



2023 MELGES 15 SARASOTA INVITATIONAL

Organizing Authority: Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Melges 15 - Fleet 2
January 13 – 15, 2023

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* and by the US Sailing except as noted and changed by the Sailing Instructions.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available after 1700h on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS) and on-line at <http://www.regattanetwork.com>. Event ID 25475.

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>. Event ID 25475.

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel(s) 11 and 16.

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 an 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 9, 2023.

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 \$200, including lunches on race days for on-the-water consumption, post-race snacks and beverages.

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

6. SCHEDULE

6.1

Date	Time	
Thursday, January 12	1600 - 1800	Check In
Friday, January 13	1200-1400	Check In Food Truck (cash, not included)
	1200	Competitor meeting for practice races
	1300 - 1600	Practice races
	1700	Debrief, post racing beverages and snacks
	1600 - 1800	Check In REGATTA CHECK-IN ENDS AT 1800

Saturday, January 14	0800 - 0900 0800 - 0930 0930 1000 1130 TBD	Check In Light breakfast and coffee Lunch distribution Competitors' Meeting Warning for first race of the day (4 races scheduled, see 6.2) Debrief, post racing beverages and heavy hor d'oeuvres
Sunday, January 15	0800-0930 0830 1000 TBD TBD	Light breakfast and coffee Lunch distribution Warning Signal for first race of the day (3 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 Awards

12.1 Number and types of awards to be determined by the organizers.

13. [DP] [NP] PARKING

13.1. The Sarasota Sailing Squadron is a very active sailing club. Please recognize the inconvenience the Squadron's hosting of our event causes for our members not participating in the event and respect the right of the squadron members to be able to use the squadron while our event is ongoing.

13.2. Parking is available outside of the main entrance to the Squadron.

13.3. Parking inside the main entrance on Squadron grounds is limited to Squadron members. Cars parked on the Squadron grounds that do not display a member's decal may be towed at the owner's expense.

13.4. Any cars/trailers parked inside the club, member or non-member blocking a member's boat/trailer may be towed at the owner's expense.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 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 websites, 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.

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

Boats are allowed to arrive on property on Wednesday January 12 and may stay until Monday January 16. Any other storage arrangements must be confirmed in writing by the Squadron by contacting the SSS Manager at 941-388-2355 or Manager@ssssailing.com.

6. Further Information

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