



Nautical Gin Sarasota Bay Cup

Regatta Sailors,

We extend a hearty invitation to participate in the Nautical Gin Sarasota Bay Cup hosted by Bird Key Yacht Club and our presenting sponsor, Nautical Gin. The weekend of April 26 and 27 will be remembered for well-executed race management (on One-design and PHRF courses) and two evenings of parties featuring live music, hors d'oeuvres, Saturday evening dinner and brief awards ceremony. Best of all, you will experience the well-known hospitality of the Bird Key Yacht Club members, many of whom will join you for the weekend.

The cost of registration is \$60 and includes two tickets to the Saturday evening dinner. You may register on line at www.regattanetworks.com/event/18256, or via mail for entries received prior to 4:00 PM on April 26, or in person from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on April 26. During the April 26 registration, you will have the opportunity to purchase alcoholic beverage tickets and additional Saturday evening dinners for your crew and guests. Online registration requires payment using credit or debit cards. Mail-in registration requires payment by check payable to Bird Key Yacht Club. In-person registration on April 26 can be completed with cash, check or credit/debit cards (with a 3% processing fee). No extra processing charge is required for Regatta Networks transactions.

On Friday April 26, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, complimentary light hors d'oeuvres, keg beer and non-alcoholic beverages will be served to both captains and their crew. At 7:00PM, the Principal Race Officers of both the One-design fleet and the PHRF fleet will review sailing instructions, courses and respond to your questions at the Competitors' Meeting. While sailing instructions for both the One-design and PHRF fleets are posted on Regatta Network, these instructions may be modified prior to the Competitors' Meeting. Importantly, the starting time of each PHRF boat in the pursuit race will be provided.

Following the Regatta on Saturday, a celebratory cocktail party will begin at 6:00 PM. Dress is casual. Should you wish to enjoy alcoholic beverages on Saturday evening, drink tickets will be available Friday evening during registration and from 6:00 to 7:00 PM on Saturday. Tickets will be available for Nautical Gin cocktails, beer, wine, and other cocktails. At Registration, you will receive a list of the many brands that are available and the associated prices of each.

A brief awards ceremony will begin at 6:45 PM, followed by a buffet dinner at 7:00 PM and live music until 9:00 PM.

Finally, complimentary dockage will be provided, to the extent available, with priority given to those sailboats not berthed on Sarasota Bay. Please contact our Dockmaster, Jay Bolenbaugh, on (941) 953-4455, extension 111 for reservations. Additional information, including the Notice of Race and sailing instructions is available at <https://sites.google.com/view/bkycsailing>.

Should you have questions, do not hesitate to contact our Regatta Chair, Marvin Quin at (513) 375-6840 or quinsails@gmail.com. We look forward to greeting you on April 26 for what should be an exciting and enjoyable weekend.

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