



2026 Sarasota Bay Multihull Regatta

February 20 - 22, 2026

**Organizing Authority: Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS),
Sarasota Sailing Squadron, Sarasota, FL, USA**

SUPPLEMENT to the STANDARD SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SSIs) (Numbering corresponds to the RRS Appendix S)

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.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.3 On shore and on the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 71.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at front of the SSS clubhouse.
4.3 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.3

Date	Time	
Thursday, February 19	1700 – 1800	Competitor Check In
Friday, February 20	0800 – 1000	Competitor Check In
	1130	Competitors' Meeting
	1300	Warning Signal for 1 st Race
	1700 (approx.)	Post-Race Social
Saturday, February 21	1000	Warning Signal for 1 st Race
	1700 (approx.)	Post-Race Social/Dinner
Sunday, February 22	1000	Warning Signal for 1 st Race
	1600 (approx.)	Post-Race Social/Awards

- 5.4 Four races per class per day are scheduled.
5.5 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that the event is no more than one race ahead of schedule.

6 CLASS FLAGS

- 6.2 The class flags are described in Attachment A.

7 COURSES

- 7.3 The diagram in Attachment B shows the course, 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.
7.4 Only the course shown in Attachment B will be sailed during the event.

8 MARKS

- 8.2 Marks are described in Attachment A.

9 THE START

- 9.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
9.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and

she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

- 9.5 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 10.2 The race committee may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark.
- 10.3 In the event of the next leg change of the course, Mark 1a will not be relocated. Boats shall round the new Mark 1, leaving it to port.
- 10.4 The leeward gate may be replaced by a single mark; in this case, the mark will be left to port.

12 TIME LIMITS

- 12.4 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in their class starts, sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, and A5.1 and A5.2.

13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1 Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Requests for a hearing including requests for redress regarding incidents on the race course shall be delivered to the protest committee within the protest time limit. This changes RRS 60.3(b) and RRS Appendix S 13.1.
- 13.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal vessel docks. The time will be posted on the official notice board. This changes RRS Appendix S 13.2.
- 13.5 Boats intending to protest shall inform the signal vessel after finishing or retiring.
- 13.6 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.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Race results will be calculated using the Time on Distance scoring method.
- 14.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 5 to 12 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

Attachment A – Mark Descriptions and Class Flags

Course	VHF	Mark Descriptions	Class Flags
Multi Hull	71	Mark 1 – Orange inflatable Mark 1a - Offset mark – Red ball Change Mark 1– Green inflatable ----- Start– Green inflatable Gate Mark 2p/2s – Orange Inflatable Finish mark – Red inflatable	PHRF Sub Z – Numeral pennant 4 PHRF 0 to 24 – Numeral pennant 3 Sprint 750 – Numeral pennant 2 PHRF Greater than 24 – Numeral pennant 1

Attachment B – Courses

Class	Course to be Sailed
PHRF 0 to 24	Start – 1 - 1a – 2p/2s – 1 - 1a - Finish
Sprint 750	Start – 1 - 1a – 2p/2s – 1 - 1a - Finish
PHRF Greater than 24	Start – 1 - 1a – 2p/2s – 1 - 1a - Finish
PHRF Sub Z	Start – 1 - 1a – 2p/2s – 1 - 1a - Finish

