



Buzzelli Nacra 15 Midwinters Championship

Sarasota Youth Sailing

Sarasota, Florida, USA

March 14-15, 2026

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1. The event is organized under the overall authority of Sarasota Youth Sailing.

2. RULES

2.1. The event shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.

2.2. The International NACRA 15 Class Rules shall apply.

2.3. In the event there is a conflict between languages, the English text shall take precedence.

2.4. Competitors shall be required to wear non-inflatable life jackets acceptable by their country of residence while on the water. Use of buoyancy aids are at the sole risk of competitors and not subject to protest.

3. PROCEDURE RULES

3.1. US Sailing Regulation 12.03, Protected Competitions, will be in effect for this event. The following rules and procedures will apply:

3.2. Rule 65.2 is changed as follows :“seven days ”is changed to“24 hours” and “promptly”is changed to “within 24 hours.”

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ADVERTISING

4.1. Advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and the NACRA 15 Class Rules. 4.2. Boats may be required to display bow numbers and advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

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ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1. The event is open to all boats conforming to the NACRA 15 Class Rules, whose sailors are in good standing with the NACRA 15 Class Association.

5.2. All boats shall enter by registering on Regatta Network and paying the \$225 entry fee.

5.3. The event entry deadline is 3/14/2026.

5.4. All entry fees are non-refundable on or after 3/07/2026

6. SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 14th 2026

0900 Check in at Sarasota Youth Sailing

0915 Competitors Briefing and Fleet Safety Meeting

1100 Approximate Time of First Warning Signal

1600 Approximate Time of Last Warning Signal

Sunday, March 15th 2026

0900 Report Time at Sarasota Youth Sailing

0915 Competitors/ Safety Briefing (if needed).

1100 Approximate Time of First Warning Signal

1300 Approximate Time of Last Warning Signal

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SAIL NUMBERS AND NATIONAL FLAGS

7.1. Sails shall have a full sail number and national letters in accordance with the NACRA 15 Class Rules. 8.2. Display of Country Flags will **not** be required.

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

8.1. Sailing Instructions will be made available to all competitors digitally prior to the event. A paper copy of the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

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VENUE

9.1. All races will be sailed on Sarasota Bay.

9.2. All NACRA 15's will launch and return from the SYS beach located on City Island.

9.3. All visiting coach boats will launch from the Ken Thompson Boat Ramp.

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STORAGE, BERTHING, AND CHARTERS

10.1. Visiting boats may arrive at Sarasota Youth Sailing beginning at 1200 on Friday, ,March 13th 2026.

10.2. Visiting boats shall depart the venue no later than 1600 on Monday, ,March 16th 2026

10.3. Storage Arrangements on site will be available during the duration of the event

11. Courses and Penalty System

11.1. The intended courses shall be windward leeward laps with windward offsets and leeward gates.

11.2. The intended race durations shall be approximately 45 minutes for the leading boats.

PENALTY SYSTEM

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

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SCORING AND RACES

12.1. Two races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

12.2. Up to five races are scheduled to be sailed on 3/14 and 3/15 but more can be sailed .

12.3. After 6 races sailors will receive 1 drop

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PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

13.1. A. No participant or competitor shall use or possess, either on or off the water: 1. marijuana or any other substance if possession is illegal under state or federal law; or 2. any alcoholic beverages. B. An alleged breach of one of these regulations shall not be grounds for a protest. However, when the protest committee believes that a competitor may have breached one of these regulations, it shall follow the process described in the US Sailing Code of Conduct. If a competitor is found to have breached one of the elements within the Code of Conduct, they shall be excluded from the remaining races of the series and, where practicable, removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

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DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

14.1. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this race participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, Ratings Authority, Race Committee, Protest Committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this race. By participating in this race, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

15.1. Contact SYS

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