



Melges 15 SPRING Regatta

SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

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

1. Rules:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The rules of the Melges 15 Class Association will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 63.7 is replaced with "If there is a conflict between a rule in the notice of race and one in the **sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall apply.**"

2. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available no later than 1800 on Friday, April 11, 2025 online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28700>

3. Communication

- 3.1 The official notice board will be located at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS), under the main pavilion.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channels used will be stated in the SIs.
- 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 are 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 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting the required entry fee online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28700> prior to close of registration

5. Fees

- 5.1 The entry fee for all boats is \$35 which includes post-racing food and beverage for skipper and crew on Sunday. Registration fee will increase an additional \$25 after April 1, 2025.
- 5.2 Additionally, there is a \$30 fee for non-member use of facilities and storage of Melges 15 on dollies at the SSS for those sailing the Bird Key Yacht Club (BKYC) Regatta on Saturday, April 12, 2025.

7. **Schedule**

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

Friday, April 11, 2025	
9:00-17:00	Competitors may set up their boats, to be stored inside the gate at SSS. Please consult with SSS Melges 15 fleet representative(s) or club manager if the fleet representative(s) are not available.
12:00	Registration Closes
13:30	Practice sail for those interested
Saturday, April 12, 2025	
Morning	Due to the multiple class participation in the Bird Key Yacht Club regatta, arrivals on Saturday may 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.
After racing	Storage of boats on dollies and trailers permitted inside the gate
Sunday, April 13, 2025	
8:00 – 8:30	Competitor Check-in. Coffee will be available.
8:30	Competitors' Meeting
10:00	First Warning Signal
14:00	No starts after this time
After racing	Awards and post-race food and beverages

8. **Number of Races**

Up to 4 races on a windward/leeward course are scheduled.

9. **Penalty System**

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

10. **Scoring**

A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. One race is required to constitute a series. For the overall weekend, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores from the BKYC and SSS Regattas and no races shall be excluded.

11. **Image Release**

By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the organizing authority, Sarasota Sailing Squadron, and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped, or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.

12. **Risk Statement**
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.
13. **Prizes**
For the SSS Melges 15 Regatta, awards will be presented for first to third place. Depending on registrations as of April 1, 2025, additional prizes may be awarded, such as top female skipper and top “meister” (over the age of 65 as of the date of the regatta), who do not finish in the top three. Additional awards based on the overall weekend scores may be awarded.
14. **Parking**
The Sarasota Sailing Squadron is a very active sailing club. 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 and any car / trailer that block a member’s boat / trailer may be towed at the owner’s expense.
15. **Further Information**
For general regatta information, please contact Regatta Chair, Jennifer Ikeda 920-609-9110, ikedaj@hotmail.com or Fleet Captain, Bob Cole, 607-765-0479.

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

1. **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 Chair Jennifer Ikeda 920-609-9110.
2. **Boat Storage**
Limited boat storage is available at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron prior to or after this event. Please contact Regatta Chair, Jennifer Ikeda 920-609-9110 for more information.
3. **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.
4. **Preferred time for boat set up** *is Friday, April 11, 2025, 9 am-5pm*

**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**

Friday, April 11

- 9:00 - 17:00 Competitors may set up their boats on dollies, to be stored inside the gate at SSS. Please consult with SSS Melges 15 fleet representative(s) or club manager if the fleet representative(s) are not available.
- 12:00 SSS Melges 15 Spring Regatta registration closes. BKYC Regatta registration closes
- 13:30 Practice sailing for those interested.
- 18:00-20:00 BKYC Bayside Terrace. Complimentary beer, non-alcoholic beverages, and hors d'oeuvres. Other alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.
- 18:30 BKYC Skipper's meeting

Saturday, April 12

- Morning Due to the multiple class participation in the BKYC regatta, arrivals at SSS on Saturday will be required to set up and launch on the circle outside the SSS. Note 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.
- 11:55 First warning signal for BKYC Windward-leeward One-design course on Sarasota Bay
- After racing Storage of boats at SSS on dollies and trailers permitted inside the gate.
- 18:00 Dinner party and awards ceremony at Bird Key Yacht Club.

Sunday, April 13

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