



LAUNCHING BOATS PROCEDURE

Welcome to Pensacola Yacht Club and outstanding racing on our beautiful bay

- **INTRODUCTION**

As part of the policy that Pensacola YC has set to provide diligent management and fun to the competitors of the Melges 24 US Nationals 2025, the Organizing Authority has developed this document to speed up the process of launching your boat. At the end of the regatta, please follow the same route and reverse the launching procedure with PYC help provided.

The Organizing Authority encourages competitors to follow this Launching Boat Procedure to avoid delays or retentions in the hoist area.

Our goal is to launch your boat in no more than 3 minutes. We ask the competitors for help to achieve this goal.

- **HOW TO APPROACH TO THE HOIST AND LAUNCH YOUR BOAT**

Before proceeding to the hoist, please note the following:

1. Have a long bow and stern line cleated to the boat.
2. Have a line ready to attach to crane hook for side stability, if necessary.
3. Fenders also recommended (Port side).
4. Boom, Backstay and Main halyard should not be attached.
5. Teams shall provide their own lifting lines / straps, ready to be used.
6. At least, 2 members of the crew and a driver will assist during the launching procedure.
7. We strongly recommend walking from the boat park to the hoist, inspect the zone, identify difficulties or risky areas, follow the exit route from the hoist, etc. Summarizing: get familiar with the club and the facilities.

On your way to the hoist:

8. Follow the yellow lines showed on the map to/from the Boat Park.
9. A Club staff or Regatta Officer, in a Green Pensacola YC shirt, will check the boat prior to access to the ramp (Check Point on the map below). If the Regatta Officer is not confident that the boat is ready to be launched, the boat may be pulled over from the line to the Waiting Area (Red area on the map) until the boat is ready. The boat then will proceed to the end of the line for her new approach.
10. Driver of the car/truck shall not leave it and shall stay on the driving wheel at all times. Driver will follow indications from Regatta Officer to set the trailer in position under the hoist.
11. Once the boat is lifted from the trailer, the driver will move the trailer out of the hoist area to be parked at the boat park. The rest of the team will be responsible of completing the process of launching.
12. After launching, the boat must leave the travel lift area floats and proceed to assigned moorings. Pensacola YC Dockmaster will provide instructions on moorings.
13. Launch service will be available on Wednesday (1600 to 1900), Thursday (0930 to 1800) and Friday (from 0730).
14. Please note that Melges 24 shall only be launched utilizing the primary 3 ton hoist, which will be shut down at night and may only be operated by or in the presence of Club staff/Regatta Officers. Trailers and cars / trucks will be stored in the boat park at all times.

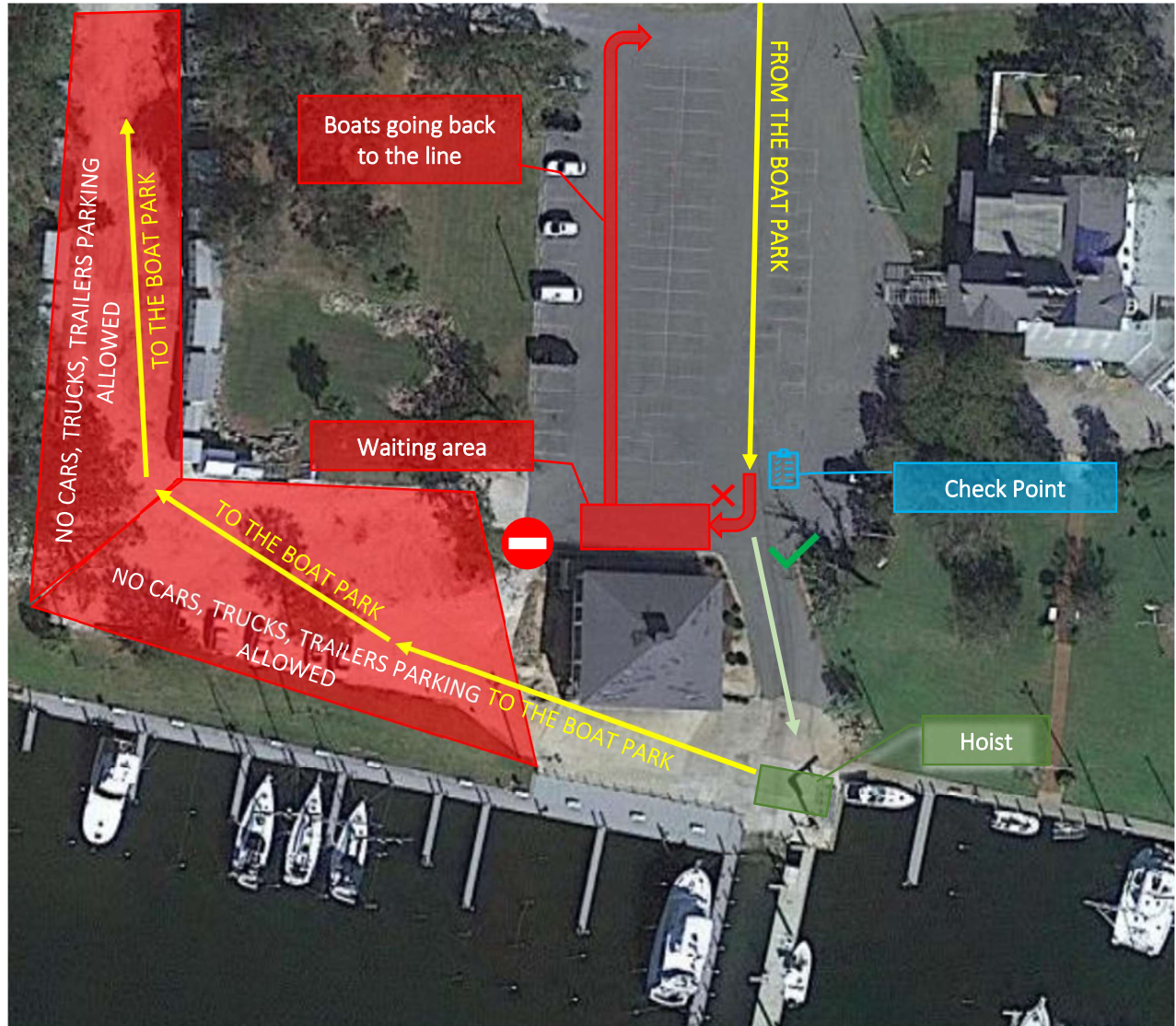
- **REMINDERS**

15. We ask for the cooperation of all competitors. This includes to follow any instructions given by Club Staff and Regatta Officers. Please, remember that Notice of Race 1.8. contains a provision for this case:

1.8 [NP] [DP] All the sailors and personal support shall follow any reasonable instruction given by a race officer.

16. Also, per NoR 14.2, a boat, once is launched, shall remain in the water for the duration of the regatta unless permission is granted by the Race Committee or Technical Committee.

MAP and DIRECTIONS



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