



2022 MELGES 15 WINTER SERIES

January 8-9, 2022 (Saturday and Sunday)

February 26-27, 2022 (Saturday and Sunday)

March 25-27, 2022 (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

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

January 8 - 9, 2022 - Event 1

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 Friday, January 7, 2022 at Sarasota Sailing Squadron and on-line at <http://www.regattanetwork.com>.

2.2 The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions (SSIs) that will be on the official notice board.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board is located beside the race office at SSS and posted on-line 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 race committee (RC) will attempt to announce by VHF radio, the sail numbers of all boats identified as on course side (OCS). Such announcement is a courtesy and failure of the RC to make the announcement or of competitors to hear or understand the announcement 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, January 3, 2022. Registration is limited to 60 boats only.

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 \$150, including lunches on race days for on-the-water consumption, M15 shirts for two (compliments of the regatta for those who have not yet received a shirt from prior events of the series), and post-race snacks and beverages. Registration for Events 1 and 2 is \$150 for each event. Event 3 registration is \$200. Registration for all three events, accomplished before Event 1, is at the discount rate of \$400.

5.2 Additional shirts will not be available beyond those included with registration.

5.3 Entry fee refunds may be granted at the discretion of the of the OA. An administrative fee may be applied.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1

Date	Time	
Friday, January 7	1500 1600 - 1730	Practice races, with debrief and beverages to follow Registration materials available
Saturday, January 8	0800 - 0900 0900 1030	Registration Competitors' Meeting Warning Signal for first race of the day (4 races scheduled) Dinner on your own
Sunday, January 9	1000 TBD	Warning Signal for first race of the day (3 races scheduled) Awards to Follow Racing

6.2 The RC may run one extra race on a day provided they do not get more than one race ahead of schedule.

6.3 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 or triangle/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.

11 INSURANCE

11.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. The Organizing Authority does not accept any responsibility for verifying a boat is covered by third-party liability insurance.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first five boats; Top Corinthian; 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.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information, please contact:

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

1. 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.

2. Accommodations

There is no tent, car or RV camping permitted at SSS this year. Camping may be available at Oscar Scherer State Park or Myakka State Park (quite a distance away), or Jiggs Landing Campground (closer). 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.

3. Food

Morning coffee and light snacks will be available at the bar. Lunch consisting of a variety of pre-prepared Subway ½ sandwiches and chips will be available prior to leaving the dock for consumption on the water during a break between races. Dinner will not be provided. Post race snacks and beverages will be provided.

4. Water Bottles

Please bring refillable water bottles. Outdoor water refilling station located by the main entrance to the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. One use water bottles will not be provided.

5. 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. Those interested in charter can appeal to the class on Facebook group "Melges 15 Class".

6. Boat Storage

Storage arrangements MAY be available on a LIMITED BASIS by arrangement through the SSS Manager's office at 941-388-2355 or Manager@ssssailing.com. Storage of individual boats will be at the rate of \$100 per month for January, February and March (\$50 per week for additional weeks), paid in advance. Box trailers MAY be stored on the grounds on a space available basis through arrangement with the Manager at rates to be determined.

Based on registration and paid storage numbers/demand, there is the possibility that Sarasota Sailing Squadron may run out of onsite storage space for participants. Please make storage arrangements promptly when online registration becomes available.

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.

7. Local Racing and Monthly Membership

Sailors are encouraged to obtain a short term Squadron membership to allows visits for local fleet sailing on Sundays. Monthly membership for a minimum of 3 months is available for \$241.50. See SSS calendar at <https://www.sailingsquadron.com> Let us know you're coming for a visit! We will need 24 hours notice to bring boats from storage.

8. Further Information

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Mail and shipments can be forwarded to this address.