

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RACE
Organizing Authority
Is the
PUNTA GORDA SAILING CLUB
In cooperation with the
Royal Order of the Ponce de Leon Conquistadors

19th ANNUAL CONQUISTADOR CUP REGATTA

Saturday-Sunday, March 3-4, 2012

1. **RULES:** The race will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2009 – 2012)*, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the rules of West Florida PHRF, and the Regatta Sailing Instructions.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Any sailboat over 20 feet may participate. Boats that do not have a current WFPHRF certificate may compete by obtaining a temporary certificate. Such boats are advised to pre-register early to allow sufficient time for accurate handicapping.
3. **ENTRY & FEES:** Boats must register by submitting a completed Official Entry Form along with a check made out in the appropriate amount payable to PGSC. Pre-registration should be postmarked no later than February 24, 2012 and mailed to Bob Knowles, 120 Bayshore Court, Punta Gorda, FL 33950. The early registration fee is \$50 (\$45 for USSA members). An entry fee of \$15 is available for those who can only race on Sunday. There is a late fee of \$15 for entries received after Feb. 24th. Additional fees may be paid for social activities ashore. See entry form for details.
4. **CLASSES:** Boats must register to compete in the mono or multi hull category, and in either PHRF Racing, Non Spinnaker, or Cruising divisions. The divisions may be further subdivided as required.
5. **ADMINISTRATION:** Race headquarters for the event will be at the Punta Gorda Boat Club, 802 West Rette Esplande, Punta Gorda, FL.
6. **RACING AREA:** Races will ordinarily be started on Charlotte Harbor in the area north and east of marker #1.
7. **COURSES:** On Saturday the race committee intends to set windward/ leeward courses as it deems appropriate for each class. Course signals will be posted on the committee boat as per the Sailing Instructions. The classic 8.5 nm course will be selected for the reverse start combined fleet Conquistador race on Sunday.
8. **SCHEDULE:**
Friday, March 2, 2012
1800 Registration, Pickup Packet
1900 Skipper's Meeting
Saturday, March 3, 2012
1055 Warning signal for first race
Sunday, March 4, 2012
1055 Warning signal for race
Social activities and prize giving ashore to follow racing (See master schedule).
9. **SKIPPER'S MEETING:** Sailing Instructions and class assignments will be available at the skippers meeting and final registration at 1900 hours on Friday evening. .
10. **SCORING SYSTEM:** The low-point scoring system (Appendix A4 of the racing rules) will apply. One race will constitute a regatta. All races will be counted. Corrected times will be determined using Time on Distance scoring.
11. **PRIZES:** Overall awards for the top three finishers in each fleet. The first boat to finish Sunday's Reverse Start race gets their boat on next year's t-shirt and is awarded the coveted Conquistador's Helmet.