

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Wow - 75 boats! Thank you for joining us. Fleet 36 and the Sarasota Sailing Squadron welcome you. To help make your regatta experience go smoothly, here is some additional information.

With over 200 participants (competitors and volunteers) daily, we need your help make this event go smoothly for all.

PARKING: ALL COMPETITORS AND VOLUNTEERS, BOTH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS SHALL PARK OUTSIDE THE GATE. Legal parking spaces are reserved for key volunteers delivering food and key suppliers supporting competitors. We need to keep roadways clear so that boats and trailers can be moved efficiently.

LAUNCHING: To launch 75 boats efficiently, we have a team of volunteers and staff ready to assist, under the direction of our Dock Master and former Commodore, Barry Millbourn. But for this to work, WE NEED YOUR COOPERATION!

1. All competitors need to have their boats and crew ready to leave the dock, **“splash and go”** style:
 - a. If your boat is in the water prior to the meetings, sails should be rigged (ready to raise), all gear, food, water, etc. in the boat, so all you need to do is raise your sails and leave the dock so room can be cleared on the dock to keep launching boats at both the ramp and the hoist, once the meetings end.
 - b. If your boat is not in the water at the time of the meetings, sails should be rigged (not hoisted) and all gear, food, water on the boat ready to leave the dock, so as soon as your boat is in the water, all you need to do is raise your sails and leave the dock.
 - c. As boats start leaving the dock, it is important to continue to consolidate and move boats down the dock to continue to make room.

Remember, your cars are parked outside the Squadron, so it will take a while to run back to the car if you forgot something. Please double check before you leave your vehicles!

2. If you are ramp launching, waive down one of the two tractors that will launch you. It is incumbent on the boat owner to inform the tractor driver of any specifics, such as keeping axel out of the salt water.
3. If you are hoist launching, push your trailer to the hoist. There is a hand dolly that may assist if you like. Use a buddy system and help each other. The volunteers will help guide you through use of the Squadron hoist and lend a hand to help move trailers back to your parking space.
4. **REMEMBER YOUR PARKING SPACE NUMBER** – when you return to the dock after racing, let the volunteer know your parking space number so they can retrieve your trailer.

REGATTA DOCK RULES: Due to the number of boats and RC, there is no room at the dock for any spectator boats. Regatta dock rules are in effect; **THUS, NO OTHER BOATS MAY USE THE SQUADRON DOCK** while we are actively launching and retrieving boats. Please make sure your guests, friends and family arrange for pick-ups at other locations.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- There will be no printed SIs provided to each competitor; there will be one set posted on the Official Notice board and SIs are available on the Regatta network site.
- **Your name tags are your entry tickets for the social events. They also help us be more social. Please remember to wear them after racing and for entry to the Welcome Party and Saturday Dinner.**
- We have over 200+ guests for the Welcome party and Dinner, so to accommodate everyone, please open up seats as you finish eating and continue to socialize at the bar or around the pavilion and club house. During Saturday dinner, check out the silent auction items, from our generous donors.
- 'Tis the season for peak tourists, snowbirds, etc. so traffic is heavy, with additional road construction along the route. Please plan accordingly. Expect heavy traffic if you return to the mainland in the late afternoon. Consider dining around St. Armand's Circle on Friday night or take advantage of the grill at the club to wait out the traffic and enjoy (hopefully) a nice sunset.
- In addition to the restrooms in the club, there are showers and toilets in the Stone House, as well as toilets at Ken Thompson Circle.

Cooperation and courtesy will make for a better experience for everyone. This is what makes the Flying Scot class and the Sarasota Sailing Squadron great. Let's have fun!