



## POT OF GOLD REGATTA

Organizing Authority: Sarasota Sailing Squadron  
March 12 - 14, 2021 (Finn Class only)  
March 13, 2021 (Open Event)  
Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS), Sarasota, FL, USA

### NOTICE OF RACE (NOR)

#### 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 March 11, 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 3-day event is open to the Finn class only.

4.2 The 1-day event is open to all one design classes and monohull/multihull boats holding a valid PHRF rating.

4.3 A minimum of 5 boats makes a class. Expected one design classes include Flying Scott, MC Scow, Melges 14, and Melges 15.

4.4 The organizing authority reserves the right to group similar boats together to form one or more classes.

4.5 Boats may **only** enter the event by registering online at Regatta Network "calendar" at <http://www.regattanetwork.com>. **3-Day Event** - Registration closes Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 1800. **1-Day event** - Registration closes Friday, March 12, 2021 at 1800.

4.6 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 for the 3-day event is \$130, which includes after-racing beverages.

5.2 The registration fee for the 1-day event is \$20 for Sarasota Sailing Squadron members and \$25 for non-members.

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	
Friday, March 12	1000	<b>Breakfast and lunch on your own</b> Competitors' Meeting via VHF (channel TBD) <b>Dinner on your own.</b>
Saturday, March 13		<b>Breakfast and lunch on your own</b>

	1000	Competitors' Meeting via VHF (channel TBD) 1-day event only <b>Dinner on your own.</b>
Sunday, March 14		<b>Breakfast and lunch on your own</b> TBD Awards

## 6.2 Dates of racing:

### 3-Day Event (Finn Class only)

Date	Warning Signal
Friday, March 12	1400 hrs
Saturday, March 13	1030 hrs
Sunday, March 14	1030 hrs

### 1-Day Event (Open)

Date	Warning Signal
Saturday, March 13	1230 hrs

6.3 For the 3-day event, a maximum of 10 races are scheduled. For the 1-day event, a maximum of 3 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 Competitors in one-design classes are responsible for ensuring their boats meet the measurement standards as prescribed by their class association.

7.2 Competitors in PHRF class shall supply a valid PHRF rating to the organizing authority by 1800 hrs on March 10, 2021. If a valid rating is not available, a temporary rating will be assigned (on a best-efforts basis) for the duration of this regatta at the discretion of the organizing authority.

## 8 VENUE

8.1 Racing will be in Sarasota Bay.

## 9 COURSES

9.1 One design classes will sail windward/leeward or windward/leeward/triangle courses.

9.2 All other classes will sail a course which may include the following marks: Sarasota Sailing Squadron compass-rose marks, Sarasota Bay government marks and/or inflatable marks.

## 10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 For multihull classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-turn Penalty.

## 11 SCORING

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

11.2 (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.

## 12 RISK STATEMENT

12.1 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.**

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

## 13 INSURANCE

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

## 14 PRIZES

14.1 Prizes will be given to boats placing first, second and third in each class with five or more entries; to those placing first and second in classes with four entries and to the first place in classes with three entries.

14.2 Other prizes may be awarded.

## 15 FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1 For further information, please contact:

Hamish Nicol, 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](http://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, no lunch or no dinner provided.**

#### 5. Water Bottles

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

#### 6. Further Information

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