

Colie Sails M15 Fall Regatta

Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club, Beach Haven NJ

October 9th and 10th, 2021

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021- 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing, (RRS).

2 Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The regatta is open to all Melges 15 owners and Charter Guests who complete registration requirements.

2.2 Each yacht may switch skipper/crew roles on the water and substitute sailors from Saturday to Sunday.

3 Notices to Competitors

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted via the WhatsApp link below:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/B739lXeVnj26FvaKiwQhES>

3.2 WhatsApp is the bulletin board.

4 Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 09:30 on the day it will be effective, and any change in the schedule of racing will be posted by 19:00 the day before the change is effective.

5 Signals made ashore

5.1 Signals made ashore, other than the protest time flag, see 5.4 below, will be displayed from the flagpole at the foot of the North Dock, on the bay side of the North Dock Head.

5.2 If the AP Flag is displayed ashore the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag “AP” is lowered. This changes “Flag AP” in the RRS.

5.3 The Committee Boat will sound the Harbor Gun (a horn) 45 minutes before the first Warning Signal, and display a Race Committee flag.

5.4 The Race Committee flag will be displayed from the Committee Boat docked on the North Dock with a sound signal after the Committee Boat has returned to shore. This indicates that Protest acceptance time has begun. When lowered, 30 minutes later, Protest Time has expired. The Protest Time will be noted on the bulletin board.

6 Schedule

6.1 There will be as many races as possible in a period not to exceed 4 hours per day from the time of the First Race.

Saturday October 9th

08:30-10:30 Check in and Registration

10:30 Skippers Meeting

11:00 Harbor Gun

11:40 Attention Signal

11:45 First warning signal

Sunday October 10th

08:30 Continental Breakfast

10:15 Harbor Gun

10:55 Attention Signal

11:00 First Warning Signal

TBD - Awards as soon as possible after final race.

7 Racing Area

The racing area will be on Little Egg Harbor Bay, approximately one and one half miles North West of the LEHYC Clubhouse.

8. Class Flag

The Class flag will be the M15 logo on a white background.

9 The Course

9.1 Windward-Leeward courses will be sailed with an Offset Mark at the Windward mark, and two Gate Marks at the Leeward end of the course above the Signal Boat.

9.2 The number of legs and the magnetic bearing to the Windward mark will be displayed from the Committee Boat.

10 Marks

10.1 The Windward and Gate marks will be yellow or orange inflatables. The offset mark will be a yellow or orange inflatable.

10.2 The Start Line and Finish Line will be between a Yellow or Orange Mark and the Orange flag on the Signal boat.

10.3 If marks are moved they will be the same color as the original marks.

11 The Start

11.1 The races will be started using Rule 26. The following is added to Rule 26: for the first race of each day and a race following a long postponement, an Orange flag will be displayed with a long sound five minutes before the warning signal.

11.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an Orange flag on the Signal boat (starboard end), and a mark on the port end of the line.

11.3 If a float is attached to the Signal boat, it is not part of the race course and hitting it does not require a penalty turn.

11.4 Boats starting later than five minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored DNS.

12. Recalls

The Race Committee will signal Individual or General Recalls in accordance with Rule 29. As a courtesy, the Race Committee may attempt to hail individual boats over early but failure of the Race Committee to give such hails, the timing of such hails, the failure of competitors to hear or understand the hails, or the order of such hails will not be grounds for redress.

13 Changing Course

A new mark will be set if the course is changed, and the change will be signaled at the Turning Mark ahead of the Changed Mark. Other course marks, and the Finishing Line, if affected, will be adjusted without signal to conform to the wind direction.

14 Time Limits

14.1 A Race shall be abandoned if no boat reaches the Windward mark within twenty minutes of the starting signal, or if no boat finishes the course within one hour of the Starting Signal.

14.2 Any boat failing to finish within thirty minutes of the first boat to finish, shall be scored one point more than the number of boat finishing within that time.

15 The Finish

All finishes will be to Leeward, between the Starting Pin and the Orange flag on the Signal boat.

16 Consecutive Races

16.1 Each additional race of the day will be started as quickly as possible after the completion of the previous race. There will be a 20 minute break between the 3rd and 4th race of the day.

16.2 If conditions permit an A Flag will be flown during the finish of the final race of each day.

17 Penalties

RRS Rule 44.1 is changed such that the required turn for breaking a rule of Part 2 shall be one turn, not two, including one Tack and one Gybe.

18 Protests

18.1 As soon as possible after finishing or withdrawing from the race in which an alleged breach occurs, the protesting boat shall notify the Race Committee at the finishing line of the number of any boats they intend to protest.

18.2 Protests shall be written on forms available from the Race Committee, once ashore.

18.3 A Jury will be assembled from Competitors not involved in the incident.

18.4 Time and Location of the Protest hearings shall be posted on the notice board within

twentyminutes of the end of Protest Time, and the notice will include the boatnumbers of parties to the Protest and Names of the Witnesses. This information shall also be broadcast over VHF channel 66 at the end of Protest Time.

19 Withdrawing From A Race

Any boatwithdrawing from a race shall inform the Committee Boat in person, or on VHF channel 66, as soon as possible before leaving the race course.

20 Scoring

20.1 One race scored will constitute the regatta.

20.2 Low point RRS Appendix A scoring shall be used, and modified so that every5 races allows a drop, each yacht's worst scores shall be excluded from her total score.

21 Safety

Each boat shall carry a PFD/Buoyancy aide for each person aboard, a tow line, and 2 water bottles.

22 VHF Radio Use

22.1 The Race Committee will communicate the starting sequence, any yachts OCS, and any information it believes useful to the fleet on VHF channel 66.

22.2 The only communication devices that may be used by competitors are: a weather monitor, a VHF radio tuned to channel 66, and a cell phone. Using the cell phone, or the VHF radio, for anything but an emergency (except for simply listening to VHF channel 66) will result in disqualification from the regatta.

22.3 Failure to receive a VHF hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails, or to receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress.

23 Participation

23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Please see RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24 COVID 19 Precautions

Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club is committed complying with New Jersey's COVID 19 guidelines and requirements. In order to prevent the spread of COVID 19 please observe the following

precautions:

- Masks are recommended for unvaccinated individuals
- Avoid attending the event if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID 19, or if you have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive