

Flying Scot® Sailing Association

NOTICE OF RACE

2018 FLYING SCOT® MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

March 24-29, 2018

Hosted by

*Sarasota Sailing Squadron and Fleet 36
Sarasota, Florida*

**Organizing Authority: Flying Scot Sailing Association ("FSSA")
in conjunction with Sarasota Sailing Squadron ("SSS")**

1. **Rules:** This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
 - A. RRS 32.1 is changed so that a minimum of 3 legs shall be sailed before a race will be shortened.
 - B. RRS A2.1 is changed so that there will be no throw-out.
 - C. RRS 44.1 is changed so that Appendix "V" (Alternative Penalties) will be in effect.
 - D. RRS 60.1(a) and 63.1 are changed in accordance with Section 11, "Towing."
2. **Eligibility:** The regatta is open to current Active, Life, Junior, Club, and Family FSSA Members. FSSA dues and club boat registration fees must be paid to the FSSA by the close of registration. Entrants shall select either the Championship or Challenger Division, subject to the approval of the FSSA National Championships Committee.
3. **Registration** Advance registration will be available on www.regattanetwork.com or from the link listed on the FSSA event calendar at www.fssa.com. **Early registration** must be completed by **Thursday, March 1st** to avoid a late fee. Check-in and Registration at the regatta site will be available on Saturday, March 24th from 1200-1600 and on Sunday, March 25th from 0900 - 1000. Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race will be available during on-site registration hours.
4. **Fees: To receive discounts, completed and paid entries must be received by March 1, 2018 along with a current US Sailing membership number, if applicable.** The entry fee is shown in the table below and includes: the Sunday "Welcome Cocktail Party", dinners for two people for the Monday Dinner and the Wednesday Banquet, and keg beer at the end of each race day. Additional dinner tickets may be ordered online and will also be available for purchase at the on-site registration/check in.

	By March 1st		After March 1st
	US Sailing	Non-Member US	(No discounts)
Registration	\$180	\$200	\$220

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5. **Schedule:** Up to three races may be run each day, and up to eight races are scheduled.

Saturday, March 24	Registration/Check in Boat Measurement	1200 - 1600 1200 - 1600
Sunday, March 25	Registration Registration On-Site and Online Closes	0900 - 1000 1000
	Warm Up Race / Charlie Fowler Memorial Fleet Challenge Skippers' Meeting	1230
	Warm Up Race / Charlie Fowler Memorial Fleet Challenge Race	1400
	Welcome Party & Competitors' Meeting	1800
Monday, March 26	Races – First Warning Signal of the Day	1215
	Dinner	1800
Tuesday, March 27	Races – First Warning Signal of the Day	1215
Wednesday, March 28	Races – First Warning Signal of the Day	1215
	Banquet	1800
Thursday, March 29	Races -- First Warning Signal of the Day	1215
	No warning signal after this time	1400
	Awards	1800

***SAILORS' DEBRIEF AND KEG AFTER EVERY DAY OF RACING!
Additional Social Events Per Event Web Site***

6. **Measurement:** Boats and sails must conform to FSSA's Official Plan. Each boat must carry equipment required by the FSSA and the US Coast Guard. All club-owned boats and the centerboards of the top five finishers from the Midwinters and NACs from the past five years will be measured. Sails and rigging may be selectively measured, and all boats may be checked for required safety equipment. Other measurements may be made at the discretion of the Technical Committee.
- Bow bags and transom ports are required for all boats.
7. **Racing Area:** The race area is in Sarasota Bay north of the Sailing Squadron.
8. **Courses to be Sailed:** The courses to be sailed will be Windward – Leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.
9. **Venue:** Launching and hauling will be from the SSS dry storage area. Except when launching / hauling, boats / trailers shall be kept in their assigned places after arrival. Vehicle parking is permitted in the park outside the gate to the squadron.
10. **Scoring:** The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A2 will be used, except that there will be no throw-outs. Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which 3 must be completed to constitute a championship.
11. **Prizes:** Trophies will be awarded to the skippers and crew of the first seven boats in the Championship division and the first five boats in the Challenger division. The following perpetual trophies will be awarded:
- Championship Division 1st Place: Mary Meno Perpetual Trophy
 Challenger Division 1st Place: Brenda Pollack Perpetual Trophy
 Sportsmanship (voted on by the sailors): Allan M. Douglass Trophy
12. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 4 Decision to Race). Neither the organizing authority nor the host organization will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta and

any and all events associated with it. Participants agree to abide by the RRS and all other rules that govern this event and the host club. Payment of the Entry Fee acknowledges agreement and consent to this paragraph.

13. **Towing:** Boats may be towed to and from the race area only if towing is made available to all participants. Otherwise, a boat accepting a tow without consent of the Race Committee shall be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1. Exceptions to this rule may be made by the Race Committee in extenuating circumstances, i.e. breakdown, illness, or other factors that may be appropriate. Protests under this rule may be made only by the Protest Committee or Race Committee. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
14. **Additional information:** There is limited space on the Sarasota Sailing Squadron grounds for RV parking (\$30 per night) and tents (\$10 per night) with first come, first served reservations to be made by telephone with the club manager. See section 15 for contact information. For lodging information near Sarasota Sailing Squadron and directions to the squadron, go to www.sarasotasailingsquadron.org
15. **Contact information:**

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