



Geechee Sailing Club Announces the 31st Annual St. Patrick's Regatta 2010

The Geechee Sailing Club will sponsor the 31st annual St. Patrick's Regatta March 20 – 21, 2010. Originating in 1979, this is one of the longest-standing races in Georgia's coastal waters. This regatta is a Mount Gay Rum **RED HAT** Event. The regatta is open to all self-righting yachts 21' or greater length overall and draws an average of 25 competitors from an area extending from Charleston to Brunswick. Boats will be assigned a PHRF handicap rating upon registration and will compete in one of the following classes: Class "A" Spinnaker, Class "B" Non-Spinnaker, Class "C" Cruising, and One Design Classes. If there are three or more yachts of the same design entering the event, they may be designated a separate one-design class or sub-class. These are the expected classes of sailboats, and the Race Committee can change them, if needed. Starting sequences for the first race will sound at 1:00 pm. (conditions permitting) and the races will be held both days in the Wilmington River between Turner's Creek and Wassaw Sound.

Registration for the regatta will take place on Friday, March 19th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Tubby's Tank House Restaurant (2909 River Drive, Thunderbolt, GA), followed by a captains' meeting. Registration will be \$55.00 per boat (\$50.00 for U.S. Sailing members). This fee includes both days of racing, a commemorative hat, the regatta t-shirt, and one dinner ticket and a bottle of Mount Gay Rum.

All captains and their crews are invited to join their fellow racers and other Geechee Sailing Club members for a buffet dinner at Tubby's on Saturday night, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. to review the first day's results. Tickets for the dinner may be purchased during race registration or at the door on Saturday night. Following the conclusion of the final race on Sunday, March 21 an after-Regatta get-together for all participants will be held at Tubby's, during which prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class.

Invitation to Race and Registration Forms are available online at:

<http://geecheesailingclub.org/racing.html>.

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