



*Fort Myers Sailing Club
P. O. Box 2924
Fort Myers, Florida 33902*

NOTICE OF RACE

**2nd Annual River District Regatta
Saturday May 2, 2009**

**Organized by the Fort Myers Sailing Club
To Benefit the Educational work of the Edison Sailing Center**

This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (US Sailing) when they apply, the West Florida PHRF organization, and the sailing instructions provided to participants at registration. This is a BOTY and Open Invitational, Category A event.

DIRECTIONS

Regatta Headquarters will be the Edison Sailing Center's South Training Center, located at 2000 West First Street, Fort Myers 33901. This facility is located between Joe's Crab Shack and Centennial Park just west of downtown Fort Myers on the south side of the Caloosahatchee River. By water it is adjacent to Mile Marker "50" on the Okeechobee Waterway.

REGISTRATION

Check in at the Regatta Headquarters on Thursday, April 30, 2009 between 18:30 and 19:30. The skipper's meeting will begin at 19:30 directly after check in. Refreshments will be provided.

PHRF CERTIFICATE....FLEETS

Entrants must provide a copy of their WFPHRF certificate. If no certificate is provided, FMSC will make the final determination of your PHRF number for this regatta. It is anticipated that three Fleets will start, i.e., Spinnaker PHRF, Non-Spinnaker, PHRF and True Cruising PHRF.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, April 30

18:30-19:30 Check-in/Registration

19:30-20:30 Skippers meeting

Saturday, May 2

7:00-9:00 Free Continental Breakfast

10:00 First Fleet Start.....Additional back-to-back races to follow weather permitting. Racing to conclude at approximately 16:00

17:00 Sailing Lies told with Refreshments available.

18:00 Dinner

19:00 Awards Presentation and announcement of Raffle winners.

N.B. If the weather does not permit racing on Saturday, the regatta will be held on Sunday and the same schedule will apply.

ENTRY FEE

Prior to April 29, \$40.00, thereafter \$60.00. The fee includes one regatta t-shirt and one dinner for the boat owner.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Available when you check in at Regatta Headquarters prior to the Skipper's meeting.

COURSES

The race course will be on the Caloosahatchee River between the Caloosahatchee Bridge and the Midpoint Bridge. Please note that boats which draw more than five feet will have difficulty navigating the race course. Fixed bridge vertical clearance is 55 feet. Courses will be sailed according to the SI's provided at registration.

PENALTIES

Assessed according to rule 44.1 of *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

SCORING

The Low Point scoring system, rule A2 of *Racing Rules of Sailing*, applies.

PRIZES

Awarded to the top three places in each fleet.

BOAT LAUNCHING AND DOCKAGE

The ESC has a 4,000 pound hoist available to launch boats. A trailer launch ramp is available at the Fort Myers Yacht Basin just east of the ESC. There will be free floating dock space provided for 40 to 50 participating sailboats. Participating sailboats may use dockage from Friday afternoon the 1st of May through Monday morning the 4th of May. There will be NO Water or Electric hookups available. Chemical on shore toilets will be provided.

CONTACT

Regatta Chair, Joanne Russ at 863.244.1928 or 239.349.5168 or visit www.fortmyerssailingclub.com for further information and to download an Entry Form.