

## Festival of the Islands Race November 16, 2019

With the low tides and prediction of higher winds, rain and seas, much of the fleet left Naples/Marco Island early Thursday or Friday to deliver the boats to the Pink Shell or Salty Sams marina in Fort Myers. Winds were steady out of the northwest, but not nearly as strong as predicted. Never the less it was a wet trip to Fort Myers

Crews showed up early Saturday to get to the starting line by 10:00 hours. The prediction was for northerly winds 15-20 knots with higher gusts. Turned out to be true! Most all the fleet reefed their main sails and used a smaller head sail. The moon was driving the tides to extreme lows and the sand bars and mud flats were visible as the fleet left the harbor.

Jim Gallagher did a great job of setting the course and establishing a virtual committee boat [his dingy on an anchor] at the starting line. Nine boats were competing in two classes. By the time we were ready to start the dingy had drifted a bit, creating a very short starting line. No worries a quick reset and we were ready to go.

The two races consisted of a triangle 2.3 miles in total. As the wind velocity increased the fleet was seeing gusts close to 30 knots with building seas. There were some equipment failures and three boats withdrew as a result. Sailing ended earlier than expected and the fleet headed back for the party or back to Naples and Marco Island. The results:

### 2019 Festival of the Islands Overall

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#### Non Spin

DNC or DNF scored as 5

Place	Sail	Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Total	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3
1	126	Essence	McDill, Paul	192	3	2	1	0
2	322	Miss Cathleen	Finnegan, John	201	3	1	2	0
3	101	Eroica	Horner, Tom	177	6	3	3	0

#### Cruising

DNC or DNF scored as 6

Place	Sail	Boat	Skipper	PHRF	Total	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3
1	46	Nurdle	Churchill, John	208	2	1	1	0
2	60213	Calusa	Gallagher, James	185	5	3	2	0
3	55	Grand Cru	Nauck, William	233	5	2	3	0

