

The first regatta of the season was sponsored by the Davis Island Yacht Club. We launched from the west point beach. Our thanks go to the club and its staff for the gracious use of the facilities, pool, bar, etc. I need to point out that DIYC on that same Saturday had a Flying Scot regatta, our Laser regatta and the regular opti-420 Youth program practices plus some members sailing their big boats out there. In a world of news about the decreasing popularity of sailing, Davis Island YC shines with the right formula to promote sailing in all its forms.

We had a fantastic race committee group who worked in very trying conditions. Light, shifty winds from every direction and then none. We completed two races. The first race, had the windward mark to the East, the second race, the windward mark was to the West!! This is not Puerto Rico anymore. Thanks go to PRO Susie Crump and her signal boat assistants of Judy Hanlon (a rock star already conducting regattas) and Jed. The signal boat handled bottled waters to the sailors to keep us cool and refreshed on a very hot and light wind day. We also got our share of oreo cookies, chip ahoy cookies and some other cookies that contained no chocolate hence of no interest to me. The mark boat had an equally trying day, moving marks around, dispensing water bottles and bobbing about in the hot sun. They had shortened course duty, change of course duty, etc. Thanks Allison and Bob on "Dirty Blonde". They even towed David Greene and me back in at the end of the day.

The racing was very decent when we had it. We enjoyed two windward/leewards, twice around (the first race was "shortened course to only three legs), rounding to port. Eight sailors, no protests, no collisions. Three newcomers to the fleet graced us. Dan, David and Paul...welcome you guys!!

The awards presentation was held at the club's bar where it was cool and nice. Our "trinkets for awards" were presented to the top three finishers. Our ever "podium finisher" Buzzy took first place with two bullets, second place went to Dean with two second places and third place went to Chris with two thirds.....consistency pays! Note Eric had two fourths. The back end of the fleet had a lot more fun as we all traded places and rocked it out back there! Way to go back of the pack sailors, we rule!

Our next regatta is being coordinated. St Pete area. Mid June, stay tuned for more details. Tell your Laser sailing friends, we are back at it with a full schedule of fun, affordable (yeah we kept the ten dollars entry fee) racing, trinkets for awards, only a one day event, seniors/juniors and everything in between, as many races as we can push between 1300 and 1630, visiting different venues in the general Tampa Bay area and beyond (Sarasota in November!)

Suncoast Laser Regatta I May 19, 2012

Race	Race	Base	Throw	Final						
Place	Sail#	Name	1	2	Pts	out	Points	Prize		
1	181	131 Buzzy	Heausler		1	1	2	0	2	1

## The SunCoast Laser regattas are back

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2	197	107	Dean Carballal	2	2	4	0	4	2
3	191	958	Chris Jones	3	3	6	0	6	3
4	184	547	Eric Robbins	4	4	8	0	8	
5	155	456	Antolin Rivera	6	5	11	0	11	
6	143	295	Dan Kresge	5	6	11	0	11	
7	147	495	Paul Guidi	8	6	14	0	14	
8	191	958	David Greene	7	8	15	0	15	