

25th Annual “Hirams Haul”

Indian River Yacht Club

Notice of Racing

Melbourne, FL to Sebastian, FL and Return

Oct 28 - Oct 29, 2023

Celebrate Halloween at Capt. Hiram's Sand Bar

We are announcing the 2023 25th Running of Hiram's Haul, the two day, round trip, race from POW/MIA Park just north of Pineda Causeway, Melbourne Florida, on the west side of the Indian River, proceeding south for 30 miles to Riverside Park*, one mile south of the Captain's Hiram's Sign in the river, Sebastian, Florida. The following day we reverse course back to the Park where we started. Hiram's Haul is for all classes of beach type catamarans 16 - 22 feet in length. All entries will be raced using the SCHRS ratings for handicapping. The race will start on Saturday October 28th and return north on Sunday Oct 29th, 2023.**

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) to be published later. 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, October 29th 2023. 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 anytime 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, October 28th. 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, the first 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.**

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. Email Chuck Harnden chuckh@2ndlight.com for the release.

INSURANCE

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

Registration will take place online at <https://www.regattanetwork.com> .

- **Entry will be completed by submission of an entry form, signed by skipper and crew, and payment of entry fee of \$60 for single handed boats and \$70 for double handed.**

- **Early hotel arrangements are encouraged at Captain Hiram's Key West Motel at Phone: 772 589 4345. Hiram's is giving us a 30% discount! Call and mention the group code "HAUL23" 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.**
- If you come in Friday night and want to stay close to the start of the race, check out:

Candlewood Suites

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