Organizing Authority – MC Sailing Association
March 5-7, 2027

Host – Lake Eustis Sailing Club
1310 N County Rd 452, Eustis, FL 32726
https://theclubspot.com/regatta/13b0UumqLv

Notice of Race

Preamble – The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a protest or request for redress under this rule is invalid. This changes *Rules* 60.4(a) and 61.3 as stated below. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means the penalty for breaking this rule may, at the discretion of the jury, be more or less than a single disqualification. This changes *Rule* 60.5(c).

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 and the Sailing Instructions, the following *rules* are changed:

1.2.1 RRS 41 adds: "(e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided after return on board, the boat returns to the approximate location of the recovery.

1.2.2 RRS 60.4(a) adds, "(4) if the protest is by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP]."

1.2.3 RRS 60.5(c) adds, "(5) the protest is based on a rule with the notation [DP] and the protest committee decides the penalty shall be more or less than a single disqualification."

1.2.4 RRS 61.3 adds, "or is a request by a boat and is based on a rule with the notation [NP]."

1.2.5 RRS 78.1 deletes "While a boat is racing," and replaces that language with "From the time of arrival through all periods while racing,"

1.2.6 RRS A5.4 is added, "A boat that is scored TLE by the race Committee shall be scored points for the finishing place 2 more than the number of boats that sailed the course prior to the finishing window expiration.

1.2.7 RRS A10 adds" "TLE – Finishing Window Time Limit Expired. This changes RRS A10

1.2.8 RaceSense

1.2.8.1 RaceSense will be used for starts. RaceSense information is available to all boats. This changes RRS 41.

1.2.8.2 Boats are required to provide a Vakaros Atlas 2 or Edge and keep this device mounted as specified by RaceSense personnel and powered on while racing.

1.2.8.3 Competitors are responsible for updating their Vakaros device firmware shortly prior to

racing and applying any updates required during the event.

1.2.8.4 Competitors are responsible for calibrating their Vakaros device shortly prior to racing and maintaining calibration throughout the event.

1.2.8.5 Boats are required to have an active RaceSense pass available for purchase at www.vakaros.com/pages/passes.

1.2.8.6 The Melges Watersports Center will make Vakaros Units available to those competitors who do not own a unit. MWS units will be calibrated with updated firmware.

2 Sailing Instructions

2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on March 1, 2027 on the Official Notice Board on CLUBSPOT

3 Communication

3.1 The official notice board will be located at CLUBSPOT. As a convenience notices may be posted on the bulletin board in front of the clubhouse.

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF Channels 16 and 72.

3.3 Before going afloat and on the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio on channel 72.

3.4 [DP] While Racing, except in an emergency, a boat or support person shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not medically necessary or freely available to all boats.

4 Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The event is open to boats of the MC Scow Class whose helmsperson is a female member in good standing of the MC Sailing Association.

4.2 Each skipper must declare her age and will compete in the associated division:

- Open (25-49 years)
- Master (50-59 years)
- Grand Master (60-69 years)
- Mega Master (70-74 years)
- Old Salt (75 + years)
- Youth (under 25 years)

4.3 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at CLUBSPOT.

4.3.1 Crew should be listed and registered online at CLUBSPOT

4.3.1.1 Registered crew can buy soft goods on Clubspot

4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements, pay all fees, and complete the on-site check-in process.

5 Fees

5.1 The entry fees are as follows:

Class	Entry Fee Until February 25	Entry fee after February 25 and until March 11	Entry fee onsite
MC Scow	$ 159.00	$189.00	N/A
MC Youth MC Crew	$0	$0	N/A

5.1.1 Entry fees include Breakfasts, Lunches and Regatta T-shirt for all skippers

5.2 All entry fees must be paid via registration at CLUBSPOT by 1700hrs, March 5, 2027

5.3 Deadline for purchase of soft goods is February 25, 2027 at Midnight

5.4 Youth is defined as a boat whose skipper has not reached their 25th birthday prior to the first day of racing.

5.4.1 Youth skipper entry fees and associated expenses will be paid by the Lake Eustis Sailing Club

5.4.2 Crew on Youth boats will need to purchase meals and shirts on Clubspot

5.5 Other Fees:

5.5.1 [NP]Non-skipper meals and all soft goods will be available for purchase via CLUBSPOT

6 Crew Limitations

6.1 Due to limited space, crew boats will be made available for any registered crew; any unregistered crew may be rotated from the staging area.

7 Advertising

7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8 Schedule

8.1 The first date and time boats may arrive at 1200 on Wednesday, January 20, 2027. (non LESC members only).

8.2 [NP][DP] On-site check-in is required by all entries and will occur from 1200 to 2000 on Friday, March 5, 2027. Registration between 0730 to 0900 on Saturday, March 6, 2027

8.3 Dates of racing are Saturday, March 6, 2027 through Sunday, March 7, 2027.

8.4 Number of races: 5 races are scheduled. No more than 3 races will be planned on any race day. If conditions are ideal, and weather on other days is not, 4 races may be run after consultation with the MCSA representative.

8.5 The Social and Meal Schedule is as follows:

- Friday, March 5, 2027 – 1500 - **Seminar with Allan Terhune and Maryanne Hopper**
- Friday, March 5, 2027 – 1700 - Lean-In Pary **(featuring a crab boil and oysters)**
- Saturday, March 6, 2027 – 1800 – **(Guest Speaker – all skippers should plan to attend)**
- Breakfast - Saturday and Sunday at 0700
- Lunch is available starting at 0900 Saturday
- Sunday lunch will be served during the awards ceremony
- Awards Ceremony – following the final race

8.6 A practice start will be run prior to Race 1.

8.7 The competitor briefing will be on the lawn at Lake Eustis Sailing Club and via VHF 72 at 0930 on Saturday, March 6, 2027.

8.8 The scheduled warning for the first race is March 6, 2027 at 1100.

8.9 The scheduled warning on subsequent days will be 10:00.

8.10 If 3 races have been completed, no races shall be started after Noon on the last scheduled day

8.11 If 3 races have NOT been completed, no races shall be started after 1400 on the last scheduled day

8.12 All non-LESC members boats must be removed from the LESC property by March 31, 2027.

9 Equipment Inspection

9.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

9.2 [DP] Boats shall also comply with RRS 78.1 from arrival until they have finished the last race of the series.

10 Venue

10.1 NOR Addendum A shows the plan of the event venue ashore.

10.2 NOR Addendum B shows the racing area (venue).

11 Courses

11.1 Courses will be windward/leeward courses with offset marks and gates.

12 Scoring

12.1 Five races are scheduled. Two races must be completed before a Women's National Champion is recognized and perpetual trophies awarded. One race constitutes a regatta for purposes of

awarding keeper trophies.

12.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.

12.3 RRS 90.3(e) applies.

13 Support Person Vessels

13.1 Support person vessels may be stored at Lake Eustis Sailing Club on a first-come first-served basis. Priority will be given to Race Committee vessels. To arrange for support person vessel storage, contact the individual(s) listed at the bottom of this document.

14 Berthing

14.1 [DP] Launching at Lake Eustis Sailing Club will be by ramp or by dolly launching at the beach area.

14.2 [DP] Boats at Lake Eustis Sailing Club shall be kept in their assigned places in the parking lot or on the mooring buoys . Skippers are encouraged to use the mooring buoys overnight.

15 Risk Statement

15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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 to the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

16 [NP] Insurance

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of $300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

17 Prizes

17.1.1 Trophies will be awarded as directed by the MCSA Trophy Policy

18 Further Information

18.1 For further information, please contact David Leather – dbjleather@gmail.com or Keven Briggs – kbriggs4@gmail.com

Addendum A – Venue



Addendum B - Racing Area

