



**NOTICE OF RACE
MELGES 15 WINTER SERIES
REGATTA 1
MELGES CLINIC JANUARY 8
RACES JANUARY 9-10, 2021**

Sarasota Sailing Squadron and SSS Melges 15 Fleet, and our sponsor Melges, cordially invite you to attend:

2021 Melges 15 Winter Series
January 9-10 Regatta 1
February 27-28 regatta 2
March 26-28 Regatta 3, and Midwinter Championship

LOCATION

Sarasota Sailing Squadron
[1717 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, Florida 34236](https://www.sarasotasailing.com/1717-Ken-Thompson-Parkway-Sarasota-Florida-34236)
941-388-2355
Mail and shipments can be forwarded to this address.

THE COMPETITION

This series of events is open to Melges 15 sloops who have completed registration, on line only, and paid the required fees through Regatta Network in advance of each event. Award age requirements are determined on the day of the first race of each event. This NOR is for the first of the three events making the Melges 15 Winter Series 2021. The dates of other events are listed above and each will have a separate NOR. Competing in all three events is required for eligibility for the overall Series awards.

QUESTIONS

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HOUSING INFORMATION

Housing options can be found on www.visitsarasota.com under places to stay.

RULES

Racing will be governed by the rules defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing in effect at the start of each event – except that special COVID-19 Rules and the Sailing Instructions will take precedence in case of a conflict, or specific localized changes.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regattas entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including but not limited to COVID-19. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death, sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta. Competitors voluntarily assume the risks associated with communicable diseases including, but not limited to, COVID-19.

CLINIC & PRACTICE RACING

Eddie Cox of Melges will be hosting a clinic for pre-registered participants on Friday, January 8, 2021, 1pm-4pm.



REGISTRATION

Registration is available through Regatta Network: <https://bit.ly/2UWpMYX>. **Registration closes Monday, December 28.** Registration may be limited to 25 boats and 50 people.

The registration fee for event 1 is \$125, including Saturday evening dinner for two, M15 shirts for two (compliments of Melges), SSS hats for two, and complimentary post race beverages. Additional dinners may be purchased during the registration period (by December 28) for \$20/each. Additional shirts will not be available beyond those included with registration.

The sum of all registration fees for the three individual regattas is \$425. The first and second event registration fee is \$125 for each. Registration for the third event, only, is \$175. Registration for all three regattas by December 28 is the **discounted price** of \$400.

REFUNDS DUE TO REGATTA CANCELLATION RELATED TO COVID-19, WITHDRAWAL FROM THE REGATTA, OR OTHER CAUSES, CANNOT INCLUDE SUNK COSTS SUCH AS REGATTA NETWORK FEES, OR OTHER NON-REFUNDABLE EXPENSES PAID BY THE REGATTA.

MEALS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and policies, morning coffee will be available at the bar, **no breakfast and no lunch can be provided**. During registration for the first event, only, up to and not after December 28, additional Saturday evening BOX DINNERS may be purchased. After registration has closed, no items will be available for purchase, excepting from the cash bar. Box dinners and drinks will be distributed in a socially distanced manner. Bottled water will not be available. Sailors are encouraged to bring reusable bottles to be refilled at SSS water fountains.

SCHEDULE

All times listed below are tentative. **All must maintain social distance. Wearing masks is mandatory.**

Friday, January 8, 1230 Melges Clinic pre-meeting under the pavilion

1300 -1600 Melges Clinic.

Friday, January 8, 1600 cash bar is open (limited fare)

1700 – 1900 receive registration materials including swag. SIs will be provided and/or posted.

Dinner on your own

Saturday, January 9

Breakfast and lunch on your own

0900 Skipper's Meeting via VHF (channel TBD)

1030 Warning for first race of the day

TBD lunch break on the water (carry your lunch with you to the racecourse)

TBD post lunch warning for additional race(s)



SCHEDULE, CONTINUED

Saturday, January 9 TBD post-race complimentary beverages

1700 box dinner (braised chicken in fresh chilies, onion and peppers, Spanish rice), cash bar

Sunday, January 10 Breakfast on your own

1000 Warning for first race of the day

1400 latest possible warning time

TBD Lunch on your own (carry your lunch with you to the race course)

TBD awards

All must maintain social distance. Wearing masks is mandatory.

SCORING AND AWARDS FOR EVENT 1

The Low Point System will apply with one throw out if six or more races are completed. This changes RRS A2. Six races are scheduled but more may be sailed at the discretion of the PRO. One completed race will constitute a regatta.

Each of the three regattas in the series will be separately scored and awards provided for the top three finishers (any age, male, or female), Top Woman (provided two or more are registered), Top Master (ages 50 to 59), Top Grand Master (ages 60 to 69), and Top Mega Master (age 70 and above). Scoring for the top three all-inclusive Winter Series competitors will be by accumulation of points from all three events.

COMMUNICATION

VHF radio (channel 72 or other as announced) will be the primary means used by the Race Committee (RC) for the Skipper's Meeting, and in general with the fleet, about activity onshore (carry a radio with you while ashore) and on the water regarding delays, recalls, weather issues. The on-the-water radio channel will be posted.

Following the display of the Individual Recall Flag, the RC will attempt to announce by VHF radio the sail numbers of all boats identified as OCS. Such announcement is a courtesy and failure of the RC to make the announcement or of competitors to hear or understand shall not constitute a ground for redress.

BOAT CHARTERS

Interested sailors may contact Melges Performance Sailboats to arrange CHARTER BOATS, while boats are still available. Email: Eddie@Melges.com Telephone: 262-275-1110

BOAT STORAGE

SSS will provide STORAGE FOR BOATS at \$75 per month for January, February and March. BOX TRAILERS MAY BE STORED on the grounds for \$150 per month. Boats and trailers must be removed from the grounds by the end of the day March 31. All vehicles stored on the grounds are subject to being moved as may be necessary to accommodate normal use of the grounds for sailing and parking activities. To arrange storage, email manager@ssssailing.com.



PARKING

Competitor parking must be off the SSS grounds, but can be within Ken Thompson Park - a short walk away.



LOCAL RACING

Sailors are encouraged to visit SSS for local fleet sailing Wednesdays, Fridays, and some Saturdays in conjunction with the local Flying Scot fleet (see SSS calendar at www.SarasotaSailingSquadron.org), with a separate M15 start for a fleet of three or more – let us know you're coming for a visit! We will need 24 hours notice to bring boats from storage.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS AND PRACTICES

1. NO ONSITE REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY REGISTRATION (INCLUDING PAYMENT(S) MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THIS NOR.
2. SOCIAL DISTANCING IS MANDATORY. MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHILE ON THE DOCKS, IN CLUBHOUSE, OR OTHER COVERED AREA WHERE SOCIAL DISTANCING IS NOT POSSIBLE.
3. ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO "SELF-SHELTER" (i.e. Cars, RVs, etc.) ON-PREMISES IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER. ADDITIONAL SHELTER WILL BE PROVIDED BUT MAY BE INSUFFICIENT FOR CONDITIONS.
4. NO SPECTATOR BOAT(S) CAN BE PROVIDED.
5. METHOD FOR NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTION WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.
6. CAMPING IS VERY LIMITED AND MUST BE AUTHORIZED AHEAD OF TIME THROUGH SSS MANAGER.
7. RULES MAY BE ADDED, REMOVED, OR CHANGED BASED ON LOCAL CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS. PLEASE CHECK OFTEN FOR AMENDED NOR.
8. SARASOTA SAILING SQUADRON RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE DEPARTURE FROM THE GROUNDS OF ANYONE WHO FAILS TO PASS THE GROUNDS ENTRY SCREENING, OR WHO DISPLAYS SYMPTOMS WHILE ON THE GROUNDS.
9. ALL PARTICIPANTS AND AFTERGUARD MUST COMPLETE THE COVID-19 QUESTIONNAIRE AND SUBMIT TO TEMPERATURE CHECK EACH DAY UPON ENTERING THE GROUNDS.