



Melges 15 Spring Regatta

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS)
1717 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236

1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The class rules of the Melges 15 Class Association will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 63.5(c) is replaced with "If there is a conflict between a rule in the notice of race and one in the **sailing instructions, the sailing instructions shall apply.**"

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available online no later than 1800 on Friday, April 10, 2026 at www.regattanetwork.com.

3. Communication

- 3.1 The official notice board will be located at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SSS), under the main pavilion.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channels used will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.4 [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 are not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of the Melges 15 class.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting the required entry fee online at www.regattanetwork.com.

5. Fees

- 5.1 The entry fee for all boats is \$40 which includes post-racing food and beverage for skipper and crew on Sunday. Registration fee will increase an additional \$20 after April 1, 2026.

6. Schedule

- 6.1 A weekend schedule combining the BKYC and SSS events is provided in Appendix 1 for convenience.
- 6.2

Date	Time	Event
Friday, April 10	0900 - 1700	Competitors may set up their boats, to be stored inside the gate at SSS. Please consult with SSS Melges 15 fleet representative or club manager if the fleet representative is not available.
	1200	Registration closes.
	1330	Practice sail for those interested

Saturday, April 11	Morning	Due to the multiple class participations in the BKYC regatta, arrivals on Saturday may be required to set up and launch on the circle outside the SSS.
	After racing	Storage of boats on dollies and trailers permitted inside the SSS gate.
Sunday, April 12	0800 - 0930	Competitor check-in. Coffee will be available.
	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	Warning signal for first race of the day
	1430	No warning signal after this time
	After racing	Awards and post-race food and beverages. Melges 15 award presentation will occur 1 hour after the last competitor lands. Time will be posted on the notice board.

6.3 A maximum of 4 races are scheduled.

7. **Venue**

7.1 Racing will take place on Sarasota Bay, north of the New Pass Channel.

8. **Courses**

8.1 The course to be sailed will be windward leeward.

9. **Penalty System**

9.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty, except that if the breach is within the zone, it shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

10. **Scoring**

10.1 One race is required to constitute a series.

10.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

10.3 For the overall weekend, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores from the BKYC and SSS events. No races shall be excluded.

11. **Risk Statement**

11.1 Competitors compete in the regatta at their own risk. See RRS 3 (Decision to Race) and RRS 4 (Acceptance of Rules). The host club, organizing authority, sponsors, their associates and appointees and volunteers will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

12. **Image Release**

12.1 By participating in this event, a competitor grants to the organizing authority, SSS and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time, at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of them during the period of the competition without compensation.

13. **Prizes**

13.1 For the SSS Melges 15 event, awards will be presented to the top three boats.

13.3 Additional prizes based on the overall weekend scores will be awarded plus certain other categories may be awarded as determined by the Race Committee.

13. **Parking**

The Sarasota Sailing Squadron is a very active sailing club. 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 blocks a member's boat / trailer may be towed at the owner's expense.

13. **Further Information**

For general regatta information, please contact Regatta Chair, Rob Hudson, text 262-893-0178, rob@sailzing.com.

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

1. **Accommodations**

The SSS Melges 15 Fleet 2 is offering housing to non-member competitors and their crew, prioritized based on date of completed registration. For housing information, please contact Regatta Chair, Rob Hudson – rob@sailzing.com.

2. **Boat Storage**

Sailboat storage for guest competitors is available at the SSS during this regatta weekend 4/10-4/12. Please contact the Regatta Chair, Rob Hudson, for more information.

3. **Water Bottles**

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

3. **Preferred time for boat set up is Friday, April 10, 0900 – 1700.**

Appendix 1

Combined Weekend Schedule

[Not part of Notice of Race]

Note: All activities to take place at Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

(BKYC Regatta NOR is the authority for changes to the Friday-Saturday schedule.)

<i>Friday, April 10</i>	
9:00 - 17:00	Competitors may set up their boats on dollies, to be stored inside the gate at SSS. Trailers will be stored outside the gate in the circle. Please supply your own trailer lock. Please consult with SSS Melges 15 fleet representative Rob Hudson or club manager, if the fleet representative is not available.
12:00	SSS Melges 15 Spring Regatta registration closes. BKYC Regatta registration closes.
13:30	Practice sailing for those interested.
18:00-20:00	Venue: Sarasota Sailing Squadron - BKYC regatta will provide complimentary beer, non-alcoholic beverages, and hors d'oeuvres. Other alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase on site.
18:30	BKYC Skipper's meeting

<i>Saturday, April 11</i>	
Morning	Due to the multiple class participation in the BKYC regatta, arrivals at SSS on Saturday will be required to set up and launch on the circle outside the SSS. Dolly launching should be used, except for those members who have paid hoist-fees.
11:55	First warning signal for BKYC Windward-Leeward One-design course on Sarasota Bay.
After racing	Storage of boats at SSS on dollies permitted inside the gate; trailers will be stored outside the gate.
18:00	Dinner party and BKYC awards ceremony at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron .
<i>Sunday, April 14</i>	
0800 - 0930	SSS Competitor Check-in. Coffee will be available.
0930	SSS Competitor Meeting
1100	First Warning Signal
1430	No starts after this time
After racing	Melges 15 Awards and post-race food and beverages. Melges 15 award presentation will occur ~1 hour after the last competitor lands. Time will be posted on the notice board after the last boat lands.