

Cats Point Regatta

WHEN: November 3, 4, and 5, 2023

WHERE: Boca Ciega Yacht Club
4600 Tifton Drive
Gulfport, Florida
Port of Ship 915 (our host Sea Scout Ship)

HOW: Request Registration Orders from:

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COST: \$54.00 per Registered Person
Includes all meals (5), activities,
awards and take-away items.

The adult advisors from Sea Scout Ships 915 and 912 welcome the Sea Scout Ships to the *Cats Point Regatta*, so named for a historical navigational point of land that is half way between our units. Our regatta staff volunteers will serve you with many years of racing regatta and Sea Scout regatta experience. We all look forward to your active participation in this fun and informative opportunity for scouting youth and adults alike.

YISS — *Louis E. McBride* — *Cats Point Regatta Skipper*

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Invitation to All Sea Scout Ships

SHIP 912

AND

SHIP 915

**PRESENT
OUR 15TH YEAR**

**GULFPORT, FLORIDA
NOV 3, 4, AND 5, 2023**

WHAT IS A SEA SCOUT REGATTA?

A Sea Scout Regatta IS FOR YOU ...

If you are a registered Sea Scout youth, or a registered adult advisor, looking for some extraordinary challenges.

A Sea Scout Regatta IS FUN ...

But only if you are at the event, on the land, on the boat, on the water, and *in-on-the-action*.

A Sea Scout Regatta IS FOR NEWBEEES ...

Because everyone at the regatta will be confronted with meeting new experiences, people, and challenges.

A Sea Scout Regatta IS FOR OLD-SALTS ...

Because 'Old-salts' will be meeting new challenges, and new people, while passing-on their hard-won wisdom to others.

A Sea Scout Regatta IS AN OPPORTUNITY ...

To gain practical experience:

- In boat handling, boat knowledge, and boat safety
- With crew comradeship, and unit team-building
- Around District and Council fellowship, food and competition.

THIS Sea Scout Regatta IS FOR YOU

If you are actively or passively working towards your advancement and/or the Ordinary Sea Scout rank, or just looking for fun as a scouting youth or adult.

HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT!

Two tacks will be executed during the regatta so prior knowledge and skills are not necessary to level the decks:

- ⇒ ***A Toe-in-the-water Tack*** ... that allows land-lubbers to participate and compete against other land-lubbers.
- ⇒ ***A Sea Scout Tack*** ... that allows Ships to participate and compete against other Ships.
- ⇒ ***Separate Awards for Each Tack*** ... Includes a WCFC Engraved trophy for the Council office, and a "take home" trophy for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place units. Ribbon awards for individual events down to 6th place are also presented during Sundays awards lunch.
- ⇒ ***In-the-boats & On-the-water*** ... races with weather permitting two types of sailboats, including single-sail class (Sunfish), multi-sail class (Catalina 16 racing dinghies). Each event designed to introduce and provide practical experience on-the-water and in-the-boat. And then too, there is the cherished "Dink-Tug-O-War"!
- ⇒ ***Sample Action-based Land Events*** ... that are designed to gain practical experience toward the requirements for the Ordinary Sea Scout rank and beyond, such as these:
 - **Dead Pan Lift** — Block & Tackle Rigging
 - **Head in the Clouds** — Weather
 - **Ground Tackle** — Anchoring basics
 - **Heave-Flick-Toss** — Line handling skills
 - **Speak, See & Hear No Evil** — maritime communications
 - **What Kind of Boat** — Vessel identification
 - **Flag Your Ensign** — Flag Etiquette
 - **Bend & Douse** — Points of sail skills and sail management
 - **Jockey-Doc** — Vessel management docking skills
 - **Rounding the Bitter End** — Knots, Hitches & Bends
- ⇒ ***Bring Your Own Appetite*** ... all meals from Saturday through Sunday noon will be prepared and provided to give you maximum time with the fun and friendship.
- ⇒ ***An Evening that will have you "Chillin'"*** ... staff's choice pot-pourri extravaganza along with socializing and relaxation.
- ⇒ ***Camping Overnight is New 2023*** ... So bring you camping gear just in case but there are some vessel space still available!