

Notice of Racing

Florida 300

A 300 mile race from Islamorada, FL, to Cocoa Beach, FL

Organizing Authority: Tybee Island Sailing Association (Currently Being used, May change, all registrants will be advised)

- 1. Dates for Racing: May 18-22, 2014. These are firm dates based upon Survey of most potential competitors.**
- 2. Racing will be governed as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 and US prescriptions. RRS rules will be amended IAW RRS rule 86 to accommodate distance racing and beach starts and finishes. All will be identified in the SI.**
- 3. The other documents that will apply are, this NOR and the SI, and other documents concerning the race, such as Location plans, Team arrangements and Support operations. To the extent possible these documents will be posted on available web sites. All will be available at final registration.**
- 4. Eligibility: The race will be for production catamarans of 16 to 22 foot lengths, with crew of two (2) and with Spinnakers and Dagger or Center Boards. Classes will be formed if there are 5 of a kind, otherwise there will be an Open Class for all others using Portsmouth numbers for handicapping. Trophies will be provided for 3 places for each Class.**
- 5. The Race will be a distance race, stopping each night at a different location encompassing a distance of approximately**

300 Statute miles. There will be 4 legs to the race. The overnight locations are planned and expected to be:

May 18th, 2014 - Arrive and setup, Islander Resort, mm82.1, Overseas Highway, Islamorada, FL.

Race Day 1, May 19 – Islamorada, FL to Key Biscayne;

Race Day 2, May 20 – Key Biscayne to Singer Island;

Race Day 3, May 21 – Singer Island to Vero Beach, FL;

Race Day 4, May 22 – Vero Beach FL to Cocoa Beach, FL .

These are currently expected stopping locations which may change slightly based upon detailed planning currently in work. (Negotiations on going with Hotels and Cities)

The last segment (Vero Beach to Cocoa Beach) will have a separate start for boats with Hobie 16 or faster portsmouth rating. Details to be published soon.

- 6. The first signal is expected to be NET 9:55AM, in the water beach side at the Islander Resort. The Class flag will be a Red Flag.**
- 7. A Trophy presentation and meal is being planned for Cocoa Beach.**
- 8. Registration: To Pre-register and commit to this Race a skipper will complete the attached Preliminary registration form and mail it to: *Chuck Bargeron, PO Box 1867, Tybee Island, GA, 31328*, accompanied by a check or money order for \$100. Final registration will take place at the Islander resort where signatures of all team members shall be required on an extended registration form at The Islander Resort, before any measurements or other official activities may be performed.**

- 9. Advertizing is unlimited except for hull location on both hulls forward of the forward crossbar, outside both hulls reserved for the event and sponsor decals:**
- 10. Measurements: Measurement certifications shall be required to race in the specific boat class fleets. A current official certification will suffice. In the event no certification is provided the boat will be placed in the open class and a time penalty will be assessed. We are working to provide some relief from measurement issues at the Islander Resort.**
- 11. Sailing Instructions will be online ASAP, @ Florida300.com and no later than one month before racing. The SI and all amendments will be posted on a traveling official Bulletin Board.**
- 12. Safety Equipment**

US Coast Guard (USCG) approved PFD will be worn by each sailor while racing and each boat will have a minimum of one USCG approved throw-able device aboard while racing. All life preservers will be in reasonably new & *undamaged* condition.

Note: The RC will recognize the country certification of a pfd used by a sailor from a competing country. This is in compliance with USCG regulations. Modification of the pfd voids the certification of either country.

Each sailing crewmember will have, secured to his person, a small knife, a whistle, a personal safety strobe, a waterproof flashlight, a 406Mhz EPIRB/PLB (with a valid & current NOAA registration and a battery with valid date stamp), and a safety line that can be readily attached to the boat for towing.

Note: 121 & 243Mhz EPIRBS are no longer acceptable. Proof of NOAA Registration of 406 MHz EPIRBS must be provided to the race equipment inspector.

13. **Assistance at sea:** Each boat racing is required to provide assistance to any other competitor in an impending or actual emergency as determined by the observing vessel. The observing/assisting vessel will keep the time used in assisting and report this to the RC at the first opportunity ashore. Time credit will be provided. The boat receiving assistance will be assessed a time penalty as determined by the RC, without recourse.
14. **Scoring:** Scoring shall be by total elapsed time for all legs of the race. For the open class, total elapsed Portsmouth number corrected times shall be used as a class rule.

Note from Organizers: We are doing all we can and are meeting weekly by telecom to make this race happen. But in doing so we are encountering costs now! We tried to obtain written commitments which have not worked. This monetary commitment is required by March 15th, 2014, to make this race happen. We have verbal commitments for up to 14 boats. We have some sponsors and in discussion with others. All is moving in a positive way, please respond as needed.

Larry Ferber; Chuck Bargeron; Craig Van Eaton; Warren Green and Dennis Green