



## 2024-25 MELGES E SCOW WINTER SERIES EVENT 1 NOTICE OF RACE

December 7-8, 2024

Organizing Authority: Melges Watersports Center  
2550 N. Banana River Dr. • Merritt Island, FL 32952

### 1. RULES

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

1.2 In addition to other rules changed in this document, the following racing rules are changed:

1.2.1 RaceSense

1.2.2 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilized by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 41(c)

1.2.3 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check-in, which shall be mounted within 6 inches of the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be available for rental to any boat that does not have one available.

1.2.4 RaceSense information is available to all boats.

1.2.5 Failure of an Atlas 2 or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 60.1(b), 60.3(b), and 63.1.]

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online before 0900h on the Friday preceding each event.

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

### 3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official online notice board is located on the Clubspot event site.

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72.

3.3 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. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

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 is not available to all boats.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1 The event is open to all E Scows.

4.2 Boats may only enter the event by registering online. Registration closes the day of the event at 0800h.

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

4.4 All boats must comply with the Class Rules prior to the preparatory signal of the first scheduled race and at all times while racing in the event.

#### **5. FEES**

5.1. The registration fee is \$450.

5.2 The entry fee is non-refundable after October 4, 2024.

5.3 This event will be using Vakaros RaceSense. Atlas 2 units are available for rent for \$100. Rent [here](#).

#### **6. SCHEDULE**

6.1

Friday	1000-1700 1330	Competitor Check-In Practice Race
Saturday	0930 1100 Post Racing	Competitors' Meeting First Warning Melges Party & Data Debrief
Sunday	1000 1300 Post-Race	First Warning No race to start after this time Awards

6.2 A maximum of 7 races are scheduled. The Race Committee will target a 6-race series and sail an additional 7th race if conditions permit.

#### **7. VENUE**

7.1 Racing will be on the Banana River.

#### **8. COURSES**

8.1 Courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward.

#### **9. SCORING**

9.1 One race completed will be considered a regatta.

9.2 (a) When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. (b) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **10. Coaching and Outside Assistance**

10.1 The Melges team will provide on and off the water coaching during this event.

10.1.2 Only boats displaying a coach flag are eligible to coach on the water. Sailors will be able to sail by these coaches and ask questions.

10.1.3 Sailing and weather debriefs will be provided by class coaches off the water.

10.2 Outside assistance/coaching during a race is Allowed.

## **11. LAUNCHING**

11.1 There is a public boat launch located adjacent to the center.

## **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. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

12.2 Prior to participating in the events, every competitor shall sign the MWC Waiver of Liability. Competitors with incomplete waivers will be scored DNC and refunds will not be given.

## **13. INSURANCE**

13.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

## **14. PRIZES**

14.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three boats.

## **15. MEDIA RIGHTS**

15.1 Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage and photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.

## **16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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