

**2015-2016 MIDWINTER TEAM RACE  
HOSTED BY ECKERD COLLEGE  
ST PETERSBURG, FL  
DECEMBER 31, 2015 - JANUARY 2, 2016**



**Notice of Race**

It's time for round 2! Eckerd is once again excited to host Team Race Midwinters.

Just like last year boats are provided, the dates have been setup not to conflict with Orange Bowl and entry is cheap. Flying to Tampa or Sarasota is easy. There are over 26 new additions to this year's event. We have a new (received Jan 2015) fleet of Whitecap Turbo FJs (20) and 420s (6). We also have a new venue on the other side of campus that will make rotations much safer and much drier. Plus there is no more sailing in and out of Frenchman's Creek. And don't forget that St Pete will always deliver an awesome time during New Year's Eve. Expect to be entertained by the city that brought you "Spring Breakers." There might be limited housing available for teams.

Get registered early. I'm expecting to cap the registration at 14 teams again this year.

**1 RULES**

**1.1** The regatta will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix D-Team Racing Rules, and the ICSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules.

**1.2** Protests will be heard via 3-minute justice. There will be no on-the-water umpiring.

**2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

The regatta is open to the first fourteen (14) teams who submit entry forms for all team members. Please note that there is a single registration fee and entry form for an entire team. Therefore one person will have to pay the entire team entry fee at once. A team is not considered registered until all six (6) team members have been listed on the entry forms and all fees have been paid. The regatta may be expanded in size, however no more than sixteen (16) teams will be accepted.

**3 FEES**

**3.1** Entry fee is \$150/boat or for you math wizzes out there, \$450 per team. Registrations submitted after December 10th will be subject to a late fee of \$90 per team. Registration will close on December 30. Registration is available on Regatta Network at this link:

[https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=11026](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=11026)

**3.2** A damage deposit of (\$100/ boat) may be secured on your credit card. This damage deposit amount does not limit the liability of a competitor for damages to the equipment.

**4 SCHEDULE** (*Report times can be subject to change based on wind forecasts. For example, if there is no wind in the morning we will show up later. But if there is going to be wind in the morning and no wind in the afternoon then we will show up earlier. All competitors will be given ample notice of any changes.*)

Wednesday	December 31	0900 – 1000 1000	Check-in Competitors' meeting with racing to follow ASAP
Thursday	January 1	1000	Report time with racing to follow ASAP
Friday	January 2	1000 1500 1600	Report time with racing to follow ASAP No new rounds started after Awards

#### **5 MINIMUM CREW WEIGHT**

**5.1** The combined weight of the entire six person team shall not be less than 870 pounds. Each team whose combined weight is less than this amount shall carry corrector weights while racing, the amount of which will be one pound of corrector weight for each pound of team weight less than 870 pounds. Corrector weights shall be distributed among the boats of a team to make the combined weight of skipper and crew of each of the three boats as even as practicable.

**5.2** Providing corrector weights shall be the responsibility of the competitors. Only water in sealed jugs shall be acceptable. Competitors shall carry the corrector weights in every race, from boat to boat, and shall secure them in the cockpit of each boat with their own tie off lines. Competitors who fail to do so risk disqualification from all races sailed without the necessary corrector weights.

**5.3** Competitors will be weighed in at check-in prior to racing on Wednesday and will have access to the scale prior to their official weigh-in to determine combined team weight. Competitors will be weighed in a light shirt, shorts and no socks or shoes.

#### **6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available on the regatta website <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/11026> and will be posted on the notice board at the Conex box near the docks.

#### **7 VENUE**

**7.1** Racing will be conducted from Eckerd College, but at a new location on campus. We have moved our docks and sailing facility. We are now located right by the marine

science center. I will attach a map. Sailing will take place in Lower Boca Ciega Bay just off the Eckerd Campus. Rotations will take place at the docks. Please bring your own food for the day. Campus is closed so resources on campus will be very limited. There are two Publix located very close to campus. We will have water coolers so that you can refill water bottles.

**7.2** The Eckerd College sailing facility is an alcohol free zone. With this rule no drinking is allowed at the venue, including on the water. If competitors violate this policy they will be asked to leave.

**7.3** Here is a link to a map of the area.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zL6vSCsfFNA0.k0kldO82RkTo>

## **8 CLASS**

Eckerd College FJs and 420s will be used.

## **9 SCORING and FORMAT**

**9.1** The regatta format will be determined by the Regatta Chairs and PRO based on number of teams and racing conditions. Possible formats include, but are not limited to round robins with all teams, round robins with portions of the field, a Swiss League, and possible knock out series.

**9.2** Scoring will be in accordance with [Appendix D](#), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

## **10 SAFETY**

All competitors shall wear a Coast Guard Approved PFD at all times while on the water.

## **11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**11.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**11.2** All competitors will be required to indemnify Eckerd College and regatta organizers of all liability by signing liability waivers. They will be required to be eligible to participate.

## **12 Housing**

Limited housing might be available. Contact regatta chairs for info.

### **Regatta Chairs**

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