



Flying Scot® Sailing Association

NOTICE OF RACE

2015 FLYING SCOT® MIDWINTER CHAMPIONSHIP

March 15-19, 2015

Hosted by

Sarasota Sailing Squadron and Fleet 36
Sarasota, Florida

Organizing Authority: Flying Scot Sailing Association ("FSSA")
in conjunction with Sarasota Sailing Squadron ("SSS")

- Rules:** This regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by the current edition of the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- Eligibility:** The regatta is open to Active, Life, Junior, Club, and Family Members. The FSSA Constitution defines each category. Entrants shall select either the Championship or Challenger Division, except that any past North American or Midwinter Championship Division winner shall sail in the Championship Division.
- Registration** Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/9297> and paying the required fee by 1700, March 7, 2015. Thereafter entries may only be made in person during on-site registration (see NOR 5). Registration, including Division selection, must be completed by Sunday March 15 at 1100. Hoist space is limited and priority will be given in order of registration. Sailing Instructions and Notice of Race will be available to registrants at onsite check in.
- Fees:** The entry fee is \$220 per boat. This includes: the Monday "Welcome Cocktail Party", dinners for two people for the Monday Dinner and the Wednesday Banquet, all racing and race management costs and trophies. Current US SAILING members (current as of time of registration) may deduct \$20 from the entry fee by providing their US Sailing membership number during online entry. Entries **received and paid** by February 15, 2015 may deduct \$20 from the entry fee. Thus the early entry fee for a US SAILING member is \$180.00.

Additional dinner tickets may be ordered online and will also be available for purchase at registration/checkin.

- Schedule:** Up to three races may be run each day, to a maximum of eight races.

Saturday, March 14	Registration/Check in	1200 – 1700
	Boat Measurement/Inspection	1200 - 1700
Sunday, March 15	Registration	0900 – 1100
	FSSA Executive Committee meeting at SSS	0900
	FSSA Board of Governors Meeting at SSS	1000
	Registration Closes	1100

	Warm Up Regatta	1400
	Welcome Cocktail Party & Competitors Meeting	1800
Monday, March 16	Races – First Warning Signal of the Day	1215
Tuesday, March 17	Races – First Warning Signal of the Day	1215
Wednesday, March 18	Races – First Warning Signal of the Day	1215
Thursday, March 19	Races -- First Warning Signal of the Day	1215
	No warning signal after this time	1400
	Awards	1800

SAILORS DEBRIEF AND KEG AFTER EVERY DAY OF RACING!

Additional Social Events Per Event Web Site

6. **Measurement:** Boats and sails must conform to the Official Plan. Each boat must carry equipment required by FSSA Specifications, including Article S-V.2 (Racing Restrictions), and US Coast Guard requirements. At the minimum, the centerboards of the top five finishers from the Mid Winter's and NAC's from the past five years, and all club-owned boats, will be measured. Sails and rigging may be selectively measured and all boats may be checked for required safety equipment. Other measurements may be made at the discretion of the Measurement Committee.
Bow bags and transom ports are required for all boats **without exception**.
7. **VHF Policy:** FSSA rules permit carrying a VHF radio aboard at all times. VHF radios may be used to report emergencies to the Race Committee. A vessel reporting/declaring its own emergency shall be scored RET (retired); a vessel reporting an emergency on a competitors vessel shall not be penalized, and may seek redress if its finishing position is affected by providing such report. No other transmissions from competitors are permitted. The Race Committee may use VHF radios to inform competitors of safety information (such as approaching weather) or to hail boats that are on course side of the starting line (OCS) at the start.
8. **Courses to be Sailed:** The courses to be sailed will be Windward – Leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions.
9. **Venue:** Launching and hauling will be from the SSS dry storage area and Ken Thompson Park. Except when launching/hauling, boats/trailers shall be kept in their assigned places after arrival. Vehicle parking is permitted in the park outside the gate to the squadron. Racing will be on Sarasota Bay; the race course is approximately 1-2 NM North of the clubhouse. Additional information can be found in Paragraph 13 below and on the regatta website.
10. **Scoring:** The low-point scoring system of RRS Appendix A2 will be used, except that there will be no throw-outs. Eight (8) races are scheduled, of which 1 must be completed to constitute a championship.
11. **Trophies:** Trophies will be awarded, at the minimum, to the skippers and crew of the first seven boats in the Championship division and the first five boats in the Challenger division. Additional trophies provided by FSSA include:
 - Championship Division 1st: Mary Meno Perpetual Trophy
 - Challenger Division 1st: Brenda Pollack Perpetual Trophy
 - Sportsmanship (voted on by the sailors): Allan M. Douglas Trophy
12. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the organizing authority nor the host organization will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.
13. **Contact information:** John Pether (Regatta Chair); jecpether@gmail.com (general regatta information)
Bob Twinem (Fleet 36 Captain); twinem2@yahoo.com

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/9297>

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1717 Ken Thompson Parkway
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www.sarasotasailingsquadron.org (for weather and other information)
E-mail: manager@sarasotasailingsquadron.org
Phone: 941.388.2355 Fax: 941.388.5524

14. **Additional information:** See the Attachment 1 for lodging information and Attachment 2 for directions to the clubhouse. Snacks are available daily at the club. The bar is open daily.

Sarasota Sailing Squadron Regatta Dock Rules will be in effect March 15-19.

Sarasota Sailing Squadron History

The Sarasota Sailing Squadron was founded as a nonprofit organization by interested residents of the City of Sarasota for the purpose of promoting sailing.

The Squadron actually grew out of the youth sailing program of the Sarasota Yacht Club in the late 1930s, and was established by young adults who could not afford the higher dues of the yacht club. It was disbanded during World War II, but was reorganized under the auspices of the YMCA in 1946. It obtained its own charter in 1947.

The Squadron draws its membership from all strata of Sarasota society and from other states and Canada. Since its inception, the Squadron has been dedicated to the promotion of recreational sailing, racing, cruising, sailing instruction, boating safety and youth sailing instruction. Until 1958 its club meetings were held at City Hall, in the commission chamber, and its sailing activities were centered around the old city pier.

With the construction of the Island Park/Marina Jack complex, and by agreement with the City of Sarasota, the Squadron has occupied the northeast section of City Island since June of 1958.

Since 1946, the Squadron has sponsored an annual Labor Day Regatta, which grew in the space of a few years into the largest all-class sailboat regatta in the Southeast. The Squadron has also been host to numerous national and international sailing competitions. One of its first was in 1982, when it hosted the Yngling World Championship Regatta. More than 30 of the boats in this international yachting class came to Sarasota from Europe. Since those times we have hosted numerous Eastern Laser Midwinter Championships, the Mini-12 World Championships, the Sunfish Worlds 2000, several Sunfish regionals, and other regattas for a variety of boats. In 1994 members resurrected (for one year) the race to Havana, Cuba which had been abandoned since 1957 with the rise of Castro and company. For all who were there it was an historic occurrence not forgotten. Last year the squadron hosted the 2013 F18 Americas Championship Regatta.

NOR ATTACHMENT 1

LODGING CONVENIENT TO SARASOTA SAILING SQUADRON

Accommodations

Onsite Accommodations

Camping is available on Squadron grounds. Very Limited RV Parking available. (via pre-arrangement only)

BLOCK BOOKING RESERVATIONS FOR FS MID WINTERS 3/14/15 Check in and 3/20 /15 check out. Please note that it is high season in Sarasota and many hotels are already fully

booked. Prices are going up daily. We urge you to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. We have negotiated block-booking rates for the following hotels. Each hotel has reserved 10 rooms. YOU MUST CALL THE HOTELS DIRECTLY and tell them you are reserving under the block booking for the Sarasota Sailing Squadron Flying Scot Mid Winters. Confirm any cancellation policies when you call. You will not get special rates if you book through the hotel or any other web sites. The cut off for these special rates is generally Feb 14th, 2015 but we suggest you do not wait until then.

Super 8 Motel, 4309 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota Fl 34234 Tel. 941 355 9326 –Distance from Sailing Squadron is 6.72 miles (13 minutes) \$79 plus tax Double Room.

Golden Host Resort, 4675 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota , Fl 34234, Tel. 941 355 5141 -Distance from Sailing Squadron is 6.75 miles (13 minutes) Double rooms as follows; \$69 plus tax if paid in full at time of booking. No refunds. Cut off 1/14/2015 \$79 plus tax with non-refundable deposit of \$50. Cut off 2/14/2015 \$89 plus tax. Can cancel two days prior to arrival date. After that penalty is 1 night plus tax. Cut off 2/14/2015,

Days Inn, 5000 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota , Fl 34234 Tel. 941 351 7734 - Distance from Sailing Squadron is 6.97 miles(14 minutes)\$94.95 plus tax. Double room. Cut off is 2/14/2015

Courtyard Marriott, 850 University Parkway, Sarasota, Fl 34234 Tel. 941 355 3337 – register on line <http://cwp.marriott.com/srqcy/flyingscot> Distance from sailing Squadron is 7.47 miles (14 minutes) \$139 plus tax. King or double. Cut off is 2/14/2015

AmericInn, 5931 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, Fl 34232 Tel 941 342-8778 (Jennifer) Distance from Sailing Squadron 11.57 miles(25 mins_)\$149 plus tax. Standard 2 queen beds. Cut off is 2/14/2015.

We also have a first come first served quote from the Comfort Suites at 5690 Honore Ave, Sarasota, Fl 34233. Phone 941 554 4475. It is 13.35 miles from the Squadron(26 minutes) They are offering a 25% discount off winter rates so discounted suites are \$145 plus tax. All rooms are full suites with a king bed and a double pull out bed in the living area.

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DIRECTIONS TO SARASOTA SAILING SQUADRON

To reach the Squadron from I-75:

- Take the Fruitville Road exit (State Road 780) west until reaching US-41.
- Turn left, then right at the next light onto the John Ringling Causeway.
- As you cross the bridge, sailboats moored off the Squadron can be seen on your right.
- Proceed to St. Armands Circle, and bear right, taking the first outlet from the Circle.
- Proceed north, following the Mote Marine signs.
- Turn right onto Ken Thompson Parkway, just before the New Pass Bridge.
- The Squadron is located at the end of the road.
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or, set your GPS to “go to” **N27°20.14’ W82°34.25’!**