



BATTLE IN THE BAY

May 9, 2009



Sombrero Beach Marathon Florida Keys



"The credit belongs to those who are actually in the arena, who strive valiantly; who know the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spend themselves in a worthy cause; who at best, know the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if they fail, fail while daring greatly, so that their place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat."

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Return of Tropical Dragon Boat Racing!

Battle in the Bay Dragon Boat Festival is returning to the Florida Keys on May 9, 2009.

Premiering in 2006 at Truman Waterfront, Key West, the venue is moving 50 miles closer to the mainland.

Sombrero Beach in Marathon offers a pristine setting of soft sand, swaying palm trees and tropical breezes.

There are picnic benches, shade areas, a park, nice bathrooms, outdoor showers and stunning ocean side views. The beach is surrounded on two sides by water: the south side and the west side that is terrific for catching the famous Florida Keys' sunsets.

Youth Team Challenge

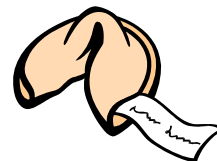
Dragon boat racing is a great sport for men and women of all ages and abilities. The important factor is to have a competitive spirit and the ability to work together. The skills learned in dragon boat racing extend into life with leadership, teamwork and physical fitness. For those reasons, we are actively recruiting youth teams.

Businesses interested in sponsoring a youth team receive rights to use Battle in the Bay name and official marks for advertising, marketing and promotional purposes; to have company name identification on team T-shirts, in race publications and website; VIP passes; sponsor supplied signage at the team tent.

For information on how to sponsor a youth team or form a team, contact Parlin Meyer, Team Coordinator, at (305) 942-9619 or email parlin_bill@yahoo.com.

Great White North is returning as the race day officials and is setting a 400-meter course parallel to the beach. The team entry fees have been reduced to just \$50 per person which consists of a 24 member team (20 paddlers, a drummer and 3 alternates.) Included in your registration are two 60 minute on water practices with a qualified coach, team T-shirts, a team photo, reserved spot in Athlete's Village and a guarantee that you will a minimum of three times during the regatta.

Discounts for out-of-county teams are being negotiated which include reduced room rates at area hotels, lower team entry fees and specials at area restaurants and attractions.



Fundraising Opportunities

We are excited to facilitate a community spirit including many local charities and non-profits in the fund raising opportunities available through Battle in the Bay Dragon Boat Festival.

Every dragon boat team is encouraged to gather pledges for a charity of your choice. A suggested minimum for each team member to collect is \$100. There is a grand prize awarded for the highest amount of money raised by an individual.

BCS (Breast Cancer Survivor) Teams are invited to participate in Battle in the Bay.