

RACE COMMITTEE 2018-2019

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“Sailboat racing is such a good sport. Unlike some other sports, like boxing or football, where you beat up your opponent, you simply outsmart your opponent on the water and then go back to the clubhouse and share a beer.” *John KostECKi, America's Cup Skipper*

WHY RACE??

One can learn more in a season of racing than in years of cruising. You go out in a wide spectrum of wind conditions, from light to heavy air, increasing your skills and stretching your limits while using other sailors as your measuring stick. You are sailing with a purpose, meeting new friends along the way. Racing is challenging, frustrating and sheer fun as you and your crew share the ups and down of the competition. Sailboat racing is not so much about becoming better than a competitor, but becoming better than you use to be.

ARE YOU A SKIPPER SEARCHING FOR CREW OR CREW LOOKING FOR A SPOT ON A BOAT?

If you are a member, go to the “members only” section and click on skipper/crew area. If not a member, contact David Kresge at 813-833-2285 or email dckoffsu@gmail.com

If I don't want to race, is there a way I can still get involved?

“It takes a village”.....to run a race. People are always needed to be on the race committee, help set out and retrieve marks or refreshments after the races. For each race, we need a boat to serve as the race committee boat, being out on the course early and bringing out the personnel to run the race. People are needed to run the race itself, keeping the timing and scoring. There is definitely room for anyone who wishes to help or simply go on the committee boat and see what is all about and think about whether you would like to get involved. If you are a member, go to the “members only” section and click on “race volunteer”. If not a member, contact David Kresge at 813-833-2285 or by email at dckoffsu@gmail.com.

ALL ABOUT SAIL BOAT RACING

There is a lot of sailboat racing going on in Florida, of which Dunedin Boat Club is a small part. On the west coast, all racing is done under the rules and regulations of Florida West Coast Performance Rating Handicap Fleet. Once a year, all 30 clubs along the coast get together with the administrator and plan a calendar of races for the year, hoping to avoid a conflict among clubs in order to promote as much attendance at each race as possible.

Dunedin Boat Club belongs to the Gulf Region which includes us and Clearwater Yacht Club. We intermingle with the Suncoast region, using some of their races for both their and our BOTY races.

Each region has a number of races per year, with the clubs within alternating as the host. In order to promote participation in as many of them as possible, the races are collectively termed "Boat of the Year" races. Awards are given for each race individually but then awards are also given for the Boat of the Year series for the year, which runs from September to June. For the series, there are participation points as well as the boat's score in the race. Whoever participates the most and has the lowest accumulative score wins the Boat of the Year series.

The upcoming Boat of the Year races 2018-2019 for the Gulf Region are:

Sept. 29 Dunedin Cup, hosted by Dunedin Boat Club
Oct. 6 Clearwater to Pass a Grille, hosted by Clearwater Yacht Club
March 2 Pass a Grille Run, hosted by Dunedin Boat Club
March 9 Crown Cars, hosted by St. Petersburg Yacht Club
March 30 Clearwater Challenge, hosted by Clearwater Yacht Club
April 11-14 Suncoast Raceweek, hosted by Davis Island Yacht Club, Bradenton Yacht Club and St. Petersburg Yacht Club

COME RACE WITH US!!!

For further info, check out westfloridaphrf.org