



NOTICE OF RACE

Flying Scot®

Midwinter Championship

March 6 – 8, 2026



Hosted by: Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS)
1717 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236

Organizing Authorities: Flying Scot® Sailing Association (FSSA) and Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS)

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1. RULES:

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Participants agree to abide by the RRS and all other rules that govern this event and those of the host club. Payment of the Entry Fee acknowledges agreement and consent to the rule requirement of this paragraph.

2. ELIGIBILITY:

- 2.1 The helmsperson shall be a current Active, Life, Junior, Club or Family Member of the FSSA (www.fssa.com). The FSSA Class Rules define each membership category.
- 2.2 Active, Life, Junior and Family Members shall sail the boat they have registered with the FSSA, and Club Members shall sail their club's registered club boat, unless they are Chartering or Borrowing.
- 2.3 Any helmsperson borrowing or chartering a boat shall submit the Chartering or Borrowing form (available at www.fssa.com under Documents) by Feb. 6, 2026.
- 2.4 Any co-owner, if sailing their boat, shall submit the Co-ownership Certification Form (available at www.fssa.com under Documents) by Mar. 3, 2026. The other co-owner may not enter the same Championship as a helmsperson.
- 2.5 The following shall be completed by the close of registration on March 3, 2026, unless otherwise specified below, before a boat's entry will be accepted:
 - 2.5.1 FSSA membership dues shall be paid in full.
 - 2.5.2 Club boat registration fees shall be paid in full to the FSSA.
 - 2.5.3 The registration form shall be completed in full.
 - 2.5.4 All event registration fees shall be paid in full.
 - 2.5.5 An approved Co-owner Certification Form shall be submitted, when applicable, to the host club.
 - 2.5.6 An approved Chartering and Borrowing form shall be submitted, when applicable, to the host club.

3. REGISTRATION:

- 3.1 Registration must be done online at Regatta Network
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30369>

- 3.2 Registration shall be completed by 17:00 hrs EDT on March 3, 2026.
- 3.3 During registration, entrants shall select the Championship or Challenger Division, subject to the approval of the FSSA National Championships Committee.
- 3.4 Check-in at the on-site registration desk is required, where parking assignment and identifying streamers for the Challenger Division will be provided.

4. FEES:

- 4.1 The “early bird” registration fee of \$275 includes the Fleet 36-hosted Welcome Party on Thursday evening, light breakfasts on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning, post-racing beverages, and Saturday evening dinner for skipper plus one (1) crew. It also includes one (1) extreme performance, UPF-50 long-sleeve 2026 Midwinter regatta shirt. Additional shirts and extra meals for the event may be purchased online when registering.
- 4.2 Registration after February 20, 2025 will be subject to a late registration surcharge of \$50 and will not include the regatta shirt.
- 4.3 Registration is considered complete when full payment is received.
- 4.4 Withdrawal of registration is subject to Regatta Network fees and any other expenses incurred by SSS.

5. SCHEDULE:

- 5.1 A maximum of eight races per division are planned.
- 5.2 The Regatta Schedule below provides a list of events, dates and times that are planned for the regatta.

REGATTA SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday March 5	On-Site Registration and Measurement	1000 - 1730	SSS
	Welcome Party	1730	SSS Pavillion
Friday March 6	Boat Launching	0800 - 1000	SSS ramp and hoist
	Light breakfast.	0830 – 0945	SSS Clubhouse
	Words of Wisdom	0945	SSS Pavillion
	Competitors Meeting	1000	SSS Pavillion
	First Warning Signal	1200	Start Line (on the water)
	Post race beverages and debrief	After racing	SSS Pavillion
	Dinner on your own / Grill available at SSS	Evening	
Saturday March 7	Boat Launching	0800 - 1000	SSS ramp and hoist
	Light breakfast.	0830 – 0930	SSS Clubhouse
	Words of Wisdom	0930	SSS Pavillion
	First Warning Signal	1100	Start Line (on the water)
	Post-race beverages and debrief	After racing	SSS Pavillion
	Dinner	1800	SSS Pavillion
	Silent / Live Auction for SSS Hurricane Recovery	During Dinner	SSS Pavillion
Sunday March 8	Boat Launching	0800 - 1000	SSS ramp and hoist
	Light breakfast.	0830 – 0930	SSS Clubhouse
	Words of Wisdom	0930	SSS Pavillion
	First Warning Signal	1100	Start Line (on the water)
	No warning signal after	1400	On the water
	Post-race beverages and Awards	After racing	SSS Pavillion

6. MEASUREMENT:

- 6.1 Boats and sails must conform to the Specifications in the Class Rules.
- 6.2 All sail numbers shall match the hull number except for chartered boats, and club boats must be identified as proscribed in Class Rule, Article B-IX.
- 6.3 Each boat must carry safety equipment required by the FSSA and conform to the FS Class rules
- 6.4 Random measurements of boats may be conducted for this regatta. Competitors will be notified at check-in if they have been selected for measurement and what will be measured. The measurement committee will be available to provide assistance to competitors.
- 6.5 Selective measurements may be made during measuring or at the discretion of the measurement committee.

7. VENUE:

- 7.1 The race area will be Sarasota Bay, north of the SSS.

8. THE COURSES:

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions. At a minimum, windward-leeward courses will be included.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM:

- 9.1 RRS Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rules V1 and V2 will be in effect.

10. SCORING:

- 10.1 Three completed races by each Division will constitute a series for that Division.
- 10.2 Each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores, and no score shall be excluded.

11. PRIZES:

- 11.1 Keeper trophies will be awarded as follows:
 - 11.2 1st through 5th place, Championship Division, skipper and crew.
Perpetual trophy: 1st place, Mary Meno Trophy
 - 11.3 1st through 5th place, Challenger Division, skipper and crew.
Perpetual trophy: 1st place, Brenda Pollack Trophy
 - 11.4 Sportsmanship Award (voted on by helmspersons)
Perpetual trophy: Allen M. Douglas Trophy
 - 11.5 If there are fewer than 25 boats in a division, fewer keeper trophies may be awarded
 - 11.6 The Charlie "Bear" Fowler Memorial Fleet Challenge Trophy will recognize the top fleet, based on the lowest sum of the scores for their top three sailors. Note: this trophy remains at SSS.

12. BERTHING/PARKING/LAUNCHING:

- 12.1 Launching and hauling will be from the SSS dry storage area. Except when launching / hauling, boats and trailers shall be kept in their assigned places after arrival.

- 12.2 Skippers will identify ramp or hoist launching preference during registration. Should hoist launching reach capacity, additional registrants will ramp launch. Tractor service will be provided to expedite launching.
- 12.3 The Sarasota Sailing Squadron is a very active sailing club and many parking spaces are being utilized for regatta participants' boats. 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.

13. SUPPORT BOATS:

- 13.1 A competitor shall not use support or spectator personnel or their equipment, including tow vessels, while away from the dock unless they have been pre-approved by the Protest or Race Committee, or made available to all competitors by an Organizing Authority.

14. RADIO COMMUNICATION:

- 14.1 The race committee may use VHF radios to communicate with competitors while racing. See Class Rules, Article S-V - Racing Restrictions, Paragraph 7 for more information regarding electronic equipment.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

- 15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk (see RRS 3 Decision to Race). The Organizing Authorities will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta and all events associated with it.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION:

Regatta Chair: Jennifer Ikeda ikedaj@hotmail.com
Co-chair: Brad West bfreshwest@gmail.com
Sarasota Sailing Squadron : www.sarasotasailingsquadron.org

ADDENDUM

Additional Information (Not part of the Notice of Race)

- 1. Housing / Camping:** Local SSS Members have some housing available in their homes and some accommodations for camping. Assignment will be prioritized by date of completed payment and registration. We encourage you to take advantage of their hospitality. Contact the regatta chair for details.
- 2. Boat Storage:** Limited boat storage may be available at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron or off-site prior to or after this event. Please contact the regatta chair for more information.
- 3. Water Bottles:** Please bring refillable water bottles. Outdoor water refilling stations are located by the main entrance to the club house and inside the club house.
- 4. High-Season in Sarasota:** Sarasota is beautiful in March, which brings high demand for accommodations and a high-level of traffic congestion to the area. Make housing reservations early! Note that traffic to get back to the mainland in the afternoon after racing will be heavy, especially on Friday and Saturday. There are showers available at SSS, which we encourage you to utilize if you are staying for dinner. On Friday evening, consider dining in St. Armands Circle or utilizing the grill at the Squadron.
- 5. Additional Donors:** Garry Condon, Gus Fingado, Amy Smith Linton, Henry Picco, Jamie Rimovsky, Steve Shaw, Brenda and Bob Twinem