



**2026-27 MELGES MC WINTER SERIES #1
NOTICE OF RACE**

Organizing Authority: Melges Watersports Center
November 9-11, 2026
Melges Watersports Center
2550 N. Banana River Dr. • Merritt Island, FL 32952

Note: 20 boat maximum

Please note that this regatta is capped at a 20-boat maximum. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis until the regatta is full

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. 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. [Click here](#) to rent an Atlas 2.
 - 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 event site:
<https://melgeswatersportscenter.theclubspot.com/regatta/0GnliuRHvy/#notice-board>

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

3.3 The Race Committee will not announce boats that were over during a start. This Communication will come directly from your Vakaros device.

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 skippers of MC Scows.

4.2 Boats may only enter the event by registering online. Registration closes the day of the event at 0800h, or when the 20 boat limit is met.

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. A boat may sail with a different sail number from its hull number if it registers with that sail number and competes with the same sail number for the entire event.

5. FEES

5.1. The registration fee is \$245.

5.2 The registration fee increases to \$290 30 days prior to the start of each event.

5.4 The entry fee is non-refundable.

5.5 This event will be using Vakaros RaceSense. Atlas 2 units are available for rent for \$75. Rent [here](#).

6. SCHEDULE

6.1

Monday November 9	0900-1000 1000	Competitor Check-In Clinic Day
Tuesday November 10	0930 1100 Post Racing	Competitors' Meeting First Warning Melges Party & Data Debrief
Wednesday November 11	1000 1300 Post-Race	First Warning No race to start after this time Awards

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 & OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

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

11. LAUNCHING

11.1 There is a public boat launch located adjacent to the center. Dolly launching from the beach is also available.

11.2 Rigging spots are not assigned. Do not block other boats from having access to the water

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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