



To: Mayor Bergquist & Town Trustees
From: Sarah Weekes, Event Manager
Date: May 11, 2026
Re: **Consideration of Approval of a Special Event Permit Application and Resolution 40-2026 for the Grand Lake Sailing Foundation’s “Melges 15 Rocky Mountain Regatta” Event, June 18, 2026, through June 21, 2026**

BACKGROUND:

The Grand Lake Yacht Club Sailing Foundation is a non-profit organization created to promote amateur sailing, including sailing education, competition, and water safety, and is committed to broadening the base of support for the sport of sailing in our community through community sailing programs for youth and adults. The Foundation supports these activities and the development of future sailors and racers through community outreach programs, training activities, the provision of sailing equipment and the encouragement of participation in local and national sailing activities.

The Foundation will host the Melges 15 Rocky Mountain Regatta which has become a premier sailing event in the Rocky Mountain region and an important stop on the national Melges 15 circuit. Since the launch of the Melges 15 class in 2020, Grand Lake has developed one of the nation’s largest fleets, helping establish the community as a destination for high-altitude sailing competition and recreation. The event supports both competitive and educational sailing opportunities through racing, training activities, rigging and tuning support, and community outreach programs for youth and adults.

The Grand Lake Yach Club Sailing Foundation has submitted a Special Event Permit application for the Melges 15 Rocky Mountain Regatta and is requesting the Board of Trustees waive the following fees due to its non-profit status:

- Special event permit fee in the amount of **\$250.00**

REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 11-6-3(C): Special Event Permit Application Review and Approval, the Board of Trustees shall consider the following factors prior to approval of a Special Event Permit:

Municipal Code 11-6-3(C): Special Event Permit Application Review and Approval.

1. Review Considerations. The following factors shall be considered prior to approval of a SEP:

(a) The predominant use of the primary facility being used; and



- (b)The proposed event and the event hours; and*
- (c)Neighborhood compatibility; and*
- (d)Effect of the proposed event on the community; and*
- (e)The Town's anticipated cost in staff time and equipment use; and*
- (f)The benefit to non-profit from the event; and*
- (g)The benefit to local businesses from the event; and*
- (h)Duplication of services or sale items; and*
- (i)Nature of the past event issues or similar past event issues.*

FISCAL NOTE

In 2026, the Board of Trustees has not approved any fee waivers for the Grand Lake Yach Club Sailing Foundation,

SUGGESTED MOTIONS

I make a motion to approve/(deny) **THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION AND approve/(deny) RESOLUTION 40-2026, A RESOLUTION SETTING CERTAIN FEES FOR GRAND LAKE YACH CLUB SAILING FOUNDATION'S "MELGES 15 ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGATTA" EVENT TO BE HELD JUNE 18, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 21, 2026**