

Charlevoix Yacht Club

2023 Notice of Race Melges 15

Thursday Night Series: Spring, Summer, and Fall

1.0 Rules

- 1.0 The races will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) 2021 to 2024 including US Sailing Prescriptions, as adopted by U.S. Sailing and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.1 Class rules will apply unless posted on the Official Notice Board.

2.0 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be made available on or before Friday, May 5th at 6:30pm.
- 2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board.

3.0 Communications

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.charlevoixyachtclub.org/racing
- 3.2 Notices to competitors will be posted online on the *Official Notice Board* by 1300 the day the notice, addendum, or announcement comes into effect. As a courtesy, the notices may also be posted on the front door of the Yacht Club, if possible.
- 3.3 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating.
- 3.4 Following the display of the Individual Recall Flag, the RC will attempt to announce the sail numbers of all boats identified as OCS. Such announcement is a courtesy, and failure of the RC to make the announcement or of competitors to hear or understand shall not constitute a ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.5 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.6 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

4.0 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Boats competing in these races may only be registered members of the Charlevoix Yacht Club, and Junior Members whose parents are members.
- 4.2 A signed entry form and fees are due prior to the day of the first race to be sailed.
 - If the payment is being made within 48 hours of the series start or the first race of the series the boat will compete in, the boat owner or a member of its crew must alert a member of race committee via phone or text. See further information below for contact information.
 - A yacht will be scored DNC for any race in which the entry fees have not been paid. Entry forms can be downloaded from the CYC website: www.charlevoixyachtclub.org

5.0 Fees

- 5.1 The registration fee for all series is \$450.00. US Sailing Members have a discounted rate of \$400.00. There is no discount for participating in fewer series.

6.0 Schedule

- 6.1 There will be a skipper's meeting at the Charlevoix Yacht Club on Friday, May 5th at 6:30 PM, following the Wednesday night skipper's meeting.
- 6.2 The Spring, Summer and Fall Series will each consist of multiple nights of racing, with up to 6 races per night.

7.0 Courses

- 7.1 Courses to be raced will be around buoys on the Northwest end of Lake Charlevoix. Courses will be windward leeward with or without offsets or gates.

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8.0 Scoring

- 8.1 The scoring system will be A4 Low Point Scoring system.
- 8.2 If a boat does not race because the crew is functioning as on the water race committee, she shall be awarded a score for the missed races equivalent of her average score for all races during that series.
- 8.3 Series
 - 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - For every 6 races completed, one drop will be allowed.
 - When fewer than 6 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

9.0 Risk Statement

- 9.1 RRS 3 applies and 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.

10.0 Prizes

- 10.1 Flags will be awarded to the First, Second, and Third place boats, in each series, to be based on the total points for each series. If fewer than 4 boats are registered in a series, flags will be awarded for 1 position less than the number of boats registered.

11.0 Further Information

- 11.1 For further information please contact a member of the 2023 Race Committee:
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11.2 Fleet Captain – Mark Snyder 231-675-7711

11.3 Other Fleet Members:

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