

Cats Point Regatta

- WHEN:** November 6, 7, and 8, 2009
- WHERE:** Boca Ciega Yacht Club
4600 Tifton Drive
Gulfport, Florida
Port of Ship 915 (our host Sea Scout Ship)
- HOW:** Request Registration Orders from:

Bruce A. Rodgers
Cats Point Regatta Skipper
(Skipper Ship 912 — *S.S.S. Ballyhood*)
Tele: (727) 898-4433
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- COST:** \$27.00 per Registered Person
Includes all meals (5), activities,
awards and take-away items.

The adult advisors from Sea Scout Ships 915 and 912 welcome the Venturing Crews and Sea Scout Ships to West Central Florida Council's *Cats Point Regatta*, so named for a historical navigational point of land that is half way between our units. Our regatta staff volunteers will serve you with many years of racing regatta and Sea Scout regatta experience. We all look forward to your active participation in this fun and informative opportunity for scouting youth and adults alike.

YISS — *Bruce A. Rodgers* — *Cats Point Regatta Skipper*

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Venturing Crews



Sea Scout Ships

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WHAT IS A SEA SCOUT REGATTA?

A Sea Scout Regatta IS FOR YOU ...

If you are a registered Venturing or Sea Scout youth, or a registered adult advisor, looking for some extraordinary challenges.

A Sea Scout Regatta IS FUN ...

But only if you are at the event, on the land, on the boat, on the water, and *in-on-the-action*.

A Sea Scout Regatta IS FOR NEWBEES ...

Because everyone at the regatta will be confronted with meeting new experiences, people, and challenges.

A Sea Scout Regatta IS FOR OLD-SALTS ...

Because 'Old-salts' will be meeting new challenges, and new people, while passing-on their hard-won wisdom to others.

A Sea Scout Regatta IS AN OPPORTUNITY ...

To gain practical experience:

- In boat handling, boat knowledge, and boat safety
- With crew comradeship, and unit team-building
- Around District and Council fellowship, food and competition.

THIS Sea Scout Regatta IS FOR YOU

If you are actively or passively working towards your Venturing Sea Scout Bar and/or the Ordinary Sea Scout rank, or just looking for fun as a scouting youth or adult.

HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT!

Two tacks will be executed during the regatta:

- ⇒ **A Venturing Tack** ... that allows Venturing Crews to participate and compete against other Venturing Crews.
- ⇒ **A Sea Scout Tack** ... that allows Ships to participate and compete against other Ships..
- ⇒ **Separate Awards for Each Tack** ... Includes a WCFC Engraved trophy for the Council office, and a "take home" trophy for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place units from each tack.
- ⇒ **In-the-boats & On-the-water** ... races with three types of sailboats, including single-sail class (Sunfish), multi-sail class (Catalina 16 racing dinghies), and multi-hull (high-speed catamarans). Each event designed to introduce and provide practical experience on-the-water and in-the-boat. And then too, there is the cherished "Dink-Tug-O-War"!
- ⇒ **Action-based Land Events** ... that are designed to gain practical experience toward the requirements for the Venturing Sea Scout Bar and/or the Ordinary Sea Scout rank, such as these:
 - **Mine-sweeper** — GPS use for open navigation and routes (BYO-GPS).
 - **Ground Tackle** — Hands-on assembly, fake, drop & weigh anchor.
 - **What Kind-a Boat?** — A potpourri of boat types and uses.
 - **Knots Beyond** — The specialty knots for tight seamanship.
 - **Deadpan's Lift** — Running rigging for ghostly lifting.
 - **Stand-on Relativity** — Relation of relative bearings & right-of-way.
 - **Yawl Ketch This!** — Sailboat types, standing & running rigging.
 - **Are We There Yet?** — Estimating distances, heights & horizons.
 - **Flakey Rags** — Mastering the art of sail folding.
- ⇒ **Bring Your Own Appetite** ... all meals from Saturday through Sunday noon will be prepared and provided to give you maximum time with the fun and friendship.
- ⇒ **An Evening that will have you "Feelin-the-burn"** ... sure there will be a beach campfire, but the toast will be the Gulfport Fire Department, hosting a fire extinguishing & flare launching extravaganza.
- ⇒ **Overnight Berthing?** ... Why not if you have not tried it!