

2013 Force Five - Midwinter Championship *February 20th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd, 2013*

The Midwinter's will 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 same format as the past few years. Racing begins on Thursday; but last year's practice racing was such a success, we will be adding practice racing on Wednesday afternoon again for 2013. This will give us 4 days of sailing. Sailors arriving early will have use of the club facility to set up and do some practice sailing, prior to the event. Also, the Force 5 Class Officers have requested time for a class meeting which is scheduled for Thursday after racing.

Schedule of Events:

Wednesday, February 20	1200 1300 1600-1800	Practice Race Skippers Meeting Practice racing begins Happy Hour, Appetizers provided
Thursday, February 21	1000-1200 1100-1200 1200 1300 1630 1730-1830	Registration Lunch for Skippers in Clubhouse Skippers Meeting Warning signal for first race (2 races planned) Happy Hour, Appetizers provided Force 5 Class Meeting
Friday, February 22	0830-0930 1000 1200 1300 1630 1900	Continental Breakfast Warning signal for first race Lunch will be served ashore Racing Resumes (4 races planned for the day) Happy Hour and Snacks after racing Dinner (Provided by Craig's Restaurant)
Saturday, February 23	0830-1000 1000 1430	Continental Breakfast Warning signal for first race (2 races planned) Lunch at the Clubhouse Awards Ceremony

Racing:

The 2013 Midwinter's will consist of as many as 8 races. There will be 1 throw out if more than 5 races are sailed.

Classes:

The Regatta will be open to Standard Force 5 Rigs and the "Short Rig". Skipper's choosing to sail the Short Rig must sail with the rig for the entire event and will be eligible for separate awards. Sailor's switching Rigs during the regatta will be scored with the Standard Rigs.

New for 2013, If 5 or more Short Rigs are registered we will have a separate start.

Eligibility:

The regatta is open to all members of the Force 5 Class Association. Class Membership payment to be made with Regatta Networks prior to or at the time of entry.

Rules:

The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 including US Sailing Prescriptions, the Class Rules of the Force 5 Association (except as any of these are modified by the Sailing Instructions). For evaluation purposes, a vang with a maximum purchase of 12:1 is "class-legal" for this event. Laminated wood dagger boards fabricated by Weeks Yacht Yard are also "class-legal" for this event.

Registration Fee:

US Sailing members: \$115; Non-members \$125.

Registration Includes: breakfast 2 days, lunch 3 days, 1 dinner ticket, happy hours, an Embroidered Polo shirt and awards.

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

Special note: Bob Cullen is donating a new Cullen sail of your choice (Standard or Short Sail) which will be raffled to a sailor who is registered for the Regatta on or before Friday, February 8th. The winner will be drawn Saturday, February 9th.

General Information:

Established in 1973, the Upper Keys Sailing Club (UKSC) has the marvelous feel of old Florida. Docks, boat ramps and small 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 Upper Keys Sailing Club is located at MM (mile marker) 99, or 99 miles from Key West, and one hour south of Miami.

Hotel Information: (2013 pricing)

There are many options in accommodations available. Visit the Upper Keys website to find other options. floridakeys.org/accommodations.htm

The following are properties that have extended Special Negotiated Rates to Force 5 Sailors and their Families:

Seafarer Resort

97684 Overseas Hwy, MM 97.8 Bayside, Key Largo, FL 33037
Phone: (305) 852-5349 FAX: (305) 852-0474
305-852-5349

www.seafarerresort.com

Rooms Start at \$70. A discount will be extended to all Midwinter's attendees.

Please ask for Dee, Dana or Kevin; mention UKSC Force 5 rate, 10% off!

Bayside Resort

99490 Overseas Highway
Key Largo
800-242-5229

www.baysidekeylargo.com

Rates: \$130 (**Marie's negotiated rate!**)

This resort is within walking distance from the Upper Keys Sailing Club.

Sunset Cove Beach Resort

99360 Overseas Hwy
Key Largo
877-451-0705
305-451-0705

www.sunsetcovebeachresort.com

Rates: \$120 - \$160 per night. Different size rooms and styles. Kitchens and Cottages.

You can leave your boat on the beach and sail to the club and racecourse.

Mention UKSC for a 10% discount.

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