

**2015 MIDWINTER TEAM RACE
HOSTED BY ECKERD COLLEGE
WITH THE POST CARD INN
ST PETERSBURG, FL
DECEMBER 31 ~ JANUARY 2, 2015**



If you are bummed that the V-15 midwinters are dead, or if you never sailed the V-15 midwinters because you don't have a boat, then come sail the first ever open Team Race hosted by Eckerd College.

We are hosting in the hopes of filling in the gap the V-15 midwinters will leave in its absence. Boats are provided, the dates have been setup not to conflict with Orange Bowl and entry is cheap. Flying to Tampa or Sarasota is a piece of cake and we have partnered with the Post Card Inn. They have a hotel right on the beach and are excited to have us join in on their New Year's Eve festivities. We will have an included regatta dinner at the Post Card Inn and they are giving a special regatta rate so you can safely stay right where the off water fun is happening. Lastly, the event will include 6 Zim 15s. This will allow us to take more entries and allow competitors to sail the boat used at the Hinman TR.

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing, Appendix D-Team Racing Rules, and the ICSA Collegiate Dinghy Class Rules.

1.2 Protests will be heard via 3-minute justice. There will be no on-the-water umpiring.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta is open to the first fourteen (14) teams who submit entry forms for all team members. A team is not considered registered until all six (6) team members have submitted their entry forms and fees electronically. The regatta may be expanded in size, however no more than sixteen (16) teams will be accepted.

3 FEES

3.1 Entry fee is \$150/boat. Registrations submitted after December 10th will be subject to a late fee. Registration will close on December 30. Registration is available on Regatta Network at this link:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=9268

3.2 A damage deposit of (\$100/ boat) will be secured on your credit card. This damage deposit amount does not limit the liability of a competitor for damages to the equipment.

4 SCHEDULE (*Report times can be subject to change based on wind forecasts. For example, if there is no wind in the morning we will show up later. But if there is going to be wind in the morning and no wind in the afternoon then we will show up earlier. All competitors will be given ample notice of any changes.*)

Wednesday	December 31	0900 – 1000 1000 1800	Check-in Competitors' meeting with racing to follow ASAP New Year's Eve Party hosted by the Post Card Inn (no cover, not inc. w/ entry)
Thursday	January 1	1000 1800	Report time with racing to follow ASAP Dinner at Post Card Inn (included)
Friday	January 2	1000 1500 1600	Report time with racing to follow ASAP No new rounds started after Awards

5 MINIMUM CREW WEIGHT

5.1 The combined weight of the entire six person team shall not be less than 870 pounds. Each team whose combined weight is less than this amount shall carry corrector weights while racing, the amount of which will be one pound of corrector weight for each pound of team weight less than 870 pounds. Corrector weights shall be distributed among the boats of a team to make the combined weight of skipper and crew of each of the three boats as even as practicable.

5.2 Providing corrector weights shall be the responsibility of the competitors. Only water in sealed jugs shall be acceptable. Competitors shall carry the corrector weights in every race, from boat to boat, and shall secure them in the cockpit of each boat with their own tie off lines. Competitors who fail to do so risk disqualification from all races sailed without the necessary corrector weights.

5.3 Competitors will be weighed in at check-in prior to racing on Wednesday and will have access to the scale prior to their official weigh-in to determine combined team weight. Competitors will be weighed in a light shirt, shorts and no socks or shoes.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the regatta website http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/9268#_home and will be posted on the notice board at the Wallace Boathouse.

7 VENUE

7.1 Racing will be conducted from Eckerd College. Sailing will take place in Lower Boca Ciega Bay just off the Eckerd Campus. Rotations will take place at South Beach on the southernmost part of campus. Please bring your own food for the day. Campus is closed so resources on campus will be very limited. There are two Publix located very close to campus. We will have water coolers so that you can refill water bottles.

7.2 The Eckerd College Waterfront is an alcohol free zone. With this rule no drinking is allowed at the venue, including on the water. If competitors violate this policy they will be asked to leave.

7.3 Here is a link to a map of the area.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zL6vSCsfFNA0.k0kldO82RkTo>

8 CLASS

Eckerd College FJs and Zim 15s will be used.

9 SCORING and FORMAT

9.1 The regatta format will be determined by the Regatta Chairs and PRO based on number of teams and racing conditions. Possible formats include, but are not limited to round robins with all teams, round robins with portions of the field, a Swiss League, and possible knock out series.

9.2 Scoring will be in accordance with [Appendix D](#), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

10 SAFETY

All competitors shall wear a Coast Guard Approved PFD at all times while on the water.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1 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.

11.2 All competitors will be required to indemnify Eckerd College and regatta organizers of all liability by signing liability waivers. They will be required to be eligible to participate.

12 Housing

The Post Card Inn is offering special room rates just for this regatta. The rate is \$129 per night for 3 nights. You must book 3 nights to get this special rate.

13 Social Events

The Post Card Inn will be hosting a New Year's Eve party on the beach. The event will have a live band and bond fire. They will also be hosting a dinner on the 1st.

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