

2016 Force 5 Midwinter Championship

Race Week

February 13-20, 2016

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. 18, 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 2nd annual DoubleHanded Championship.

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, February 13

Portsmouth Winter Series Regatta-Force 5s are encouraged to participate

Sunday, February 14

PHRF Winter Series Regatta- Force 5ers will have an opportunity to participate as crew on PHRF rated boats

Monday, Feb. 15

Club open for practice, etc.

Tuesday, February 16

Nest Key Race and Sallie's Rum Rendezvous

Wednesday, February 17

Force 5 DoubleHanded Championship

Thursday, February 18

Force 5 Midwinter Championship

Friday, February 19

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Saturday, February 20

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Racing:

The 2016 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 2013-2016,” 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

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 (last year was an exception!).

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

Bayside Inn-Key Largo

99490 Overseas Highway (MM99)

Key Largo

Ph: 800-242-5229 or 305-451-4450

Special regatta rate: \$120 + taxes/night www.BaysideKeyLargo.com

The inn is within walking distance of the UKSC. Mention you are a sailor affiliated with the Upper Keys Sailing Club.

Sunset Cove Beach Resort

99360 Overseas Highway (MM99)

Key Largo

Ph: 877-451-0705 or 305-451-0705 www.sunsetcovebeachresort.com

Rates vary with room size and styles, cottages w/kitchens available.

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

Mention the Upper Keys sailing Club for 10% discount.

Seafarer Resort & Beach

97684 Overseas Highway (MM97)

Key Largo

Ph: 305-852-5349 Fax: 305-852-0474 www.seafarerresort.com

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