

2018 Force 5 Midwinter Championship Race Week

February 19-24, 2018

Upper Keys Sailing Club-Key Largo, FL

Force 5 Fleet 50

The Midwinter's will again be hosted by the Upper Keys Sailing Club and will be sailed on beautiful Buttonwood Bay in Key Largo, Florida. We will continue to use the same format as the past few years for the Midwinter Championship which begins on Thursday, Feb. 22, however, regatta activities encompass a full week for those Force 5ers wishing to participate. Please note the expanded schedule of sailing activities planned including the 4th annual DoubleHanded Championship.

Schedule of Events:

Monday, Feb. 19

Club open for practice, etc.

Tuesday, February 20

Nest Key Race and Sallie's Rum Rendezvous

Wednesday, February 21

Force 5 DoubleHanded Championship

1100-1100 Registration (For DoubleHanded Championship only)

1200 Skippers' Meeting

1300 Warning signal for first race (3 races planned)

1700-1900 Jetty Party

Thursday, February 22

Force 5 Midwinter Championship

1000-1200 Registration for Midwinter Championship

1100-1200 Lunch at clubhouse for competitors

1200 Skippers' Meeting

1300 Warning signal for first race (2 races planned)

1630 Happy Hour

1730-1830 Force 5 Class Meeting

Friday, February 23

Force 5 Midwinter Championship

0830-0930 Continental breakfast

1000 Warning signal for first race

Saturday, February 24

Force 5 Midwinter Championship

Racing:

The 2017 Midwinter Championship will consist of as many as 8 races. There will be 1 throw out if more than 5 races are completed.

Classes:

The Midwinter Championship will be open to standard Force 5 rigs and the "short rig." Skippers choosing to sail the short rig must sail with the rig for the entire event and will be eligible for separate awards. Sailors switching rigs during the regatta will be scored with the standard rigs.

Eligibility:

The regatta is open to all members of the Force 5 Class Association. Class membership payment to be made prior to competing.

Rules:

The Midwinter Championship will be governed by the rules as defined in “The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020,” including US Sailing Prescriptions, the Class Rules of the Force 5 Class Association (except as any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions.

Registration Fee:

US Sailing members: \$125; non-members: \$135

Late fee after Feb 1st, 2018: \$145

Registration includes: breakfast 2 days, lunch 3 days, 1 dinner ticket, happy hours, competitor shirt and awards.

Registration will be accepted through “Regatta Networks.” Please register in advance online. You can pay via credit card, PayPal, or print a copy of your registration and pay at UKSC when you arrive. Advance registration will greatly assist us preparing for the regatta.

General Information:

Established in 1973, the Upper Keys Sailing Club (UKSC) has the marvelous feel of old Florida. Docks, boat ramps and beach provide a beautiful view of Buttonwood Bay. This is a perfect spot for Force 5 sailing, watching beautiful sunsets and enjoying the warm Florida Keys.

The UKSC is located at mile marker (MM) 99, or 99 miles from Key West, and one hour south of Miami.

Hotel Information:

There are many options for accommodations. In addition to the those noted below visit the Upper Keys website for more:

www.floridakeys.org/accommodations.htm

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