



Sarasota Sailing Squadron

Melges 15 Spring Regatta

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS)
1717 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236

Rules

The regatta is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). A free PDF of the RRS is available at <http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/>. In the event of conflict between this Notice of Race, the RRS, and the regatta Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

Eligibility and Entry

Open to Melges 15s. Participants shall register online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27240>

Format

Up to four races will be held on a Drop Mark Course using inflatable marks.

Fees

The entry fee for all boats is \$25 which includes post-racing food and beverage for skipper and crew on Sunday. Additionally, there is a \$30 fee for non-member use and storage of Melges 15 on dollies at the SSS for those sailing the Bird Key Yacht Club (BKYC) Sarasota Bay Regatta on Saturday, April 13, 2024. Registration fee will increase an additional \$25 after March 29, 2024.

Schedule

Note: A weekend schedule combining the BKYC and SSS events is provided in Appendix 1 for convenience.

Thursday, April 11

9:00 - 17:00 Competitors may set up their boats on dollies, to be stored inside the gate at SSS. Trailers will be stored outside the gate in the circle. Please consult with SSS Melges 15 fleet representative(s) or club manager if the fleet representative(s) are not available.

Friday, April 12

9:00 - 17:00 Competitors may set up their boats on dollies, to be stored inside the gate. Trailers will be stored outside the gate in the circle. Please consult with SSS Melges 15 fleet representative(s) or club manager if the fleet representative(s) are not available.

13:30 Practice sail for those interested.

15:00 Registration Closes.

Saturday, April 13

Morning Due to the multiple class participation in the Bird Key Yacht Club sponsored regatta, arrivals on Saturday will be required to set up and launch on the circle outside the SSS. Note that this is a public beach and launch space may be limited. Dolly launching should be used, except for those members who have paid hoist fees.

After racing Storage of boats on dollies permitted inside the gate; trailers will be stored outside the gate.

Sunday, April 14

8:00 - 8:30 Competitor Check-in. Coffee will be available.
8:30 Competitor Meeting
10:00 First Warning Signal
1:30 No starts after this time
After racing Awards and post-race food and beverages

Scoring

The low-point scoring system, RRS A2 shall apply, except that a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores with no races excluded. One race is required to constitute a series.

Prizes

Trophies will be awarded for first to third place. Depending on registrations as of March 29, 2024, additional prizes may be awarded for top youth (under 18 as of the date of the regatta), top female skipper and top "meister" (over the age of 65 as of the date of the regatta).

Disclaimer

Competitors compete in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 (Decision to Race) and RRS 4 (Acceptance of Rules). The host club, organizing authority, sponsors, their associates and appointees and volunteers will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

Further Information - Not Part of the Notice of Race

Accommodations

The SSS Melges 15 Fleet 2 is offering housing to non-member competitors and their crew, prioritized based on date of completed registration. For housing information, please contact Regatta Co-Chair Phyllis Elsishans 941-650-9897, pelsishans@gmail.com. There is no tent, car or RV camping permitted at SSS. Camping may be available at Oscar Scherer State Park or Myakka State Park, or Jiggs Landing Campground. There are numerous convenient lodging and dining options in the vicinity of the Squadron. Check your favorite lodging websites, such as www.visitsarasota.com.

Water Bottles: Please bring refillable water bottles. Outdoor water refilling station located by the main entrance to the club house and inside the club house.

Preferred time for boat set up is Friday, April 11, 9 am-5pm.

PARKING

The Sarasota Sailing Squadron is a very active sailing club, especially on Saturday, April 13, with the multi-fleet format of the BKYC regatta. Parking is available outside of the main entrance. 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.

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

General regatta information is available from Regatta Chair, Jennifer Ikeda 920-609-9110, ikedaj@hotmail.com or Fleet Captain, Bob Cole, 607-765-0479. For housing questions, please contact Regatta Co-chair, Phyllis Elsishans 941-650-9897, pelsishans@gmail.com.

Appendix 1
Combined Weekend Schedule
[Not part of Notice of Race]

Note: All activities at SSS unless specified. BKYC address is 301 Bird Key Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236

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15:00 SSS Melges 15 Spring Regatta registration closes. BKYC Regatta registration closes

18:00-20:00 BKYC poolside skippers meeting with complimentary keg beer, non-alcoholic beverages, and hors d'oeuvres at 301 Bird Key Drive. Other alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

18:30 BKYC Regatta One-design courses will be discussed as well as other relevant information.

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13:00 First warning signal for BKYC Windward-leeward One-design course on Sarasota Bay

18:00 Dinner party and rewards at Bird Key Yacht Club, 301 Bird Key Drive.

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