



13th Annual Castaways Cup Regatta

Presented by: Castaways Sailing Club Inc.

October 14 & 15, 2017

Notice of Race

The Castaways Sailing, Inc. invites you to participate in the *13th Annual Castaways Cup Regatta*: A two-day point-to-point regatta from Palm Beach Inlet to St Lucie inlet & return dedicated to fun, and friendly racing!

Rules:

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by U.S. Sailing prescriptions of the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing. [http:// www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules/rulebook/](http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules/rulebook/)

Eligibility:

The regatta is open to all sailing yachts “ready for sea” in all aspects. It is up to the Skipper to insure suitability of the Yacht for racing. Safety gear and proper preparation cannot be overstated in offshore racing.

Classes:

Depending on the number of entries, there will be a PHRF-A and PHRF-B class, one JAM (jib and main) class and two Multi-hull classes, cruising and OD or sport. Boats with a planing-hull or a LOA of 29 feet and under will be in PHRF-A. Boats with a LOA of greater than 29 feet & longer will be in PHRF-B. The boats with a US-PHRF rating will be based on the manufacturers model number. PHRF and JAM class will sail under the PHRF handicap system. Multi-hulls will sail under the MASF handicap system. A valid PHRF rating from US-PHRF-SEF or MASF must be submitted. If you do not have a current certificate PHRF-SEF can turn around your application quickly. (See notes on PHRF ratings) Now is a good time to apply and avoid any last minute issues.



Scoring:

The rules of racing Appendix A4.1 “Low Point System” will be utilized in the Castaways Cup which is sponsored by the Castaways Sailing Club, with the exception to the scoring of the boat that finishes first in a race. The boat that finishes first will be awarded ½ point. Second place 2 points; third place, 3 points and so on. Ties will be handled In Accordance With the Rules of Racing Appendix A.

Sail Numbers:

Entrants without sail numbers will not be allowed to protest any finish line time.

Skippers Meeting:

A skipper’s meeting is planned for Friday, October 13,2017 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Riviera Beach Marina Village. Transportation can be provided for guest sailors upon prior arrangement with Race Chairman. The purpose of the meeting is to pass out the Sailing Instructions and answer any questions. Below are two marinas near the Palm Beach Inlet that are reasonably priced if needed.

Riviera Beach Municipal Marina
West of Peanut Island and the Inlet
Dockmaster: (561) 842-7806
Fax: (561) 845-8197

Lake Park Harbor Marina
Just North of the Blue Heron Bridge on the West side
Dockmaster: 561-881-3353
www.lakeparkmarina.com

Last minute Race cancellation due to weather or unforeseen circumstances will be sent by e-mail to the address on file, or by the phone number on the application, by 6pm Friday evening, and will be posted on <http://www.castawayssailing.com/> web site.

All communication the day of the race will be on **Channel 72**.

PHRF & MASF Ratings

Participation in The Castaways Cup requires a current PHRF or MSAF rating. If you do not have a current rating certification, ratings will be assigned by race committee using the U.S. Sailing National handicap averages.

Saturday, October 14th:

The start will be a pursuit start beginning approximately one-quarter mile north of the Lake Worth/Palm Beach Inlet. The first start will be at 10:00 AM, using the Committee Boat G.P.S. time. All auxiliary engines must be shut off no later than 5 minutes before your starting time and remain off until your finish. Any boat seen by race committee running its engine WITHIN FIVE MINUTES OF THEIR START time will be protested and a 720 degree penalty shall be imposed on the offending boat to be completed while under sail after starting.



Depending upon wind and wave conditions there will be one of two types of start. (1) There will be a starting line between the committee boat and a floating red ball mark or (2) A Beach start utilizing a floating red ball and an orange flag on the beach. The goal is to have all boats finish the race at reasonably the same time thereby giving everybody a chance for “first in the pool” honors.

In the unusual case of lack of wind, the race committee may delay the start until the breeze arrives. The race committee will announce new times over the VHF radio channel 72 to all competitors. After waiting a reasonable time for the wind to pick up the race committee may elect to move the starting line north and attempt a start. In this case the race will be a normal fleet start by class and **not a pursuit start**. The starting sequence and flags will be the same as we will use for the Sunday start. Announcements will be made via VHF radio channel 72. Please note that the use of Channel 72 is a convenience and you should come close astern of the Committee Boat for official instructions and checking in.

Assumption: if the winds are excessive, then a beach start is probable. If the winds are low, then we will have a Race Committee boat and start ball that can be moved north. Details will be discussed at skippers meeting.

Course: Saturday’s race will go from a starting line approx. 1/4 mile north of Palm Beach/Lake Worth Inlet to a finish line ½ mile East of “R”2, St Lucie Entrance Buoy. Course length is 24 nm.

Finish: The finish line will be between the RC Boat (approximately 27 09.942N 80 07.834W) and a floating mark or a government Mark. There is a time limit for the race. If no boats finish before 1800 the race is abandoned. Any boat finishing in its class makes it a race for that particular class. The race committee will remain on station till 1800 hours. Boats finishing after that time should note their finish time and submit the time to the race committee after arriving on shore. It is recommended to note your position relative to any other boats you are finishing near. Announcements will be made via VHF radio Channel 72.

Sunday, October 15th:

Sunday/ Start: The Starting line will be just south of the St. Lucie Inlet Channel around ½ mile offshore. The start will be a traditional Class Start in accordance with RRS 26. Class flags and starting sequences will be announced at the Skippers Meeting Sept. 18th. The first signal marking the beginning of the race will be a five (5) minute sequence at 1100 hours by the committee boat’s G.P.S. time.

All auxiliary engines must be shut off five (5) minute prior to your class start or else you will be protested and risk a 720 degree penalty turn after the start of your class. The starting time and location may be changed due to weather. Announcements will be made from the committee boat on Channel 72 the morning of the race. The intended starting order by class will be:
Multi Hull, JAM, PHRF A, PHRF B



Boats not in their start sequence shall remain 200 yards, or greater, clear of the start line.

Sunday: The Course and the Finish: From the starting position at St Lucie to the finish at R2 Palm Beach/Lake worth Inlet, is the reverse of course from Saturday. The course length will be 24 nm. There is a time limit of 8 hours for the race. Any boat finishing in its class within the 8 hour time limit makes it a race for that class. The finish line is between R2 and an Orange flag ashore near the pump house. ***Please announce your boat name, and sail numbers or assigned Yacht Number on Channel 72 as you approach the finish in order to insure proper vessel identification.*** Boats without a sail number cannot protest their finish time. In the event that the race committee must abandon its post due to weather or other circumstances you should record your own finish time and submit it to the race committee by emailing your time to: gerromeo@gmail.com It recommended noting your position relative to any other boats you are finishing near.

Awards:

Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each class for each day depending on the number of entrants: 1st for 3 entrants; 1st and 2nd for 5 entrants; 1st, 2nd and 3rd for 7 entrants; 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th for 10 or more entrants. Classes may be split by handicap if we have over 14 entrants in a class. The coveted Castaways Cup Award will be presented to the best overall combined finishes. Any ties will be broken by combining the corrected times of both races. The yacht with the best combined time will be declared the winner.

Saturday and Sunday's racing awards will be presented at the CASTAWAYS CUP Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 21st beginning at 6:00 pm at the North Palm Beach Country Club, 951 U.S. Hwy 1, North Palm Beach, Florida 33408. Details will be provided again at a later date. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided, and a cash bar will precede the awards ceremony.

Our trophies are, distinct and tasteful, and have received many compliments, so come and give it a go!

Entry fees:

Entry fee includes skipper's materials and **two** dinner ticket for the Castaways Cup Awards Banquet.

Racing Vessel Entry Fee:	\$110.00
After October 7, 2017	\$120.00



Crew Dinner Fees for Reservations at the Awards Banquet:

\$35.00

We must have an accurate head count of crew members and guests who are planning to attend the Castaways Cup Awards Banquet so that enough food can be ordered and if they drive separately from their Skipper, the Jonathan Landing Security gate will allow your guests to enter. All venues have a cutoff date for altering the meal count. Therefore, we must have a cutoff date for dinner reservations of 10/4.

Race Registration Options

1. Registration by Mail

Please make your check payable to: Castaways Sailing Inc. and mail to:

Castaways Sailing Inc.
Attn.: Bob Gebbia
131 Bowsprit Drive
North Palm Beach, FL 33408

Please include the; Event Fees and Crew Dinner Reservation Form, the Release of Liability and Entrance form; including "T" shirt size and a copy of the current PHRF or MASF rating and your Check.

2. Registration On Line

You can make your reservations on line at www.regattanetwork.com. Look for 2017 Castaways Cup.

Applications cannot be accepted after Thursday October 12, 2017.

If you have any questions about the race please call Bob Gebbia at 561-351-8459 or email gebsplace@aol.com.

Hotel Reservations



Attendees may make hotel reservations directly with the Marriott at (772) 225-3700. A block of reduced rate rooms have been reserved at a rate of \$120.00/night for this regatta. You may make your reservations by advising the reservations clerk that you are sailing in the Castaways Regatta 2017 group code **CRSCRSC**, **do not pay resort fee!** **To assure a room at these rates you must make your reservations by Sep14, 2017.**

Dockage Reservation:

Dock rates are \$1.50 per foot + tax and Elec., and YOU are responsible for making your own dock reservations. Make reservations directly with the Dock Master at (772) 225-6989. Please remember that each boat is responsible for gratuities to the dockhands.

Have a GREAT Regatta!!!



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Release of Liability and Entry Form

Yacht Name: _____ Sail Number: _____

Yacht Type: _____ Make: _____ Model _____ Year Built _____

Overall Length: _____ Draft: _____ Boats PHRF Rating: _____

Racing Class: PHRF-A _____ PHRF-B _____ JAM _____

Cruising Multi-Hull _____ One Design or Sport Multihull _____

Skippers Name: _____

Owners Name if different: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

*Telephone (day) _____ (night): _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____ (This is very important)

I hereby certify that any changes made by US-PHRF-SEF affecting the above named yacht's rating certificate will be forwarded to the Castaways Race Committee Chairman, Bob Gebbia at gebsplace@aol.com as soon as the yacht owner is notified of the changes

I hereby agree to all sailing instructions for this race, which I have read and understood.

I hereby warrant that my yacht will be certified, equipped and handled in accordance with those instructions; and that she will have all required equipment aboard. I understand that I am solely responsible for the safety of my yacht and her crew and that it is my sole responsibility whether to start or to continue the race.

The skipper/owner shall be responsible for the conduct of his or her crew and/ or guests. In the event of breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member, or agent of the Castaways Sailing Club, Inc. the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her yacht shall be subject to protest and disqualification.



As a condition of participating, my crew and I acknowledge the following: That sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury associated with it. We have read 2013-2016 “The Racing Rules of Sailing Part 1, 4” Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.

We further 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 yacht 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 yacht in this event. I hereby waive any rights I 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, including any claims arising as a result of the negligence of the race organizers, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law. I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that myself and my crew, and the entered yacht are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

The undersigned, individually and for the entire yacht crew, specifically release and forever discharge the Castaways Sailing Club, Inc., its members, officers and directors and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the race from any liability for liable, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any of us which may occur during or as a result of participation in the race.

I grant Castaways Sailing, Inc. or its agent the unconditional and perpetual right to publish and broadcast the names and images of the skipper, crew and yacht prior to, during and after any of the races in these series.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Skipper

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Owner (if different from the skipper)

Revised: July 20, 2017



EVENT FEES AND CREW FORM

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PLEASE PRINT

Fee Schedule

Boat Name _____ \$110.00
AFTER Sept. 10 \$120.00

Boat Registration includes; Skipper's Meeting Bag & materials plus one (1) dinner tickets to the Awards Dinner with one (1) "T" shirt included.

Check one size: S____, M____, L____, XL____, XXL____.
Additional "T" shirt purchases available at Skippers meeting

Skipper's Name _____

Skipper's Guest _____

Crew Members/Guests for Castaways Cup Banquet

First & Last Name _____ \$35.00

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TOTAL for enclosed check \$ _____