



## 2026 SARASOTA BAY MULTIHULL REGATTA

### A Cat and Nacra Class

February 21 to February 22, 2026

Organizing Authority: Sarasota Sailing Squadron

Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS), Sarasota, FL, USA

#### Notice of Race (NoR)

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

##### 1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

##### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 1700h on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at Sarasota Sailing Squadron and on-line at <https://www.regattanetwork.com>.

2.2. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions (SSIs) that will be posted on the official notice board.

##### 3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The official notice board is located beside the race office at SSS. Race documents may also be found online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com>.

3.2. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SSIs. Such announcements are a courtesy and failure of the RC to make the announcement or of competitors to hear or understand the announcement shall not constitute a ground for redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b)(1).

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. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The event is open to all A Cat (foiling and non-foiling), Nacra 15 Catamarans and other one design multihulls.

4.2. A minimum of FIVE boats makes a class. Expected classes include A Cat (combined foiling and non-foiling) and Nacra 15.

4.3. The organizing authority reserves the right to group similar boats together to form one or more open classes.

4.4. Eligible boats may only enter the event by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the regatta fee to <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30766>.

4.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

##### 5. FEES

5.1. The registration fee is \$175 per boat which includes one dinner ticket and one T-shirt.

5.2. After Monday, January 26, 2026 the registration fee is \$200 per boat which includes one dinner ticket and subject to availability, one T shirt.

5.3. Additional dinner tickets for Saturday night are \$30.00. Additional T shirts are \$30.00. Advance orders for T shirts are strongly encouraged to insure availability and size. Advance orders for meals is appreciated so we can make sure to have enough for all.

## 6. SCHEDULE

| Date                  | Time           |   |
|-----------------------|----------------|---|
| Friday, February 20   | 1700 – 1800    | Competitor Check In                     |
| Saturday, February 21 | 0800 – 0900    | Competitor Check In                     |
|                       | 0845           | Competitors' Meeting                    |
|                       | 1000           | Warning Signal for 1 <sup>st</sup> Race |
|                       | 1700 (approx.) | Post-Race Social/Dinner                 |
| Sunday, February 22   | 1000           | Warning Signal for 1 <sup>st</sup> Race |
|                       | 1600 (approx.) | Post-Race Social/Awards                 |

- 6.1. A maximum of 7 races are scheduled.
- 6.2. On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hrs.

## 7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 7.1. Each boat shall comply with the applicable one design class rules.

## 8. VENUE

- 8.1. Racing will be in Sarasota Bay North of New Pass or in the Gulf of Mexico near Sarasota.

## 9. COURSES

- 9.1. Courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward.

## 10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty.

## 11. SCORING

- 11.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. Scoring for each class will be described in the Supplemental Sailing Instructions.

## 12. RISK STATEMENT

- 12.1. 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.

## 13. INSURANCE

- 13.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent. The organizing authority does not accept any responsibility for verifying that a boat has third-party liability insurance.

## 14. PRIZES

- 14.1. Prizes will be awarded to boats placing first, second and third in each class with five or more entries; and to the first place in classes with fewer than five entries.
- 14.2. Additional awards may be presented.

## 15. [DP] [NP] PARKING

- 15.1. The Sarasota Sailing Squadron is a very active sailing club. Please recognize the inconvenience the Squadron's hosting of our event causes for our members not participating in the event and

respect the right of the squadron members to be able to use the Squadron while our event is ongoing.

- 15.2. 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 may be towed at the owner's expense.
- 15.3. Any cars/trailers parked inside the club, member or non-member, blocking a member's boat/trailer may be towed at the owner's expense.

## **16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

- 16.1. For further information, please contact:

Susan Clark, Club Manager - [manager@sarasotasailingsquadron.org](mailto:manager@sarasotasailingsquadron.org)

Regatta Chair Bill Johnsen - [bill.johnsen@verizon.net](mailto:bill.johnsen@verizon.net)

### **PRACTICAL INFORMATION (NOT PART OF THE NOTICE OF RACE)**

#### **Accommodations:**

There is no tent, car or RV camping permitted at SSS this year. Camping may be available at Oscar Scherer State Park or Myakka State Park (quite a distance away), or Jiggs Landing Campground (closer). There are numerous convenient lodging and dining options in the vicinity of the Squadron. Check your favorite lodging web sites, such as [www.visitsarasota.com](http://www.visitsarasota.com).

#### **Food:**

Morning coffee and snacks will be available at the bar.

#### **Parking:**

Parking is available outside of the main entrance to the Squadron.

#### **Water Bottles:**

Please bring refillable water bottles. Outdoor water refilling station located by the main entrance to the club house

#### **Boat Storage and Set Up:**

Complimentary dockage is available to competitors from Wednesday February 18th to Monday February 23rd. Dock space at the Squadron is limited and boats may be required to raft off each other. Competitors wishing to store their boats outside of the complimentary period must make arrangements through the Club Manager (941) 388-2355. Space at the Squadron is limited and may not be available. For boats arriving on or after Sunday February 15 and or departing on or before Saturday February 28 there will be a charge of \$40 per night for each night outside of the complimentary period. Note, there is no electricity or water at the Squadron Docks.