



Melges 15 Spring Regatta

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

NOTICE OF RACE

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

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1. Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the Melges 15 Class Association rules.
- 1.2 In the event of conflict between this Notice of Race and the regatta Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available no later than 1800 on Friday, April 12, 2024 online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27240>

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 <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27240>

5. Fees

- 5.1 The entry fee for all boats is \$25 which includes post-racing food and beverage for skipper and crew on Sunday. Registration fee will increase an additional \$25 after March 29, 2024.
- 5.2 Additionally, there is a \$30 fee for non-member use and storage of Melges 15 on dollies at the SSS for those sailing the Bird Key Yacht Club (BKYC) Sarasota Bay Regatta on Saturday, April 13, 2024.

6. **Schedule**

Note: A weekend schedule combining the BKYC and SSS events is provided in Appendix 1 for convenience.

6.1 **Thursday, April 11**

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 consult with SSS Melges 15 fleet representative(s) or club manager if the fleet representative(s) are not available.

6.2 **Friday, April 12**

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 consult with SSS Melges 15 fleet representative(s) or club manager if the fleet representative(s) are not available.

12:00 Registration closes.

13:30 Practice sail for those interested.

6.3 **Saturday, April 13**

Morning Due to the multiple class participation in the Bird Key Yacht Club sponsored regatta, arrivals on Saturday will be required to set up and launch on the circle outside the SSS. Note that this is a public beach and launch space may be limited. Dolly launching should be used, except for those members who have paid hoist fees.

After racing Storage of boats on dollies permitted inside the gate; trailers will be stored outside the gate.

6.4 **Sunday, April 14**

8:00 - 8:30 Competitor Check-in. Coffee will be available.

8:30 Competitors' Meeting

10:00 First Warning Signal

1:30 No starts after this time

After racing Awards and post-race food and beverages

8. **Number of Races**

Up to 4 races on a windward/leeward course are scheduled.

9. **Penalty System**

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

10. **Scoring**

A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. One race is required to constitute a series.

11. **Risk Statement**

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. **Prizes**

Awards will be presented for first to third place. Depending on registrations as of March 29, 2024, additional prizes may be awarded for top youth (under 18 as of the date of the regatta), top female skipper and top “meister” (over the age of 65 as of the date of the regatta).

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 block a member’s boat / trailer may be towed at the owner’s expense.

13. **Further Information**

For general regatta information, please contact Regatta Chair, Jennifer Ikeda 920-609-9110, ikedaj@hotmail.com or Fleet Captain, Bob Cole, 607-765-0479.

**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 Co-Chair Phyllis Elsishans 941-650-9897, pelsishans@gmail.com.

2. **Boat Storage**

Limited boat storage is available at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron prior to this event. Please contact Regatta Chair, Jennifer Ikeda 920-609-9110 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 12, 9 am-5pm***

Appendix 1
Combined Weekend Schedule
[Not part of Notice of Race]

Note: All activities at SSS unless specified. BKYC address is 301 Bird Key Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236

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12:00 SSS Melges 15 Spring Regatta registration closes. BKYC Regatta registration closes

13:30 Practice sailing for those interested.

18:00-20:00 BKYC Bayside Terrace. Complimentary keg beer, non-alcoholic beverages, and hors d'oeuvres. Other alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

18:30 BKYC Skipper's meeting

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12:55 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 awards ceremony at Bird Key Yacht Club.

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