

MIYC Fall Regatta

Our Annual Fall Regatta that was held on Saturday, November 14 was a great success! This traditional event was initiated with another tradition: an at-sea memorial to those friends and loved-ones who have passed-away over the past year. Following a short prayer by Past Commodore Frank Rinker, a rose was placed in the Gulf of Mexico from the Committee Boat as each name was read. An additional rose was placed in the Gulf to memorialize those killed the night before in the attacks in Paris.

The weather was overcast and wind conditions were 15-20 knots from the northeast. Perfect for sailboat racing, not so great for spectators. Two classes of boats, spinnaker and true cruising, were established by our U.S.Sailing certified Principal Race Officer, Dave Dumas. The spinnaker boats were started as scheduled, right at 10:30. They were closely followed by the true cruising class.

Because of the wind direction the start line was established approximately a mile directly off of the Marriott beach, with the first mark (yellow inflatable) right off the beach. This made for great viewing from the Marriott beach. The course established was a triangular one with the second mark to the northwest and the finish line back at the start where the Committee Boat was anchored. Thanks to Jim Marr's "RSM Bluewater" and Dave Everitt's "Sea Dancer" for setting and monitoring the marks. "Grand Pelican" (Pete Frazier) served as the Committee Boat while "Lost Shaker" with Laurie and Randy Harris fulfilled Safety Boat duties. All four boats were manned by Club Members and volunteers. Thanks all!

Back to the racing. Because of the wind the racing was fast and exciting. The sailors loved it! And, in total, we were able to run a total of seven races - - - four for



L-R: Regatta Winner - Ulrich Rohde
MIYC Sailing Fleet Captain - Chuck
Downton MIYC Commodore - Dick Irwin

the spinnaker boats and three for the true cruisers. It was a full day of racing by the ending time of 3:00 PM. The Race Committee established handicaps so that the different make/model boats were competing fairly with each other.

On the beach all this was explained by Sailing Fleet Captain, Chuck Downton and Meredith. The Marriott provided a sound system so that on-lookers could get play-by-play information as the racing progressed. Although the weather was not conducive to a great beach day, many people came to the chickie where Meredith and Chuck were located to not only get further information on the race, but to learn more about the yacht club and the Marco Island Community Sailing Center, our next-door

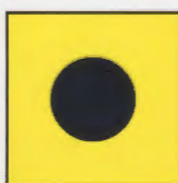
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Club members took top honors in both race categories. "Dragon Fly" (Dr. Ulrich Rohde) took first place in the true cruising class, with "Tri-Power" (Ed and Lois Dixon) taking first-place honors in the spinnaker class. Full results can be viewed on the club's website: www.MarcoIslandYachtClub.net. "Dragon Fly" won additional honors, winning the traditional "Best in Club" flag.

Proceeds from the regatta will once again benefit the Youth Sailing Program sponsored by the Marco Island Parks and Recreation Department at the Marco Island Community Sailing Center.

Next: Our Annual Winter Cup Regatta to be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016. See you there!

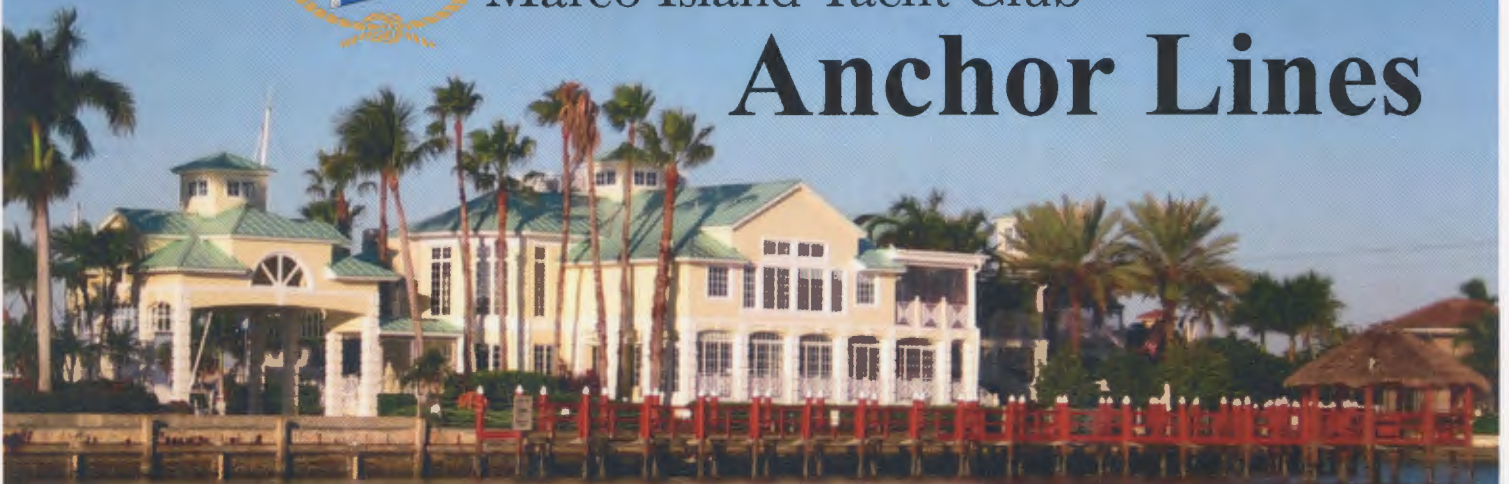
Fair winds,
Chuck Downton - Fleet Sailing Captain





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