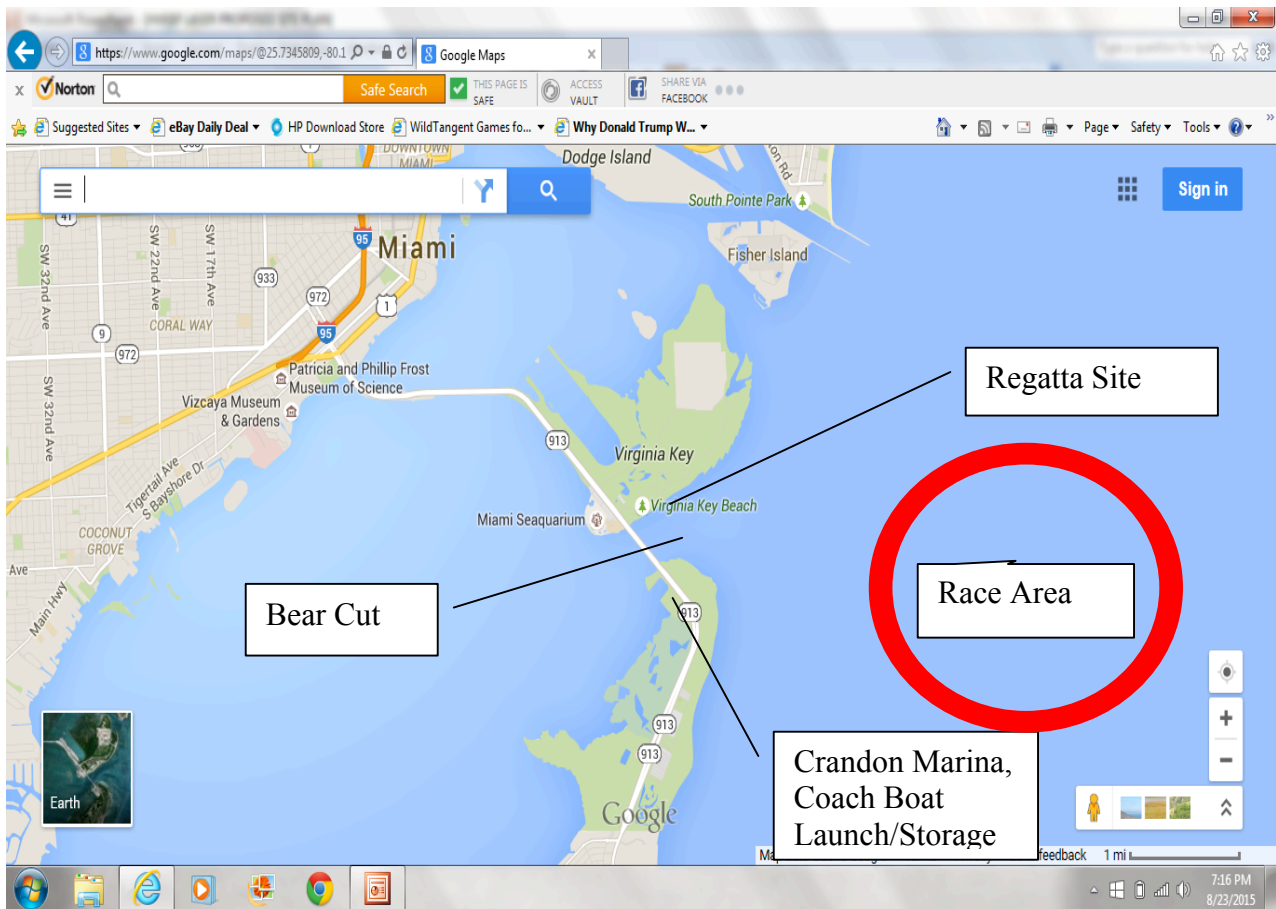


Historic Virginia Key Beach Park Laser District 13 Championship Coach and Spectator Boat Info

If you intend to have coach/spectator boat, READ THIS.
It will probably (hopefully) save you time and hassle.

The Historic Virginia Key Beach Park prohibits motorized craft from coming ashore. The exclusion zone runs from the beach to about 100 yards offshore. You will need to meet your sailor outside the exclusion zone after the sailors launch.

The closest ramp for powerboats to Historic Virginia Key Beach Park is Crandon Marina. It is a little less than a mile from the park to the marina. See map below.



Here are the options for coach/spectator boat launching/storage:

Option A, Launch and Store at Crandon Marina

You can launch your coach/spectator boat at the Crandon Marina. The charge is \$8 per day (entitles you launch/retrieve and 24 hours of vehicle storage). Payment is made direct at the ramp.

We have arranged with the Marina to allow day and overnight dockage of rafted up coach/spectator boats. The charge is \$1.93 per foot per day. You pay this direct to the Crandon Marina office.

In order to raft off the seawall at the Marina, you MUST notify James Liebl at 321 746 2471 or gamedayparking@yahoo.com no later than November 30 (I will need your name, phone number, vessel registration number, and vessel description). You will need to provide your vessel registration, copy of your insurance, and payment direct to the Crandon Marina office prior to docking your boat. The best suggestion is to contact the Crandon Marina at 305 361 1281 or crandon@miamidade.gov a few days prior to your arrival so you can get your documents and payment to them.

This option is designed so you can drop your sailor at the Historic Virginia Key Beach Park, go to Crandon and launch your coach boat, tie it off temporarily at the seawall, go back to the Park to help your sailor rig, etc., return to the Marina after the competitor meeting, and then meet your sailor on the water after they launch.

Words of caution...when transiting from Crandon Marina through Bear Cut to the racing area, pay careful attention to the channel. If not, you will run aground. Also, be very aware of the current in Bear Cut and under the bridge as it rips! Finally, be aware the vertical clearance of the Bear Cut bridge is about 16 feet, give or take. Make sure you can fit under it.

Be aware if you don't pay the \$1.93 per foot per day dockage fee, you will not be allowed to leave your coach/spectator boat along the seawall.

If you prefer, you may also arrange transient dockage for your coach/spectator boat direct with the Crandon Marina at the number/email above for them.

OPTION B-Launch at Crandon Marina (no storage)

You can launch your coach/spectator boat at the Crandon Marina. The charge is \$8 per day (entitles you launch/retrieve and 24 hours of vehicle storage). Payment is made direct at the ramp.

See words of caution under option A (no kidding). Also, be aware you can't leave your boat at the seawall.

OPTION C-Launch at your normal Miami launch spot and store boat at US Sailing Center

If you prefer, use any of the normal ramps you use for your coach/spectator boat. We've arranged with the US Sailing Center in Coconut Grove for you to dock your boat overnight for free. However, you cannot store trailer or car there. Also, be aware, it's a hike (about 6 miles) from US Sailing Center to Bear Cut.

See words of caution under option A (again, no kidding).