

27th Annual
“Hirams Haul”
Space Coat catamaran fleet
Notice of Racing
Melbourne, FL to Sebastian, FL and Return
November 1 – Nov 2, 2025

***Celebrate Halloween at Capt. Hiram’s Sand Bar on
Friday October 31***

We are announcing the 2025 Annual 27th running of Hiram’s Haul, a two day, round trip, race from POW/MIA Park just north of Pineda Causeway/404, Melbourne Florida, on the west side of the Indian River, proceeding south for 30 miles to Captain Hiram’s. Finish time will be recorded when boats pass Captain Hiram’s dock (see sailing instructions). Boats will be taken out of the water at Riverside Park***, one mile south of the Captain’s Hiram’s, Sebastian, Florida. The following day we reversed course. Finish line will be set up in front of Grills, just north of the Park where we started from. Hiram’s Haul is for all classes of beach type catamarans and multi-hulls 14 - 22 feet in length. All entries will be raced using the SCHRS ratings for handicapping. Boats must be class legal with a valid SCHRS rating. Any modifications to SCHRS ratings must be submitted to PRO by October 1st, 2024. The race will start on Saturday October 26th and return north on Sunday Oct 27th, 2024.

Registration will take place online at ([regattanetwork.com](https://www.regattanetwork.com))

Please monitor the Facebook event for UpToDate information , just for fun trash talk. Let's Race!

For safety it is strongly recommended every boat (and preferably sailor) carry a VHF radio on board. Any ground crew following along is also recommended to carry a VHF. Race Committee will monitor CH16 in case of emergency, CH69 for regatta communication.

The race will be governed by the rules found in current Racing Rules of Sailing, unless changed as authorized by this NOR and/or the Sailing Instructions (SI). The SI will be published and available online by the morning of the race. The skippers meeting will be held in the POW/MIA park north of Pineda Causeway on US 1, Melbourne, FL, at 10:30AM, November 1st, 2025. Winds on the morning of racing may dictate schedule changes.

The following RRS are changed:

Rule 44.1 Taking a penalty, is modified to require boats to complete only one penalty turn in the event of an infraction of a RRS, part 2. The remainder of this rule remains.

Rule 80 Advertising, advertising is not restricted on boats or crew, except by good taste.

Rule 41 Outside help, is modified for safety reasons as follows: Assistance is encouraged for any boat or crew perceived to be in any danger. Any boat receiving assistance will be penalized 30 minutes and the assisting racing boat will receive credit for time used assisting another boat. Further definition will be in the SIs.

The warning flag, a Large red signal Flag, will be hoisted no earlier than 10:45 AM EDT, November 1st, 2025. If there is a Non-Spin class there will be two starts each day. The First day start will be in the water as near to shore as possible, off the beach at the POW/MIA park. Two Starts will be used, First is for non-Spin boats, depending on numbers of entries. There will be no chase boat provided, so sailors must be prepared to fend for themselves in the river; PLEASE contact PRO, RC, and any ground crew you have if you retire from the that Leg or the race entirely.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

MEDICAL RELEASE:

Competitors that are minors must provide a completed release by registration.

INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per event or equivalent.

- Entry will be completed by submission of an entry form, signed by skipper and crew, and payment of entry fee of \$85 for single handed boats and \$100 for double handed.
- Late registration after October 1st 2024 Single \$100, Double \$125, and stern talking 😞.

Entry fee includes:

Regatta shirt for skipper and crew (*Not guaranteed for late registration*)
Dinner Sunday night during awards (Grills)

Early hotel arrangements are encouraged at Captain Hiram's Key West Motel at Phone: 772 589 4345. Hiram's is giving us a discount! Call and mention the group code "HAUL25" to receive the discount. They have given us a block of 15 rooms, but that block will be opened back up to the public 4 weeks prior to the race so get er done! There are a few other hotels including Best Western, and even one or two B & B's but race competitors and/or associates are own their own in arranging housing.

- MIA POW Park off the 404 is an unstaffed County park with no gate, open to the public so you could arrive as early as you wish to fun sail, practice and Grills Restaurant is only 800 feet away for Lunch and Dinner.
- If you come in Friday night and want to stay close to the start of the race, check out:

Candlewood Suites

- o 2930 Pineda Plaza Way, Melbourne, FL 32940, (321) 821-9009, has reasonable rates but call and reserve early.