



**Florida Sailing Association, Inc.
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***Notice of Meeting:* The ANNUAL MEETING of the Florida Sailing Association will be held Saturday, December 2, 2017, at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club, 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL, at 1000 hours, in the Card Room.**

The Florida Sailing Association promotes safe sailing, offers financial support for youth sailors of member organizations and serves as your voice with US Sailing as a member organization of Area D.

FSA's leadership has been listening to its constituents to understand the challenges and opportunities your organizations are facing: management, seasonal hiring issues, volunteers, making informed decisions on when to add/discard programs, training, expanding community partnerships, outreach opportunities, fundraising, maximizing your fleet(s), risk management...the list is endless.

Immediately following the business meeting (FSA), the US Sailing SE Regional Symposium will convene to provide a real-time platform for updates and networking. There is no cost to attend the Regional Symposium if you are a US Sailing/FSA member. Sailing organizations are invited to host these Symposiums (RSPS) held in the fall and spring. Requirements for hosting can be found at www.ussailing.org .

FSA offers these resources for your organizations:

- a. youth regatta reimbursement grant program
- b. regatta appeals process
- c. access to leadership and training opportunities
- d. real time information, including proposed legislation, that could impact your programs

Our work often dictates using electronic communication for expediency. Real time/Face time at the Annual Meeting is an opportunity for our organizations to share concerns, examine best practices and acquire advance notice of new training/programs in a collegial setting.

We extend a warm invitation to your organization to send at least one representative to the Annual Meeting. In addition to many of the topics noted earlier in this letter, we will also have an opportunity to preview conference sessions for US Sailing's conference -The Forum - February 1-3, and receive critical updates on risk management, Safe Sport requirements and training information from Safety at Sea & Race Administration.

Please RSVP for the meeting to: edisonsailing.webb@outlook.com .We look forward to hearing from you! Please visit our website: www.floridasailingassociation.org .