



# Melges 15 Spring Regatta

Organizing Authority: Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS), Sarasota, FL April 13, 2025

## Sailing Instructions.

*The notation [NP] in a rule of the sailing instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).*

1. Rules
  - 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions
  - 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
3. Communications
  - 3.1. The official notice board is located at SSS, underneath the main pavilion. Race documents may also be found online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/28700>.
  - 3.2. On shore and on the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 63.
  - 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 is not available to all boats.
4. Signals Made Ashore
  - 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at front of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron clubhouse.
  - 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.
5. Schedule
  - 5.1. The warning signal for the first race will be at 10:00 Sunday April 13. A maximum of 4 races are scheduled.
6. Class Flags
  - 6.1. The class flag will be a red Melges 15 logo on a white background.
7. Racing Area
  - 7.1. The racing area will be Sarasota Bay, north of the New Pass Channel.
8. Course
  - 8.1. The diagrams in Attachment A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## 9. Marks

Mark	Description
1, 2s, 2p	Orange Inflatable Tetrahedron
1a	Small Ball Type mark
Change Mark	Yellow Inflatable Tetrahedron
Start Mark	Green Inflatable Tetrahedron
Finish Mark	Small Ball Type mark

## 10. The Start

10.1. The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of the starting mark.

10.2. [DP] A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## 11. Change of the Next Leg of the Course

11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original marks as soon as practicable.

11.2. If only one gate mark is set, boats shall leave the single mark left to port.

11.3. In the event of the next leg change of course, Mark 1a will not be relocated. Boats shall round the new Mark 1, leaving it to port.

## 12. The Finish

12.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

## 13. Time Limits

13.1. The race time limit for the first boat of each class to finish is 1 hour.

13.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.1 and A5.2.

## 14. Hearing Requests

14.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat docks.

14.2. Notices will be posted on the official notice board but no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron, beginning at the time announced.

14.3. Hearings are expected to be heard in person but may be changed to online. Instructions for online hearings will be provided by the protest committee.

## 15. Scoring

15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. A boat's series score shall be the total of all her race scores in this regatta using the Low Point System.

15.2. A boat's combined score from the Sarasota Bay Cup and the Melges 15 Spring Regattas shall be the total of all her race scores from both regattas.

## 16. Safety Regulations

16.1. Competitors shall check in by hailing their sail number to the signal vessel before the start of the first race.

16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

17. Prizes

18. 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.

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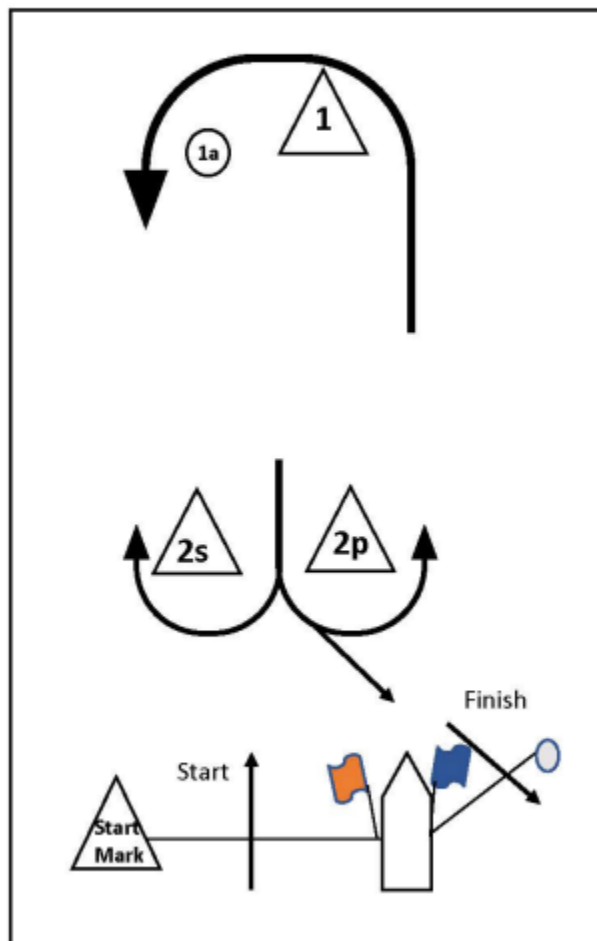
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19.3. Additional prizes may be awarded based on the combined scores for the Sarasota Bay Cup and Melges 15 Spring Regatta.

## Attachment A – Course Illustration COURSE LAD

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Course LAD	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
LAD	Start – 1- 1a – 2P - Finish
LAD2	Start – 1- 1a – 2S/2P – 1 – 1a – 2P - Finish