

## **New Format for the Key West Rendezvous, May 12 – 19**

The twenty-third annual Key West Regatta will have a new look this year according to R. Fairlie Brinkley, perennial Event Organizer. Responding to a survey of skippers from the last two years, several major changes will be instituted. This year the fleets starting from Clearwater, Sarasota, Boca Grande, and Naples will all start on Wednesday, May 14 and the start of the Key West to Naples Race will be on Sunday morning versus the Monday morning start in past years. Both entry and apparel sales will be done electronically using the Regatta Processing software developed by PRO David Billing, CEO of Unger and Billing Associates in Clearwater, FL. Participants should especially note that clothing purchases, including t-shirts, will be available only at the time of entry and no merchandise will be sold at registration or in Key West. The social fee (wrist bands) will be eliminated on a trial basis in 2008 and the one formal party will be the awards celebration on Saturday evening at the Galleon Marina and Resort. A list of restaurants and suggested visiting times will be available so that sailors can rendezvous with each other while enjoying the multitude of high quality establishments on Duval and other Old Town streets. The Clearwater Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority, with the following clubs acting as co-hosts: Gulf Coast Sailing Club, Naples Yacht Club, Naples Sailing and Yacht Club, Platinum Point Yacht Club, Punta Gorda Sailing Club and Sarasota Yacht Club.

The Key West Rendezvous is the only event recognized by all four of the WFPHRF Boat of the Year competitions - Sun Coast, Charlotte Harbor, Sarasota Bay and Southwest Florida.

NOR, clothing order and entry information is available on the world wide web at <http://www.clwyc.org/KeyWest08/>. As usual the Galleon has reserved a block of slips. Contact the Galleon Dockmaster at 800 6 MARINA or (305) 292-1292 and mention the Key West Rendezvous Regatta. .

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