



2021 MELGES 15 WINTER SERIES

Organizing Authority: Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Melges 15 - Fleet 2

March 26 – 28, 2021 Event 3

Winter Series Championship

Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS), Sarasota, FL, USA

Notice of Race (NoR)

Revised March 1, 2021

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1700h on Thursday, March 25, 2021 at Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

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 located beside the race office.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official online notice board is located at <http://www.regattanetwork.com>.

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72.

3.3 Following the display of the Individual Recall Flag, the RC will attempt to announce by VHF radio 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).

3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Melges 15 class.

4.2 Boats may only enter the event by registering online at Regatta Network “calendar” at <http://www.regattanetwork.com>. Registration closes Monday, March 15, 2021.

4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

5.1. The registration fee is \$175, including Saturday evening box dinner for two, M15 shirts for two (compliments of Melges for those who have not received a shirt from event 1 or event 2), SSS hats for two (for those who have not received hats from event 1 or event 2), and post-race beverages.

5.2 Additional box dinners may be purchased during registration period (by March 15) for \$20. Additional shirts will not be available beyond those included with registration.

5.3 Refunds due to regatta cancellation related to COVID-19, withdrawal from the regatta or other causes will not include non-refundable expenses paid by the event.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1

Date	Time	
Thursday, March 25	1600 1600 - 1730	Cash bar is open (limited fare) Registration materials available. Dinner on your own
Friday, March 26	0830 - 0900 0900	Breakfast and lunch on your own Registration materials available Competitors' Meeting (socially distanced)

Friday, March 26		TBD lunch break on the water (carry your lunch with you to the racecourse) TBD post lunch warning for additional race(s) TBD post-race complimentary beverages Dinner on your own
Saturday, March 27	1700	Breakfast and lunch on your own TBD lunch break on the water (carry your lunch with you to the racecourse) TBD post lunch warning for additional race(s) TBD post-race complimentary beverages Box dinner (Kalua pork, roasted potatoes, herb roasted root vegetables), cash bar.
Sunday, March 28		Breakfast and lunch on your own TBD lunch break on the water (carry your lunch with you to the racecourse) TBD post lunch warning for additional race(s) TBD Awards

6.2 Dates of racing:

Date	Warning Signal	Races Maximum per Day
Friday, March 26, 2021	1030 hrs	5
Saturday, March 27, 2021	1000 hrs	5
Sunday, March 28, 2021	1000 hrs	5

6.3 A maximum of 15 races are scheduled.

6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs.

7 VENUE

7.1 Racing will be in Sarasota Bay.

8 COURSES

8.1 Courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward.

9 SCORING

9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.2 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 RISK STATEMENT

10.1 RRS 3 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.

10.2 Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19.

11 INSURANCE

11.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats; Top Youth; Top Woman (provided 2 or more are registered); top Master (age 50 to 59 years); Top Grand Master (ages 60 to 69), and Top Mega Master (age 70 and above). Award age requirements are determined on the day of the first race of Event 1.

12.2 Scoring for the top three all-inclusive Winter Series competitors will be by accumulation of points from all three events. The winner of the combined three series will be declared the Melges 15 Winter Series 2021 Champion. The top three competitors for the combined regattas will receive prizes.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information, please contact:

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION **(NOT PART OF THE NOTICE OF RACE)**

1. COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AND PRACTICES

- 1.1 No on-site registration will be accepted.
- 1.2 Social distancing is mandatory. Masks are required while on the docks, in clubhouse or other covered areas where social distancing is not possible.
- 1.3 All participants should have the ability to 'self-shelter' (i.e. cars, RVs, etc.) on premises in the event of inclement weather. Additional shelter will be provided but may be insufficient for conditions.
- 1.4 No spectator boat(s) can be provided.
- 1.5 Rules may be added, removed or changed based on local conditions and requirements. Please check often for amendments to the NoR.
- 1.6 All event participants must complete the COVID-19 questionnaire. Event participants' temperatures will be taken daily, prior to entering the SSS grounds. Any participant with an abnormal temperature will not be allowed entry to SSS. This measure is to keep SSS and event participants safe.
- 1.7 Sarasota Sailing Squadron reserves the right to require departure from the grounds of anyone who fails to pass the grounds entry screening or who displays COVID symptoms while on the grounds.

2. Parking

The Sarasota Sailing Squadron is a very active sailing club. Parking is available for trailers and cars outside of the main entrance. Any cars/trailers parked inside the club blocking a member's boat/trailer will be towed at the owner's expense.

3. Accommodations

Due to the COVID pandemic, there is no tent, car or RV camping permitted this year. There are numerous convenient lodging and dining options in the vicinity of the Squadron. Check your favorite lodging web sites, such as www.visitsarasota.com.

4. Food

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and policies, morning coffee will be available at the bar. **There will be no breakfast and no lunch provided.**

Box dinners and drinks will be distributed in a socially distanced manner. COVID rules may require box dinners to be carried away.

5. Water Bottles

Please bring refillable water bottles. Outdoor water refilling station located by the main entrance to the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

6. Boat Charters

Interested sailors may contact Melges Performance Sailboats to arrange CHARTER BOATS, while boats are still available. Email: Eddie@Melges.com Telephone: 262-275-1110

7. Boat Storage

SSS will provide STORAGE FOR BOATS at \$75 per month for January, February and March. BOX TRAILERS MAY BE STORED on the grounds for \$150 per month. Boats left outside of multi-boat trailers must be charged storage at the individual boat rate. Boats and trailers must be removed from the grounds by the end of the day March 31. All vehicles stored on the grounds are subject to being moved as may

be necessary to accommodate normal use of the grounds for sailing and parking activities. Storage may be arranged through the <http://www.regattanetwork.com> in association with registration.

8. Local Racing

Sailors are encouraged to visit SSS for local fleet sailing Wednesdays, Fridays, and some Saturdays in conjunction with the local Flying Scot fleet (see SSS calendar at www.SarasotaSailingSquadron.org), with a separate M15 start for a fleet of three or more – let us know you're coming for a visit! We will need 24 hours notice to bring boats from storage.

9. Further Information

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