



2021 MELGES 14 MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

Organizing Authority: Sarasota Sailing Squadron

February 26-28, 2021

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

Notice of Race (NoR)

Revised February 14, 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 February 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 VHF radio (channel to be announced) will be the primary means used by the Race Committee (RC) for the Competitors' Meeting, and in general with the fleet, about activity onshore (carry a radio with you while ashore) and on the water regarding delays, recalls, weather issues.

3.3 [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 boats of the Melges 14 class.

4.2 Boats may only enter the event by registering online at Regatta Network "calendar" at <http://www.regattanetwork.com>. Registration closes Friday, February 26, 2021 at 1000.

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, which includes Friday Opening Social, 1 Saturday night box dinner ticket and 1 T-Shirt.

5.2 Registration fee is \$200 for registrations not paid in full prior to midnight on February 12, 2021. T-Shirts and box dinners cannot be guaranteed for late registrations.

5.2 Additional box dinners may be purchased during registration period (by February 12) for \$20.

5.3. Extra T-Shirts may be purchased during registration period (By February 12) for \$20.

5.4 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, February 25 | 1700 – 1900 | Registration materials available. Dinner on your own. |
| Friday, February 26 | 0900 - 1000 1100 | Breakfast and lunch on your own Registration materials available. Competitors' Meeting via VHF (channel TBD) Dinner on your own. |
| Saturday, February 27 | | Breakfast and lunch on your own Box dinner (baked Ziti, garlic bread, salad, cash bar). |
| Sunday, February 28 | | Breakfast and lunch on your own TBD Awards |

6.2 Dates of racing:

| Date | Warning Signal |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Friday, February 26, 2021 | 1230 hrs |
| Saturday, February 27, 2021 | 1030 hrs |
| Sunday, February 28, 2021 | 1000 hrs |

6.3 A maximum of 10 races are scheduled.

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

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 Boats shall meet the measurement standards as prescribed by the class association.

8 VENUE

8.1 Racing will be in Sarasota Bay.

9 COURSES

9.1 Course to be sailed will include a triangle and windward/leeward.

10 SCORING

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

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

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

11 RISK STATEMENT

11.1 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.

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

12 INSURANCE

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

13 PRIZES

13.1 The winner of the event will be declared the 'Melges 14 Midwinter Champion'.

13.2 Prizes will be awarded subject to entry numbers.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 For further information, please contact:

Robert Cole, Event 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. Further Information

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