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**Gulf Coast Sailing Club**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Southwest Florida Regatta**

**Porsche of Naples Cup**  
**March 29 - 30, 2008**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**Organizing Authority**

Gulf Coast Sailing Club, PO Box 2121, Naples, Florida 34106-2121  
Rear Commodore of Racing: Jason Richards (239)253-6288,  
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**1. RULES:**

1.1 - The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in U.S. Sailing's "The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008" (RRS) and the current rules of the United States Melges-24 Class, this Notice of Race, and the sailing instructions.

1.2 - The organizing authority (OA) is the Gulf Coast Sailing Club, PO Box 2121, Naples, Florida 34106-2121.

1.3 - This is restricted to ISAF Regulation 20, Category "A" advertising.

1.4 - Rule 60.1(b) is changed by this Notice.

**2. ELIGIBILITY:**

2.1 - Open to all Multihulls and self-righting single hulled enclosed cabin sail boats that conform to their class rules or hold a valid West Florida PHRF (WFPHRF) rating, are assigned a rating by the OA, or are recognized as a one-design racing in a one-design class only.

2.2 - Boat owners who are not members of WFPHRF will have a WFPHRF equivalent rating not subject to appeal assigned to them by the OA for this regatta only.

2.3 - Boat owners must be a member in good standing of a Sailing Club.

**3. ENTREES AND FEES:**

3.1 - The entry fee to participate in The Southwest Florida Porsche of Naples Cup is \$85 for members of US Sailing (USS) or \$95 for non-USS members.

FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED after Saturday March 22, 2008 the entry fee is \$115 for members of US Sailing (USS) or \$125 for non-USS members. The entry fee includes admission for ONE (1) to all weekend activities and an event shirt. Additional wristbands are available for purchase at \$30.00 each.

3.2 - Entries shall be made on the Official Entry Form, which is available at [www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org](http://www.gulfcoastsailingclub.org). It should be accompanied by a copy of a WFPHRF Rating Certificate (if not in a one-design class) and a check for the entry fee made payable to the Gulf Coast Sailing Club (GCSC).

3.3 - Entry Deadline is 1900 hours, Friday, March 28, 2008.

**4. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & RACE TIMES:**

**All land events will be at "The Docks on Fifth", 1345 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Naples FL**

4.1 - Friday, March 28, 2008,

    Skippers' Meeting – Sponsored & hosted by Judy Hansen of Judy Hansen Homes  
    1700-1900 Registration & Check-in

    1830 - Skippers' Meeting followed by beer, soda, wine & food.

4.2 - Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>

0955 – First Warning Signal followed by subsequent daily races

**1800 - US Sailing's Mount Gay Rum Speaker Series**

**Speaker - renowned sailing commentator Gary Jobson**

1900 – Mount Gay Rum Cocktail Party & Buffet

4.3 - Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>

1055 -First Warning Signal followed by subsequent daily races.

1700 Post Race Social & Reception

1730 Awards Presentation

**5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

5.1 – Sailing Instructions (SI's) will be available to all entrants at the Skippers' Meeting.

**6. CLASSES and AWARDS:**

6.1 – The following classes may be formed depending upon the number of entries received: Melges 24 or other one-design fleet, PHRF Spinnaker A, PHRF Spinnaker B, PHRF Non-Spinnaker, PHRF True Cruising, and PHRF Multihull. Boats registering in the PHRF Spinnaker class will be assigned to either Spinnaker "A" or "B" classes based upon PHRF ratings. A minimum of three entries are required to form a class.

6.2 – Awards shall be made as follows: three awards for a class having three or more entries. An award shall be given for the best overall performing spinnaker boat and for the best overall performing non-spinnaker boat. The overall regatta winner will receive the Porsche of Naples Cup. Other awards may be made at the discretion of the OA.

**7. REGISTRATION and SKIPPERS MEETING:**

7.1 – At least one representative from each entered boat must register at Friday's Skippers' Meeting and pick up skipper's bag including race instructions and class streamer.

**8. RACING:**

8.1 – The venue for all races shall be in the Gulf of Mexico in the vicinity of the Naples Pier. One race will constitute a regatta.

**9. COURSES:**

9.1 – The course to be sailed, the bearing and approximate distance to the first mark, will be posted on the course board displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat. Possible course layouts will be depicted in Addendum(s) to the Sailing Instructions.

**10. SCORING:**

10.1 – This event will be scored using RRS Appendix "A" the low point system.

Corrected times shall be calculated based on the boat's WFPHRF rating (or assigned rating, see 2.2), the distance of the course sailed, and the actual elapsed time in which the course was sailed (time on distance).

10.2 - For boats entered in SW Florida BOTY competition, the regatta results will be re-scored using the High-Point Percentage Scoring System. Briefly, five points will be awarded for showing up on the race course plus one point for each boat in your class that you beat. DNF and DNS receive five points for reporting to the RC Signal Boat at the Start Line. DNC and DSQ will receive no points.

10.3 – WFPHRF's RLC rating shall be used for all races in which less than approximately 75% of the total distance of the course requires the boats to either tack or gybe. For races of 75% or greater, the BUOY rating shall be used. If there is any doubt, the RLC rating shall be used. The PRO is solely responsible for determining which rating category is used and the decision may not be appealed through redress. This amends RRS #60.1(b).

## **11. SAFETY:**

11.1 - All boats are to carry a working VHF Radio capable of receiving and transmitting on marine Channels 16, 68, 72 and be capable of receiving VHF weather channels. The Race Committee shall utilize Channel #72 as the competitors working channel.

## **12. LIABILITY DISCLAIMER:**

12.1 - Sailing is an activity that has inherent risk of damage and/or injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) shall not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation before, during or after this event. By participating in this event, each competitor, or in the case of minor, each competitor's parent or guardian agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **13. DOCKAGE:**

13.1 - For dockage contact Gary Schwarting at 239-850-8155. Proof of boat insurance is required when requesting dockage.

### **Marinas**

Port-O-Call	550 Port O Call Way Naples, FL 34102	(239) 774-0479
Naples City Dock	880 12th Ave. South Naples, 34102.	(239) 213-3070
Naples Boat Club	909 10th Street South, Naples, FL 34102	(239) 430-4994

## **14. LODGING:**

14.1 - The Race Committee has reserved a block of rooms at **The Gulfcoast Inn** 2555 North Tamiami Trail Naples, FL 34103 (800-330-0046 or 239-261-6046) for \$115.00 per room per night if booked prior to 3/12/08. Please indicate that you are participating in the GCSC regatta when making your reservations at this motel. Other options: **LaQuinta Inns & Suites** 1555 5th Avenue South Naples, FL 34102

Phone: (239) 793-4646 or 800-531-5900

**Fairfield Inn** 1785 Fifth Avenue South Naples, FL 34102

Phone: (239) 261-3500

## **15. FURTHER INFORMATION:**

15.1 - For further information, please contact the Regatta Chair, Lisa Brice. (239) 860-3253  
Email: [LisaBrice@GulfCoastSailingClub.org](mailto:LisaBrice@GulfCoastSailingClub.org)