



2022 MELGES 15 WINTER SERIES

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

March 25 – 27, 2022 Winter Series Event 3

Winter Series Championship

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

Notice of Race (NoR)

Amended March 21, 2022

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 24, 2022 at Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS) 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 11.

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, March 21, 2022. Registration is limited to 67 boats only.

4.3 Boats shall carry identification bow numbers, corresponding to sail number. Bow numbers must be applied to the forward section of the hull on each side of the boat following the application instructions included with the numbers. Application to the class for approval must be made in cases of variation between bow numbers and sail numbers, and the registrar must be notified of any change.

4.4 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 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), post-race snacks and beverages. 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.

5.4 **Gala Dinner charges are additional and will be posted at a later date, together with means and method to reserve space and make payment.**

6. SCHEDULE

6.1

Date	Time	
Wednesday, March 23	1300-1700	Check-in/sign-in, receive materials/gifts, install bow numbers
Thursday, March 24	1200-1400	FIRST Thursday check-in/sign-in, receive materials/gifts, install bow numbers

Thursday, March 24, continued	1200-1800 1400 1500 1600 - 1800	Flying Fox Taco Truck (cash, not included) Competitor meeting for practice races Practice races, debrief and beverages over the bar SECOND Thursday check-in/sign-in, receive materials/gifts, install bow numbers REGATTA CHECK-IN ENDS AT 1800 NO FRIDAY CHECK-IN/SIGN-IN
Friday, March 25	0800-0930 0930 1000 1130 TBD NOTE:	NO FRIDAY CHECK-IN/SIGN-IN Light breakfast and coffee Lunch distribution Competitors' Meeting Warning for first race of the day (3 races scheduled, see 6.2) Debrief, post racing beverages and snacks Dinner on your own
Saturday, March 26	0800-0930 0830 1000 TBD 1800	Light breakfast and coffee Lunch distribution Warning Signal for first race of the day (4 races scheduled) Debrief, post racing beverages and snacks MELGES 15 WINTER SERIES GALA DINNER
Sunday, March 27	0800-0930 0830 1000 TBD TBD	Light breakfast and coffee Lunch distribution Warning Signal for first race of the day (4 races scheduled) post racing beverages and snacks 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 **1300** 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

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 that a boat has third-party liability insurance.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first five boats; Top Corinthian; 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 3.

12.2 Scoring for the top three all-inclusive Winter Series competitors will be by accumulation of points from all three events. Award age requirements are determined on the day of the first race of Event 1.



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

Tenting, car or RV camping are **NOT PERMITTED** for this event. Camping may be available at Oscar Scherer State Park or Myakka State Park (quite a distance away), or Jiggs Landing Campground on Siesta Key (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 pre-prepared Subway type 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. Melges 15 Winter Series Gala Dinner will be available at extra charge.

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, and are discouraged.

~~5. 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 (\$30 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.~~

8. Local Racing

Sailors are encouraged to obtain a short-term membership to allow 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.

9. Further Information

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