

Notice of Race

E Scow Midwinters Regatta, February 27 - March 1, 2026
Organizing Authority: Sarasota Sailing Squadron
1717 Ken Thompson Parkway
Sarasota, FL 34236
941-388-2355

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. Sailing Instructions

2.1 The sailing instructions will consist of RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and Supplementary Sailing Instructions to be posted on the official notice board located on the club's north patio, and also to be available online at Regatta Network Friday, February 27, 2026.

3. Communication

3.1 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSIs.

3.2 [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 regatta is open to the E- Scow class.

4.2 Boats may enter the event by registering online at:

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30474>

4.3 To be entered in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.4 For the E Scow Class, NCESA approved flotation panels shall be installed for all races during the event.

5. Fees

5.1 The registration fee will be \$180 per boat which includes Saturday Opening Social and 3 Saturday Dinner Tickets. Extra dinner tickets will be \$30 each.

5.2 Teams are encouraged to register early. The fee will be \$200 for registrations and payments received after February 13. Registration will close at the end of February 26.

6. Schedule of Events - up to 6 races scheduled

Friday, February 27, 2026

1400 Practice Race

1700-1800 Check-in

Saturday, February 28, 2026

0900 Light Breakfast provided

0900-1000 Check-in

Lunch on your own on the water

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6. Schedule of Events, continued

Saturday, February 28, 2026, continued

1000 Competitor's meeting

1130 Warning Signal for first race of the day (up to 4 races scheduled)

Opening Social to follow racing

1730 Dinner and dance party

Sunday, March 1, 2026

0900 Light Breakfast provided

Lunch on your own on the water

1100 Warning Signal for first race of the day (up to 3 races scheduled)

1400 No warning signal will be made after this time

Awards to Follow Racing

7. Venue

Racing will take place on Sarasota Bay.

8. Penalty System

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

9. Scoring

9.1 One race will constitute a series.

9.2 Scoring instructions will be described in the supplemental sailing instructions.

10. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to boats placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and special awards.

11. Risk Statement

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 boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

12. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

13. Further Information Richard Elsishans – Regatta Chair

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Additional Information (Not Part of the Notice of Race)

Parking

Parking is available for trailers & 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.

Accommodations

There is no camping at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. You can visit <https://www.visitsarasota.com/> for a list of possible accommodations. Limited housing will be available on first come first serve basis until the supply is exhausted.

Food

Morning coffee and light snacks will be available at the bar.
Lunch on your own. Lunch not provided.

Water Bottles

Please bring refillable water bottles. Outdoor water refilling station is located in the clubhouse of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. Single use water bottles will not be provided. We recommend 2 bicycle bottles per person per day.

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