

2012 Wirth M. Munroe Invitational Yacht Race

The 56th Wirth Munroe Memorial Invitational Race was sailed December 7th, 2012. As usual it was run in partnership with the Sailfish Club of Florida. The Sailfish Club committee did the vast majority of the organization as well as timing and scoring the finish and providing the venue for the after race awards. The Florida Station Race Committee chaired by **Steve James** was responsible for the start of the race in Fort Lauderdale and provide the two CCA awards.

Buck Gillett provided his Legacy 42, *Witch*, as the start boat and **George Uznis** provided his Eastbay 38, *Chief*, as the pin boat. **Peter Bowker** acted as the PRO. **Peter Grimm, Sr.** organized the use of the LYC starting gear. Thanks very much to those gentlemen for their time and generosity without which we could not have performed our duties.

This year it was a difficult and stressful start for the committee as seconds before the beginning of the start sequence *Stark Raving Mad VII*, a Swan 601, tangled with the pin mark and *Icefire*, an IRC 52, got the pin mark anchor rode wrapped around their propeller. *Chief* was able to chase down the mark as it headed northeast toward Maine, retrieve the anchor and rode from *Icefire*, and reset the mark, all while the local fishermen were purposefully jamming the radio channel. The start was postponed only 10 minutes.

Vendaval, a Dufour 34, owned by Osar Valdes won the PHRF 1st Overall Trophy.

White Gold, a J44 MOD, owned by **Jim Bishop** won the First CCA Boat to Finish Trophy.