

Hiram's Haul: Round Five Race Preview

Hiram's Haul is a total 60 mile distance race running South-n-North on the Space Coast's Indian River Lagoon paralleling the barrier island communities of several cities. Hiram's Haul started in 1997, and is hosted by Performance Sail and Sport. Taking place on October 25 + 26, 2008, it is one of six endurance races in the Endurance Series.

The 12th run of this distance race will be easily visible to any spectator along river on either day of racing. Hiram's Haul 1st day start is at Pineda Landing adjacent to Performance Sail-n-Sport ending at Captain Hiram's Restaurant in Sebastian, FL with the 2nd day run back to the Pineda Landing along US Highway 1. The 1st race day Grand Prix start is at 10:30 AM with the 2nd day of racing start at 10:00AM, both within eye sight of spectators. Photography will be provided by Tony Keller Photography (www.TonyKellerPhotography.com).

Hiram's Haul represents a perfect venue for two great sprints for all ranges of competitive levels, and scenic backdrop in the protected, flat waters of the Indian River Lagoon which. The Indian River Lagoon is part of the Intracoastal Waterway that stretches as far North as Maine and as far South as the Florida Keys. There will be a BBQ Party and Trophy Ceremony on Sunday afternoon.

The series competition keeps getting tougher. Carbon Cruising" is currently leading the points but the top nine teams are only separated by five points. Team "Lil Evil" is currently tied for 6th, a mere four points behind the leader. "Lil Evil" is skippered by John Casey (JC) who has won the series twice skippering for "Team Tybee." JC sat out the last two events to race an F-16 in Europe but has his sights on the Endurance Series Cup once again. Another team to keep an eye on is team "Wiki Wiki" who is a testament that participation pays off. Bob Walke has done a great job of putting his all wood Tornado second in the points going into the last two races but will have his work cut out staying in front of the newer high tech composite boats.

The Endurance Series is a Florida based series for sailors who have a fair amount of experience and feel comfortable sailing in all types of wind and sea conditions. The series provides a challenge for all experience levels. Some of the events are in lakes/rivers and others are out in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico and the distances range from 30 miles to 120 miles.

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