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The Racing Quarter

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Have a multihull? Want to cruise some, party some, race some? Come on down (or up/over) to Charlotte Harbor at Punta Gorda for the March 12-14 Conquistador Cup.

This event will have separate multihull classes for spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and cruising boats. There will also be racing within classes for five or more one-design boats (so you can win two trophies in one regatta). As of mid-February, there are already half a dozen Corsair 24's Mk. IIs and a similar number of C-28Rs committed to coming. There will be a mix of F-27s, F-25C, and F-31s also. Several of the regional Stiletto owners said they're coming. A few of the slower-rated cats are also planning to come play. If you don't have a rating, the RC will provide one.

The entry fee of \$40 (\$35 if US Sailing member) includes two days of racing, a t-shirt, and two dinner tickets. Day one is around buoys or fixed marks, depending on your fleet. Day two is a reverse start with slower boats going first, faster boats later. First to finish wins! Entry also includes parties with free beverages Friday night (March 12) and Saturday night. The winner of the Sunday race gets its photograph on the official race t-shirt for 2005. Racing starts at 11 AM. each day.

There are several options for dockage ... some free, some at low cost. Fisherman's Village Marina is

not open. The Holiday Inn at Punta Gorda (941-639-2167) has a reduced rate for rooms (mention the event) and offers floating docks at \$1/foot but you must fit under the US 41 bridge with 45 feet of clearance at high tide. The Best Western (941-639-1165) has slightly cheaper rooms and free dockage for guests at the hotel and no bridges to deal with. The T-dock is fixed and it's a giant step down from dock to deck of a boat ... be prepared, bring a ladder. There are also special room rates at the Harbour Inn (941-625-0083) and they have free dockage but again you must clear the 45-foot bridge. The race organizers will also assist in finding dockage for race entries behind homes of local residents. Or you can anchor out on Char-

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Our Next Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 16

Time: Drinks at 6:00 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM

Location: Applebee's in Tri-City Plaza (on East Bay Drive just West of US19).

Subject: A Sailing Recipe Exchange (Sid had a speaker lined up, but he cancelled, so we are on plan B). Bring a dozen copies of the recipe of something you enjoy **making** on a boat. You could even bring a sample if you wish! If you can, bring an electronic version as well, as Mary Margret plans on putting the recipes together for us.

FOMA Frolic & Membership

Folks, this is the **last chance** to pay your dues to get your name in the 2004 directory. Fill out the application at right and mail it to me ASAP.

Next, the FOMA Frolic is scheduled for April 10th. Contact Sid at (727)736-9462 for an application. Remember, this is a fun race, so even clunkers like me can enjoy it. If you cannot race, we still need help for the shore party at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center after the race. Again, contact Sid.

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lotte Harbor in one of several totally protected areas.

For trailerable boats, there is an excellent ramp (2) at the Port Charlotte Beach park facility on the north side of Charlotte Harbor. You have to pay a modest fee to park. There is another ramp on the south side of the harbor east of the US 41 bridges but it is short and shallow.

Come join what will likely be the largest turnout of multihulls - cats and tris - racers and cruisers - in recent history. With Cayo Costa and Cabbage Key just an hour or so away, it's a great cruise destination. For more info or entry forms, contact the race chairman Dave Hansen (941) 456-5059 or Bob Knowles (941) 505-4583. You can also contact Doran at doran@southernsail.com or 727-744-2200. Entry fees go up to \$50 after March 8.

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Name: _____

Spouse/Significant Other: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail Address (please print carefully!): _____

Boat Manufacturer _____ Boat Model: _____

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

Boat Name: _____

PHRF Rating _____ Source of Rating: WFPHRF / FOMA / Other _____

Are you Available For Crew? Yes / No Sailing Experience _____ years

Sailing Interests: Cruising / Racing / Other

Skills I have that could help FOMA: _____

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Comments: _____

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