

To all Regatta Sailors,

We extend a hearty invitation and welcome to participate in the 2025 Sarasota Bay Cup Regatta proudly hosted by Bird Key Yacht Club. Regatta race day is Saturday April 12th. The Regatta weekend begins on Friday evening April 11th with our famous “Welcome Reception and Skipper’s Meeting” and concludes on Saturday evening, April 12th with our dinner, and awards ceremony. The two evenings of parties feature live music and great food & beverages with fellow sailors & guests. You will enjoy the experience of the well-known warm hospitality of the Bird Key Yacht Club members, many of whom will join us for the weekend.

The cost of registration is \$125 and includes two tickets to the Saturday evening dinner and a commemorative Regatta shirt. Additional dinner tickets are available for \$45 each and additional regatta shirts are available for \$30 each.

Register online at www.regattanetwork.com/event/29159 Online registration requires payment using credit or debit cards. Additional dinner tickets and regatta shirts can also be purchased online on the Regatta Network Event page.

Friday, April 11th, the online registration closes at noon. 18:00-20:00 the skipper’s meeting and welcome reception will take place on BKYC’s Bayside Terrace with complimentary beer, non-alcoholic beverages, and hors d’oeuvres. Other alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase on site. Skipper’s packets will be distributed as will the PHRF course and starting times. PHRF race will be a pursuit start with a Random Leg course. 18:30 will be the Skippers meeting. Skippers and their crew are welcome.

On Saturday, April 12 11:55 will be the warning signal for the PHRF fleet.

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 Skipper’s 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 Skipper’s Meeting during which they will be available for pickup.

Following the Regatta on Saturday, a celebratory cocktail party, dinner and awards ceremony will begin at 18:00 with live music until 21:00. Dress is casual. Should you wish to enjoy alcoholic beverages on Saturday evening, drink tickets will be available Friday evening during registration and from 5:00 to 9:00 PM on Saturday.

The Sarasota Bay Cup weekend will support scholarships for Sarasota Youth Sailing, a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization.

Complimentary dockage will be provided, to the extent available, with priority given to those sailboats not berthed on Sarasota Bay. Please contact our Dockmaster, Grace Marsh at (941) 953-4455, extension 111 for reservations.

Should you have questions, do not hesitate to contact our Regatta Chair, Dave Hillmyer at (941) 284.5901 or dhillmyer@mac.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to an exciting and fun-filled weekend.

Michael C Landis

BKYC Commodore