 18 -19, 2026

(VERSION 12/30/2025)

Organizing Authority:

Savannah Yacht Club (SYC)

730 Bradley Point Rd. Savannah, GA 31410

1. Rules

1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 RRS Appendix V1 shall apply.

1.3 The race committee, after the starting signal, will attempt to hail on VHF channel 71 the sail numbers of OCS boats. The delay or absence of such a hail, the order of hailing or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress.

2. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be available online by April 14.

3. Communication

3.1 The online official notice board is online at:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30564>

3.2 Recommended that all competitors carry a working VHF capable of communicating on channel 71.

3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio.

3.4 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, 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 Melges 15.

4.2 Eligible boats must enter the event by registering online at the event website and pay all fees.

4.3 All competitors must check in onsite to complete registration.

4.4 Event website and registration: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30564>



5. Fees

5.1 The registration fee is \$165 for M15.

5.2 The late registration fee is \$185 effective April 14 at 23:00 EST.

5.4 The entry fee includes: Two days of racing, two pool passes, water on the course, coffee/juice on Saturday morning, dinner Saturday evening with keg beer, coffee/juice Sunday morning, and chicken wings with trophies on Sunday after the races.

5.5 Boxed lunches on Saturday are \$10 and can be purchased online by April 14.

5.5 Additional Dinners are \$25 and can be purchased online.

5.6 Extra pool passes can be purchased online.

6. Schedule

Saturday, April 18

10:30-11:30 Check in

11:30 Competitors Meeting

12:00 Harbor Start

1:00 First Warning Signal

6:00 Dinner SYC Sail Loft

Sunday, April 19

9:00 Harbor Start

10:00 First Warning Signal

2:00 No warning signal will be made after this time

After racing Awards and Wings at SYC Sail Loft

7. Harbor Start

Harbor start will begin as specified in the schedule.

8. Venue

8.1 The SYC is a full service club, we welcome all sailors and their supporters to enjoy the club and facilities.

8.2 Competitors can obtain guest cards to order additional food/beverages during your stay. The guest cards can be arranged during check in or pre arranged by contacting the club office.

8.3 Please make sure you adhere to the designated boat parking areas.

8.4 Camping is allowed in designated areas. Please contact Charlie Usher to reserve a spot.

8.5 The racing area will be the Wilmington River and/or Skidaway River near the Savannah Yacht Club.

9. Courses

The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward and described in the SI's.

10. Scoring

11.1 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

11.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

11. Support Person Vessels

Coach and support vessels shall remain a minimum of 100 yards off the course area except when asked to assist by a race official. All boat operators are to wear the engine safety kill switch. All coach and support vessels are required to monitor the course channel 71 on a VHF radio, and be ready to assist with safety when requested.

12. Risk Statement

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.

13. Prizes

Prizes will be given to the top three finishers.

14. Further Information

Event Chair: Charlie Usher, chusher76@gmail.com

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