"Hiram's Haul" *Notice of Racing*

Melbourne, FL to Sebastian, FL and Return October 31- November 1, 2015 Celebrate Halloween in Capt. Hiram's Sand Bar

Continuing *Performance Sail and Sport's* 14 year history of this two day, round trip, race from POW/MIA Park just north of Pineda Causeway, Melbourne Florida, on the West side of the Indian River, proceeding south for 30 miles to Riverside Park, one mile south of Captain's Hiram's Sign in the river, Sebastian, Florida, returning the following day to the Park where started. Hiram's Haul is for all classes of beach type catamarans up to 22 feet in length. All entries will be raced using the Portsmouth index for handicapping. The race will commence on Saturday October 31st and return on Sunday November 1st, 2015. There will be a meal at the end of racing combined with awards presentation; tickets for the meal will be available at registration.

The Organizing Authority (OA) is Sail Series Promotions USA. Organizers of the Florida 300

<u>WE NEED TO KNOW WHO IS COMING:</u> Register before September 30, 2015 and save money. If registered after September 30, 2015 additional fees will apply.

The race will be governed by the rules found in current Racing Rules of Sailing unless changed as authorized by this NOR and/or the Sailing Instructions (SI). The SI will be published and available on the <u>www.SailSeries.com</u> at least one month before racing, and available at registration the morning of the race. The skippers meeting will be held at POW/MIA Park at 0900, October 31st, 2015. Winds on the morning of racing may dictate schedule changes.

The following RRS are changed: **Rule 44.1 Taking a penalty** is modified to require boats to complete only one penalty turn in the event of breaking a rule of RRS, part 2. The remainder of this rule remains. **Rule 80 Advertising**, advertising is not restricted on boats or crew, except by good taste. **Rule 26 Starting Races**, is modified as the warning flag will be a large red flag in lieu of a class flag. **Rule 41 Outside help**, is modified for safety reasons as follows: Assistance is encouraged for any boat or crew perceived to be in any danger. Any boat receiving assistance will be penalized 20 minutes and the assisting racing boat will receive credit for anytime used assisting another boat. Further definition will be in the SI. The warning flag, a large red signal Flag, will be no earlier than 9:55AM EDT, October 31st. The start will be in the water as near to shore as possible, off the beach at the park. Two Starts will be used, the first for non-Spin boats, depending on numbers of entries. Awards may be provided for Spin and Non-Spin boats dependent on numbers registered early.

We need to know who is coming, Register early Reserve your room early, Saves you Money

Entry will be completed by submission of an entry form, signed by skipper and crew, and payment of entry fee of \$65. <u>Early registration is encouraged and maybe</u> <u>accomplished by using the included entry form on line at the Sail Series Promotions</u> <u>USA web site. All entry fees may be paid on the day of racing, but if not registered</u> <u>early, the fee will increase to \$90. Registration may take place by email, in person,</u> <u>or by mail, or online to Sail Series Promotions USA and/or at 18 Spinnaker Point</u> <u>Court, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937; or at wggreen08@cfl.rr.com.</u>

Early hotel arrangements are encouraged at Captain Hiram's Key West Motel at Phone: 772 589 4345. Rates are protected at a 30% discount for the first 15 registrants until 30 days before racing, September 30th, 2015. <u>More can be added if registrations dictate</u>. There are a few other hotels, and even one or two B & B's but race competitors and/or associates are own their own. Rates have been protected with limited rooms at Captain Hiram's.

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Changes to this NOR made be made and if so will be posted on the OA web site: <u>www.SailSeries.com</u>

Please register at: <u>www.SailSeries.com/hiramshaul</u>