



Marine Industries Association of South Florida
proudly presents the 22nd Annual Plywood Regatta

**Saturday, April 14th (8 a.m. to sunset)
& Sunday, April 15th (8 a.m. to finish)**

**Dania Beach City Marina
www.plywoodregatta.org**

Objectives

Event Objectives: To introduce young marine enthusiasts and the community to the craft of boat building and the excitement of recreational boating.

Crew Objectives: To design, build and race a sea-worthy vessel and paddles in two days using limited materials.

Event Beneficiaries: A portion of Plywood Regatta proceeds benefit South Florida Marine Industry Education Programs and the Plywood Regatta Scholarship Fund.

Crew Classes

Advanced

Young adult marine technical students interested in or pursuing careers in the marine industry.

Intermediate

High school students interested in the marine industry or participating in the Marine Magnet Program.

Beginner

Middle school students participating in a marine magnet program or interested in the marine industry.

Awards

Lauderdale Marine Center Cup Overall Champion

The overall winning team of the final inter-division race

Division Awards

For top three teams from each racing division

Most Spirited Team

For the team that works together well and shows the most Plywood Regatta enthusiasm

Best Decorated Boat

The one that looks the coolest

Most Innovative Design

Most creative design, whether or not it functions!

Future Yacht Broker Award

This is for the one that sinks. "Those who can't build, sell!"

Courage & Perseverance

For the kids that put their whole heart into it but their boat won't quite do the same ...

Fort Lauderdale Mariners Club Award (Best All Around)

This award goes to the best overall team. The winning team should demonstrate good teamwork, team spirit, a clean work site, and have a boat that is well decorated and actually works!

Propeller Design Champion

This award goes to the team who creates the fastest propeller.



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Best Leader by Example

This award goes to a mentor.

Materials

The following materials will be supplied:

- 3 sheets of 4' x 8' 1/4" Luan plywood
- 2 pieces of 2" x 2" x 8' wood
- 4 pieces of 1" x 2" x 10' wood
- 120 tie wraps
- 12 cartridges of 3M 5200- Fast Cure caulk
- 2 life jackets
- Interlux paints of various colors

Your team may supply & use the following:

- Protective eyewear (i.e. goggles or glasses) is MANDATORY during use of power tools
- 1 electric jigsaw
- 1 electric/ battery drill
- NO OTHER POWER TOOLS ALLOWED!
- 1 extension cord/ power strip
- Caulking guns (manual or electric)
- Saw horses
- Clamps
- Decals for decorative purposes
- Drill bits
- Jigsaw blades
- Miscellaneous hand tools
- Hand files
- Sandpaper
- Foam cushions to be used for knee protection during race

Please Note:

You may NOT use your boat in the water after the event. ANY individual OR team that chooses to keep their boat after the event, must immediately take boat away from Dania Beach Pier. Otherwise, they are subject to possible school/organization forfeiture from future Plywood Regatta events.



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Rules

ONE team captain must be chosen (no mentors or volunteers, students only).

This team captain will be responsible for overall team behavior, as well as be the responsible party for thank-you card submission and supply pickup.

Please list this Team Captain on the registration form PRIOR to Saturday, April 14th.

Building Rules

- NO ADDITIONAL POWER TOOLS ALLOWED! (see materials list)
- Glasses/ safety goggles MUST be worn during use of power tools
- Only the allowed and supplied materials can be used
- Only 6-8 participants per team
- Mentors can only be involved on a limited basis
- No patterns, templates, or full size drawings may be used
- No motors, sails, or surfboards
- Decoration of boats must be complete on Saturday
- **All tie wraps must be completely covered by caulk or removed prior to racing
(NO EXPOSED SHARP EDGES!)**
- **Paint and caulking must be used in an appropriate manner. Any team member seen applying paint or caulk on anything other than their team boat will be carded resulting in a delay penalty during racing. Penalties are as follows:**
 - **First offense will be yellow card placed on boat- one boat length penalty at start**
 - **Second offense will be red card placed on boat- two boat lengths penalty at start**

Racing Rules

- Series of Qualifying Heats & Final Races
- Fastest boat per class moves on to the next heat
- Only two people from the building team per boat per race PLUS one pusher
- No misuse of paddles, including intimidation, hitting, or pushing off of other boats or people
- **Life jackets MUST be worn during the race**
- The judges' decisions are final
- Judges have the authority to disqualify a team if they see necessary.



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Conduct Rules

- Appropriate dress IS REQUIRED. Swimsuits may be worn UNDER your clothing, however, shirts and shorts MUST be worn over swimwear at all times on Saturday, and shorts must be worn over swimwear at all times on Sunday.
- Closed-toe shoes required.
- No cursing or foul language permitted.
- Paint is meant for the boats, NOT for your skin.

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- No stereos or iPod speakers. You may bring personal stereos or MP3 players with headphones.
 - NO alcoholic beverages allowed in the Plywood Regatta Boatyard or Race Area.
 - Unsafe practices and unsportsmanlike conduct will be stopped by the judges.
 - Judges have the authority to disqualify a team if they see necessary.
 - **DO NOT use the public restrooms. Port-A-Potties and a designated cleanup station are available.**
 - Please park ONLY in designated areas or face disqualification.

For additional information on registering, volunteering or becoming a sponsor, contact the Marine Industries Association of South Florida at 954-524-2733 or email info@miasf.org.



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Schedule

Saturday, April 14, 2018

7:00-8:00 a.m. Staging and unloading of supplies.

It is very important that you arrive early if you are the vehicle carrying your team's supplies. You will be limited in the time you have to unload your equipment, so we must work together in order to be successful.

8:00-8:10 a.m. Mentors' Meeting

8:10-8:30 a.m. Supply Distribution and Team Meeting

8:30 a.m. Building and Painting of Plywood Regatta Boats Commences

Sunset Building and Painting Ends

DECORATION OF YOUR BOAT MUST BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF THE DAY ON SATURDAY!

Sunday, April 15, 2018

8:00 a.m. Clean-up and Team Photos Begin

8:30 a.m. Boat Line Up and Team Photos Begin

9:30 a.m. Plywood Regatta Race Heats Begin

12:45 p.m. Group photo of all Plywood Regatta participants

1:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony

*** We give five Spirit Awards in addition to Division Places and Overall Places.*

Everyone has a chance to win, so stick around - you might need to CELEBRATE!

Please remember to bring money for food concessions and meter parking onsite.