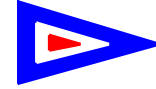


# 22<sup>nd</sup> Tampa Bay Sea Scout Regatta



Dear Skipper:

You are cordially invited to the 22nd Tampa Bay Sea Scout Regatta on **April 23-25, 2010** at the Tampa Sailing Squadron (TSS) in Apollo Beach.

## Overview

Crews have 2 options this year:

**1. Sail To “KnowWhere”** - Crews get their lunch food, get on boats with Captains then go sailing ! **\*\*See the next page of instructions for some modifications to the STK this year.**

**2. Competitive Track** - Compete in several sailing events and Sea Scout skill activities to accumulate points for the highly coveted “Regatta Cup”.

Both programs start right after breakfast Saturday. Everyone will return to TSS for dinner, followed by the evening program featuring reports from all of the Boatswains, and entertainment. Several events on Sunday will be open to all crews.

Sunday starts with breakfast and religious services. We will then have a Mariners quiz and a Relay Race followed by the famous “Run What You Brung” race. The weekend finishes with lunch and Awards.

On Saturday, we will offer “Sea Scout Leader Specialized Training” for adults. This 3 hr course will be offered - depending upon availability of instructors and how many adults express an interest. (Course is needed if you want to go to Sea Badge)

Now for the details:

## On-Line Registration Form

Go to: <http://www.tampasailing.org/seascouts/registration.html>

As in previous years, there will be a discount for pre-registering. The pre-registration deadline is **April 1st** If we receive your money before that date, the cost is:

\$19.00 per person (for food & incidentals)

\$12.00 per T-shirt

\$31.00

After **April 1<sup>st</sup>** (including registering at the Regatta) the cost is:

\$23.00 per person (for food & incidentals)

\$14.00 per T-shirt (T-shirt availability is not guaranteed for late registrants)

\$37.00

**\*\*New this year: If you have not registered by April 1st using PayPal, and plan to do so AT the Regatta, we are NOT accepting any checks, and you should plan to bring CASH.**

**\*\* PayPal has placed \$500.00 limit on payments. If your total registration fees are higher, we suggest you register in cash when you arrive at TSS. We’re sorry about this, but that’s their rule for us at this time.**

Available T-shirt sizes are: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL. Your T-Shirt order (including sizes) is fixed when we receive your on-line registration.

We need to know in which program(s) your Crews want to participate so we have sufficient and proper boats. A Ship with more than one Crew may mix programs and participate in more than one. This allows large ships with varied interests to develop crews along specific interests.

As in the past, we will make every effort to have a “Competitive Boat” for each crew that is preregistered. We hope to have enough boats for everyone. If we run short – **pre-registered** crews have priority.

Please have your registration form filled out correctly. It is very difficult for us to change people and crews around, especially between the different events. What is on your registration form should be definite. (Please be sure to mark if **vegetarian** sandwiches are needed Saturday)

### **Check-In and Setup - Friday Night**

Ships are expected to arrive Friday evening. **Dinner is on your own.** Check-in will start about 1800 hrs. Please send your Skipper or Boatswain to register upon arrival. We will have your pre-registration forms on hand. If you have no changes -- it should be as simple as picking up your Shirts.

Units should divide into Crews of 3 to 6 youths. All events will be done on a Crew by Crew basis – please make sure you have a name for EVERY Crew.

*Safety/Courtesy Issues: Your safety/courtesy to your Captains: **All Sea Scouts should have closed-toed boat shoes or sneakers with white soles and a life jacket with them for all events.***

Support tasks, daily and final clean up, and small boat assembly/disassembly tasks must be done. All Crews are expected to help. There will be a sign-up sheet at registration.

Bring your own tents for the weekend if you can. The floor at TSS is available, but space may be limited. We need the floor cleared early each morning.

Once you check in, scouts are **NOT TO LEAVE THE REGATTA SITE WITHOUT A UNIT LEADER!!! Any Scouts found off TSS property will BE SENT HOME !**

No one is to take boats out or go swimming without adult permission and supervision. We don't want problems with noise after hours. Respect your neighbor. If you arrive after hours on Friday, set up quietly and register on Saturday morning. Skippers are responsible for the actions and whereabouts of their members. At check-in, each unit is asked to designate an adult contact, who will be **sleeping on site with an active cell phone number**.

A Crew Leaders Meeting will be at 2100 hrs Friday, in the Clubhouse.

## **Saturday Program**

After a hearty breakfast Saturday morning, everyone will be assigned to a boat.

Members of the Tampa Sailing Squadron, Davis Island Yacht Club and the Apollo Beach community donate their boats and time to support Sea Scouts. The highest traditions of Scouting must be shown by all to ensure their enthusiastic support continues. Without the volunteers and their boats this regatta, as currently designed, would not be possible.

At the 0800 hours "All Hands" meeting Saturday we will assign Crews to boats for the competitive track. The crew leader for each competitive crew will get their lunch for the Crew and the **Captain**, get on board, get a briefing, head up for a turn at the Crazy Ivan and the Big Boat race. Competitive crews will come back in by 14:30, and then participate in small boat races.

### **"Sail To Know Where"**

**\*\*Changes this year – you will be competing for the overall trophy by completing a special course under the instruction of your Captain.**

"Sail To Know Where" is a great chance to be with an experienced Captain and learn to apply some of what is in the Sea Scout Manual.

The crew leaders will get their lunch for the Crew and the **Captain**. Get on board, get a briefing, from their Captain and prepare for their challenge.

Please do not interfere with boats that are in the "Traditional" competition. Stay at least 50 meters away.

**Be "home" for supper – before 1630 hours**

## **"Competitive Track"**

### **Sea Rally**

This consists of four (4) events. The last two are held simultaneously in the harbor area.

a) **Crazy Ivan** - "*Windward Leeward test*" - 08:30 – 09:30 Saturday

All boats must complete this event before heading to the Big Boat race. This will be your shake down before the race. Crews who can handle a boat best will get the best scores.

b) **Big Boat Race** – 10:00 to 14:00 Saturday

We will be starting at or before 10:00. Please get to the race course immediately after the *Crazy Ivan* shakedown event. We will try to have multiple races, depending on when we get started and the wind conditions. Spectator boats may sail the course, but must stay at least 50 meters away from competing boats at all times.

TSS will provide the Race Committee. Standard International Yacht Union Racing Rules (published by US Sailing Association) will be in effect during the race. Racing rules and instructions will be handed out at the Captain's meeting on Saturday morning.

After the racing the boats should head back by 14:30 for the small boat sailing.

**c) Sunfish sailing** – 15:00 – 17:00 Saturday

We will have several heats and a run-off race for sunfish sailing. These points are applied toward the Regatta Cup. Be sure to sign-up you crew for one of the heats before leaving for the Big boat race. Only two crew members may sail on sunfish.

**Navi-guessing** – Anytime on Saturday.

Each crew will be given a navigation problem to complete. This can be completed on the water or on land. All crews are invited to compete. Only those in the competitive track will earn points towards the Regatta Cup.

**Mariner's Quiz** – 08:30 Sunday

We are planning to give a proctored exam that will qualify the Sea Scouts for the Florida boating license. This is open to all crews. Only those in the competitive track will earn points towards the Regatta trophy.

**Relay Race** – 10:00 Sunday

All crews can sign-up to participate in the Sea Scout Skills Relay race. Please be sure to sign-up for a heat by lights out on Saturday. The skill events will include ring toss (life saving), knot tying, box the compass and a short swim. Only those in the competitive track will earn points towards the Regatta trophy.

**Scoring and Awards**

Only those Crews in the “Competitive” program will be competing for the Regatta Trophy. We will have separate certificates for each event. You can win one without the other. All awards will be given out on Sunday after the Run-What-You-Brung events.

## **Adult Leader Training**

We will offer the “Sea Scout Leader Specialized Training” session for adults. As it looks now we will be offering this on Saturday. This is key knowledge for adult leaders. The Team conducting this program needs to know how many will attend and when. Let us know on the registration form if your ship will have adults interested.

This course is needed if you want to go to *Sea Badge*.

## **Saturday Evening**

Sea Scouts are expected to help with the set-up and take-down of the small boats. Sea Scouts are expected to be respectful and well behaved at all times. They are expected to help the Captains clean their boats after the use.

Ship Boatswains are asked to give a brief account of each Ship's activities after Saturday's feast. Make it short (5 min.). Highlight any big trips/projects planned or recently completed.

Sea Scout advancements and awards and adult leader awards will be presented as necessary. Please let Fred Oppliger or Dana Goodwin know if you will have awards and/or advancements to be made at the regatta so adequate time may be allotted.

Entertainment for Saturday night will be provided. All Scouts are expected to stay on site at TSS during the evening. This is the time for Ships to share their experiences with other Ships and to socialize with other Sea Scouts.

Lights out by 2330 hrs!!!

## **Sunday Morning Program**

After breakfast, there will be non-denominational religious services:

The Mariners Quiz and a Relay Race will be held after the church services.

### **Mariner Quiz**

This test will be given to all participants in the TSS club house. The individual Sea Scout can earn a certificate for the highest scores and a Florida Safe Boaters card. The average scores of the competitive crews will be used to earn points toward the Regatta Cup trophy.

### **Relay Race**

This is a timed event. During the Relay Race, the first Crew member has to make three legal life ring tosses. He/She then touches a second crew member who runs to the second station to tie four knots. When all the knots have been tied correctly, they touch a third

crew member who runs to the third station to “Box the Compass.” When the crew member has correctly placed 32 points, they run to the beach and touch a fourth person who swims a set distance. When the swimmer gets back to the beach the clock is stopped. The fastest times win.

If there are only three members in the crew, the first scout may act as the 4th crewmember. There will be a two minute limit at any station. If a crew member places more than 32 points on the compass, the crew will receive a 1 second reduction in time for each additional point added.

### **“Run What You Brung”** and/or **“Pirates Tug-o-War”** - 11:30 Sunday

The “Brung” rules are:

Hull - Can not have started as a pre-existing boat.

Rudder, Tiller, & Center Board - Not from an old boat - “U-Build-It”.

Rigging - May be from an old boat

Power - Sail only - No paddling, hidden motors, pulled by Trained Dolphins or new Sea Scouts

Dimensions - No restrictions, but must hold at least one person

Race Rules – ‘Modified Regular’ or ‘Strict Irregular’

Course - Probably one turn around a buoy and back to start

Disposal - Take Run what you Brung back home – it is your responsibility to dispose of (or patent) your entry. Wrap Styrofoam hulls in plastic, in case of breakup.

Participation - Designated 'boat' (using the term loosely) crew only - all others must remain on shore or the docks. “Helping” by other persons is not acceptable from a safety standpoint. Participants must be wearing a life jacket (bring your own), and wearing shoes at all times.

The “Tug-o-War Rules” are: 2 man crews, 2 boats, one line, pull your opponent across the marker.

After the races, awards will be presented. Areas must be cleaned. **After Cleanup** lunch will be served from leftovers, and everyone heads home.

### **Miscellaneous**

- All Crews and adults need to check in Friday night for duty assignments during the weekend.
- We will need help from adults with logistics, judging competitions, etc.
- It is VERY important that all youth and adults have boat shoes or **white** soled sneakers while on the big boats. The boat owners do us a great favor by providing their personal boats. We don't want to mark or damage these vessels in any way.
- Participants must wear shoes at all times – on and off the boats. This is national policy and makes sense. (Can a perfect safe swim area be made? Can there be broken glass in the ground? How hard is a splinter from a dock to get out of a foot?) We have had injuries to persons not wearing shoes the past 2 years. Come prepared with closed-toe footwear that can get wet.
- **Each crew will need a Type II personal flotation devices (PFD's) for Small Boat Sailing. Persons may not sail the small boats without wearing a PFD. “Run What You Brung” participants will need PFDs.**
- Uniform of the day will be Class “B” at all times except for Saturday evening. Uniform for these events is Class “A”. Your ship defines what Class “A” and “B” look like.
- Everyone must help with clean up.
- To keep everyone informed, there will be several Crew Leader meetings throughout the weekend. The first is scheduled for 2100 hrs. Friday night; others will be on the schedule.

Please have your Crew Leaders at these meetings. Unless otherwise notified, all meetings will be held on the screened porch at TSS.

- A “Regatta Information” board will be set up again this year.  
Contact Dana Goodwin about attendance, T-shirts and anything else.

Regatta Skipper Dana Goodwin: 727-992-3936 email: [pcon1@verizon.net](mailto:pcon1@verizon.net)  
Regatta Coordinator Janie Goodwin: 727-992-3937 email: [janieg@verizon.net](mailto:janieg@verizon.net)

### Remember:

1. Tell which program each Crew wants.
2. Fill out the on-line registration form and send checks in to Dana before April 1<sup>st</sup>
3. Bring white-soled shoes that can get wet, a compass & PFDs

### Directions to Tampa Sailing Squadron

Take I-75 to the Apollo Beach exit (Big Bend Rd. - about 14 miles south of Brandon/US 60 into Tampa).

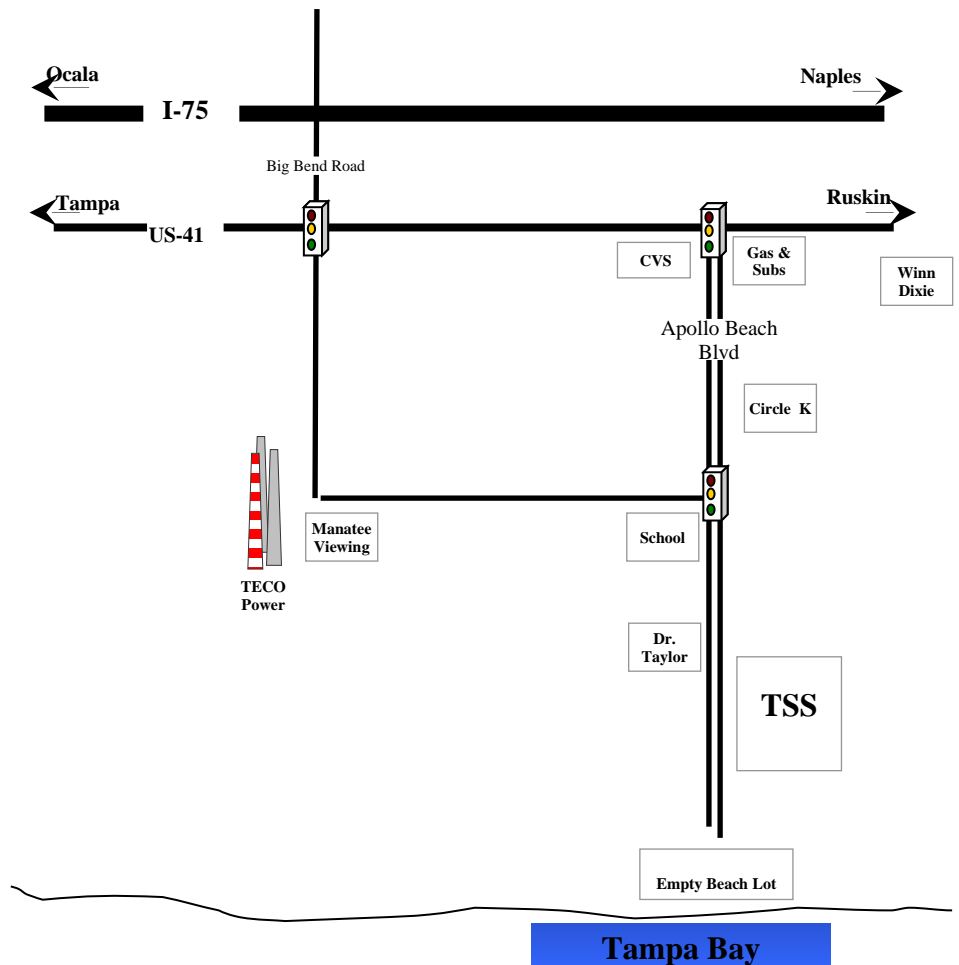
At the foot of the exit ramp, turn left. Go west (toward the power plant stacks) on Big Bend Rd. to the light at US 41 (Tamiami Trail).

Go south (left) on US 41 to the first light (Apollo Beach Blvd). Go west (right) on the divided Blvd. all the way to the end of the road.

Turn left at the end of the road, then left again onto the eastbound lanes of Apollo Beach Blvd.

Look for the entrance into TSS on the right (about 300 yds).

**TSS # (813) 645-8377**



### For anyone looking for a hotel away from the TSS site:

Holiday Inn Express Hotel – 9mi  
3113 College Avenue East  
Ruskin, FL 33570

near Sun City Center  
813-641-3437

Comfort Inn Motel – 7.2mi  
718 Cypress Village Blvd.  
Sun City Center, FL 33573  
813-633-3318

Carol Motel - 5.2mi  
1308 North US Highway 41  
Ruskin, FL 33570  
813- 645-1325