



# MultiMedia

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The Newsletter of the Florida Offshore Multihull Association

## The Editor's Corner

by Colin Povey

*A small issue this month, as Form 1040, Work, and Baseball are taking a lot of time at present.*

Wow, is April a busy month for FOMA or what! Read on to find the details.

First, we had a great turnout for the **Bahai Beach cruise**. Charlie produced a prodigious number of Mudslides, and some members consumed an unbelievable number of them!

Six boats turned out for the event, and many drove to the event sans boat to participate. 28 people ate dinner as part of our group Saturday night.

One of the best pieces of news was that Sid had recovered from his hip problem sufficiently to motor his new boat over to the event, which meant a total of three Telstar 28's were present. With the 50 horse outboard on his boat, Sid was able to make around 15 knots on his boat on the way over. With Charlie and Dan's Gemini's there as well, it was virtually a Performance Cruising rendezvous! In fact, the Performance Cruising dealer for the area joined FOMA for dinner.

With three Telstars present, it was interesting to note the range of improvements that Performance Cruising has implemented in this new boat over it's short life span. No less than three variations of the mast-raising system were present.

Bahia Beach is undergoing a tremendous amount of work, from work on the hotel itself (the exterior looks better) to being at the epicenter of a condo building boom.

In other news, next Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> is the date of the world-famous **FOMA Frolic**! Already five boats are signed up and ready to sail in this year's Frolic from Clearwater to Anclote and back, If you have a boat, you should be signed up too! Of course, after the race, their will be a get-together at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center with lots of good food and cold libations.

**Another cruise** is coming up soon, a cruise to the Harborage Marina in St. Petersburg. We have

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## Our Next Meeting

Our October meeting will take place at Applebee's located at 5110 East Bay Drive, just West of US 19 in Largo. This is in the Tri-City shopping center.

As usual, happy hour starts about 6:00 PM or so, with the meeting starting at 7:00 PM. We will be ordering from the menu.

The April meeting will be the last chance to pay your 2006 FOMA dues and receive the 2006 FOMA directory in stunning black and white! OK, maybe not, but if you haven't paid your dues yet, please do so. The form is included later in this publication.

## *From the Editor*

Next month, barring unforeseen circumstances, we will have several interesting articles about some new developments in safety gear, a possible 2007 FOMA week-long boating trip, lower cost NOAA charts, and more.

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timed this event so you may attend the **Tampa Bay Blues Festival** with other FOMA members. The Harborage is located at 1500 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South in St. Petersburg, just South of the Albert Whited Airport (near the Dali Museum). Their phone number is 727/821-6347. If you want dock space, you should call Sid for assistance and information. The dates for the festival are May 5, 6, and 7. More information can be found at [www.tampabaybluesfest.com](http://www.tampabaybluesfest.com). The Harborage Marina is on the route for the free shuttle that will run people to the festival site in Vinoy Park. Festival tickets are \$20-25, depending upon the day.

Lastly, the 'official' **FOMA cruise in May** is to take place down on Boca Ciega Bay, Charlie Joswig is in charge of the May cruise, and he has found a location near several restaurants. If you have never sailed Boca Ciega Bay, it's a great place for sailing, as it is near enough to the Gulf to get decent breezes, while still being protected water. Located near the base of the Pinellas peninsula, it's easily reachable by sail in a day from the entire Tampa Bay area.

You want more boating activities? Well, April 29<sup>th</sup> is the date of the annual JSI Nautical Flea market. FOMA has a table reserved, so if yo have any nautical stuff you want to sell, or anything you need to purchase, this is the place to do it. Think of it as E-Bay without a computer.

And oh yeah, we have a meeting on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at Applebee's. Detailed information is on Page 2.

Enough for one month?

# Florida Offshore Multihull Association

*Presents*

## The 8th Annual FOMA Frolic Notice And Invitation To Race

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2006  
Classes: Offshore Multihull, Beach Cats; (minimum 5 boats for a class start)  
Start Time: 10:30 EST for Multihulls; 10:35 EST for Beach Cats

### Sailing Instructions

**Skipper's Meeting:** There will not be a skipper's meeting for this event.

**Check In:** On starboard tack, hail committee boat with Boat Name, Sail Number and Class; get Acknowledgment

**Start:** At Clearwater Pass entrance marker "G-1", start between the marker and committee boat.

**Course:** North to Anclote Key Channel marker "G-1" Located approximately N 28 08.27' W 82 52.04 ; leave mark to port and proceed south to Clearwater Pass entrance marker "G-1"

**Finish:** Round "G1" leaving same to port

**Time Limit:** Take your own time upon rounding "G-1". Report same to the race committee at 727-422-0116. Race committee will not on station. You MUST finish by 16:30 hours EST for ALL classes.

**Authority:** Race will be governed by the rules of the commodore of FOMA, which only require safety and fun, a current PHRF or Portsmouth rating, AND the US Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2007. This is a fun race, protests will not be entertained.

**Race Committee:** This event will utilize the Clearwater Community Sailing Center's resources to conduct the race. All Sailing Center members are encouraged to participate.

**Party-After:** Come to the Clearwater Community Sailing Center after the race. A large grill will be provided - BYOB, Hot Dogs, Burgers, Soda and Beer will be provided for up to 4 people per boat. Ferry service will be available between your yacht and the sailing center.

**Awards:** Awards will be presented at the May FOMA meeting on 5/16/06 (place to be determined) for all classes starting at least 5 boats.

**Registration:** The entrance fee will be \$30 for all boats. Please make checks payable to FOMA and mail to Sid Zipperman, 2700 Bayshore Blvd, Unit 9209, Dunedin, FL 34698. Please include your PHRF rating and boat name along with your check. For questions, call Sid at 727-736-9462.

*Entry Form*

# 8th Annual FOMA Frolic

Clearwater to Anclote and Return

Saturday, April 22, 2006

Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Length Overall (LOA) \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_ Rating (attach copy of certificate, if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Sail # \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Sailing Club \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby release the Florida Offshore Multihull Association (FOMA) and the race committee from any and all liability, claims, demands, obligations, expenses, actions and causes of action whatsoever against them as a result of participation by the undersigned in this event.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2006

Skipper/Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Entry fee of \$30 must accompany this form

Checks should be made payable to FOMA or Florida Offshore Multihull Association and must be received by April 10, 2006.

Send this form and rating certificate along with your check to:

Sid Zipperman, 2700 Bayshore Blvd., Unit 9209, Dunedin, FL, 34698

Questions to Sid at (727)736-9462 or (727)422-0116

# FOMA - Florida Offshore Multihull Association Membership Form

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Significant Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (**please print CLEARLY!**): \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Manufacturer \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ feet Sail #: \_\_\_\_\_ Stock / Modified (circle one)

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PHRF Rating \_\_\_\_\_ Rating Source: WFPHRF / FOMA / Stock Boat Standard / Other \_\_\_\_\_

Are you Available For Crew? Yes / No

Sailing Experience \_\_\_\_\_ years

Primary Sailing Interests: Cruising / Racing / Day Sailing / Other

Skills I have that could help FOMA: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## Annual Dues

Our annual dues are due every January.

\$30 Family

\$100 Sponsor (includes a logo in every newsletter and a link on the web page)

Make checks payable to FOMA and mail with this form to:

**Lowell Dexter**

4255 37th Street South

St. Petersburg, FL 33711

If you have any membership questions, Colin or Marie can be reached at: [colin@povev.org](mailto:colin@povev.org) or by phone at 727-536-0189, or you can speak to Lowell at 727-864-1418.