

“Hiram’s Haul”

Notice of Racing

Melbourne, FL to Sebastian, FL and Return

October 29 - 30, 2016

**The Organizing Authority (OA) is Sail Series Promotions USA Inc.
Organizers of the Florida 300**

Celebrate Halloween in Capt. Hiram’s Sand Bar!

We will continue the 15 year history of this two day, round trip, distance race from POW/MIA Park just north of Pineda Causeway, Melbourne Florida, on the west side of the Indian River, proceeding south for 30 miles to Riverside Park, Sebastian, Florida, one mile south of Captain’s Hiram’s Sign in the river, returning the following day to POW/MIA Park where started. Hiram’s Haul is for all classes of beach type catamarans from 16 to 22 feet in length. All entries will be raced using the SCHRS system for handicapping. The race will commence on Saturday October 29th and return on Sunday October 30th, 2016. There will be a meal at the end of racing combined with awards presentation, tickets for the meal will be available at cost, at registration.

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It will Save you Money if registered early

Registrations after September 30th, 2016 will pay additional Fee.

The race will be governed by the rules found in current Racing Rules of Sailing, unless changed as authorized by this NOR and/or the Sailing Instructions (SI), to be published later. The SI will be published and available at request or as a result of registration by return email at least one month before racing, and available at registration the morning of the race. In the event of conflict, the SI shall prevail. The RRS, the NOR and the SI are the only documents which will shall apply. The skippers meeting will be held in the south end POW/MIA Park, NET 0900, October 29th, 2016. Winds on the morning of racing may dictate schedule changes.

The following RRS are changed: **Rule 44.1 Taking a penalty**, is modified to require boats to complete only one penalty turn in the event of breaking a rule of RRS, part 2. The remainder of this rule remains. **Rule 80 Advertising**, advertising is not restricted on boats or crew, except by good taste. **Rule 26 Starting Races**, is modified as the warning flag will be a large red flag in lieu of a class flag. **Rule 41 Outside help**, is modified for safety reasons as follows: Assistance is encouraged for any boat or crew perceived to be in any danger. Any boat receiving assistance will be penalized 20 minutes and the assisting racing boat will receive credit for anytime used assisting another boat. Further definition will be in the SI.

The warning flag, a Large red signal Flag, will be no earlier than 9:55AM EDT, October 29th. The start will be in the water as near to shore as possible, off the beach at the park. Two Starts will be used, the first for non-Spin boats, depending on numbers of entries. **Awards may be provided for Spin and Non-Spin type boats strictly dependent on numbers of boats registered by September 30th. Otherwise, awards will be based upon one single open class. Three boats of each type will designate a type. Awards will be made based upon one less than the number of each type up to three awards per type.**

The Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS) numbers will be used for handicapping. Boats with SCHRS approved Certificates will be accepted without issue. Boats without SCHRS certificates shall be assigned a number based upon the approved list of numbers as available and a certification by the boat's skipper that the boat is class compliant. If neither of the above applies, the RC will assign a number based upon best available data without recall or protest. In the event a boat has no certificate and has been significantly modified, the RC will assign a SCHRS number without recourse.

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Entry will be completed by submission of an entry form, signed by skipper and crew, and payment of entry fee of \$65. **Early registration is encouraged and maybe accomplished by using the included entry form on line at the Sail Series Promotions USA web site. All entry fees may be paid on the day of racing, but if not registered early, the fee will increase to \$90. Registration may take place by email, in person, or by mail, and/or to 18 Spinnaker Point Court, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937; or at wgreen08@cfl.rr.com. Payment of fees may be delayed until race day.**

Early hotel arrangements are encouraged at Captain Hiram's Key West Motel at Phone: 772 589 4345. Rates for various types of rooms are protected at \$127-\$135 for the first 15 registrants until September 30th, 2016. More can be added if registrations dictate. There are a few other hotels, and even one or two B & B's but race competitors and/or associates are own their own at those locations.

Changes to this NOR may be made and if so will be emailed to each early registrant and posted on the official Race Bulletin Board.

See registration form on next page

“Hiram’s Haul” Catamaran Race

By: **Sail Series Promotions USA Inc.**

October 29th – 30th, 2015

Registration Form

Skipper’s name: _____ Boat Name (if any) _____

Please Print

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email address _____

US Sailing # (if any) _____ (For \$5 reduction in fee.) Fee paid \$65 _____ Registrar Initials.

Boat Make _____ Model _____ Length _____ Sail # _____ Hull Color _____

Spinnaker Color _____ SCHRS # (if known) _____ Hull # (if available) _____

Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS) numbers will be used for handicapping. Boats with SCHRS Certificates will be accepted without issue. Boats without SCHRS certificates shall be assigned a number based upon the approved list of numbers as available and a signed line by the boats skipper that the boat is class compliant. If neither of the above applies, the RC will assign a number based upon best available data without issue.

I, as Skipper of this registered boat, do certify this boat is class compliant. Skipper initials _____ .

Signatures required in following pages below

THIS DOCUMENT HAS IMPORTANT LEGAL CONSEQUENCES. YOU SHOULD GET APPROPRIATE LEGAL OR OTHER ADVICE BEFORE SIGNING IT.

1. My crew and I recognize that sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury associated with it. We have read RRS 4, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.
2. I (We) acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority nor the race committee, nor their members, will be responsible for:
 - (a) Any damage to the entered boat or my other property, or
 - (b) Any injury to myself or my crew, including death, sustained as a result of the participation of myself, my crew and the boat in this event.
3. I (We) hereby waive any rights I (We) may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I (We) understand this document has important legal consequences and have consulted such legal and other advisors as I (We) deem appropriate before signing.

Signed _____, Skipper Date _____

Signed _____, Crew Date _____ -