

Run The River: Poker...Powerboats...Pirates...Plunder
Benefiting The Heights Foundation/The Heights Center
Saturday, October 3, 2020

Each participating boat navigates a carefully charted course, stopping at five checkpoints along the route to pick up a sealed envelope containing a single playing card. At each restaurant, participants will have the opportunity to purchase food and beverages. At the rendezvous point (St. Charles Yacht Club), the envelopes will be opened by the event staff and the individual holding the best poker hand is declared the winner of a \$2,500 cash prize!

Description

- The Poker Run is a boat rally where participants travel to different locations to pick up playing cards.
- This is a controlled event that promotes responsible boating. It is not a race. Participants will travel at their own speed and there is no benefit to being first at any of the card stops.
- The event can be enjoyed by participants and spectators.
- The proceeds benefit The Heights Foundation/The Heights Center, an organization that works to build strong, self-sufficient families in the Harlem Heights neighborhood of Fort Myers.

Instructions

- **All vessel captains (or representative) will be required to attend a captain's meeting at St. Charles Yacht Club (15900 St Charles Harbour Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33908), Friday, October 2, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**
- There is no specific start time on Saturday. Card locations are open from 11:30 am to 3:15 pm.
- Vessels can visit the locations in any order.
- Each player will receive one card in a sealed envelope for every location visited on the run.
The envelopes must remain sealed. Any opened envelopes will not be accepted.
- Players must turn in envelopes at St. Charles Yacht Club no later than 4:30 p.m.
- Once the players return to St. Charles Yacht Club, they will proceed to the poker hand registration table with their sealed envelopes. Envelopes will be opened and their hand logged.
- Players will have the opportunity to "buy" extra cards in return for a cash donation: \$50 for each additional card.
- Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third best hands.
- Additional prizes will be awarded for:
 - Best decorated pirate vessel
 - Best pirate – individual
 - Best pirates – crew
 - Worst poker hand

Poker Run Regulations

1. Personal flotation devices, a/k/a life jackets are mandatory for everyone on board a participating vessel.
2. Captains are prohibited from consuming alcohol during the Poker Run. Additionally, it is recommended that no alcohol be consumed in, on, or around the participating vessels during the Poker Run.
3. Each participating vessel should maintain a safety zone of at least a two hundred (200) hundred feet radius when the participating vessel is not in idle speed.

4. When the participating vessel is not in idle speed, pick a lane (or bearing) and remain in said lane (or on such bearing). When changing course, first confirm ability to do so, and then act accordingly. Your participating vessel must not "cut off" other boats, whether participating in the Poker Run or not, or be the cause of emergency reaction on the part of other boats.
5. The areas around each participating stop shall be considered NO WAKE ZONES. All participating vessels shall keep their wake to a minimum and operate at idle speed when operating near a participating stop. All other official NO WAKE ZONES are clearly labeled and must be adhered to.
6. The Poker Run is NOT a race. At no time during the Poker Run should racing occur between/among participating vessels.
7. Each vessel must carry either a functional cellular telephone or a VHF radio in working condition.
8. All participating vessels must obey all federal, state, and local laws, e.g., possessing the required safety equipment on the vessel. It is the responsibility of the participating vessel's driver to familiarize themselves and the occupants of the participating vessels of these laws. In the event law enforcement or the United States Coast Guard tickets a participating vessel for reckless driving, said participating vessel shall be immediately disqualified and their entry fees forfeit.
9. The driver of each participating vessel is responsible for all occupants and their actions. Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by parent or legal guardian.
10. Each participant must have in force valid and sufficient liability insurance for the participating vessel, passengers, and crew. Drivers are to determine at their own discretion if their own vessel is seaworthy for current conditions and potential conditions that arise during the Poker Run.
11. No occupant of a participating vessel may not sit and/or lie on top of a sundeck or sunpad while the boat is in motion.
12. It is the responsibility of each Captain to read and understand these rules prior to participating in the Poker Run. Except as provided above, any violation of the above rules and regulations may result in the immediate disqualification of the entire participating vessel or the forfeiture of poker hands for the violating party(ies). Disqualification or forfeiture decision will be made by the Event Director. The Event Director may also consult with local law enforcement and/or the United States Coast Guard in reaching a conclusion. In the event of forfeiture of poker hands or disqualification of the participating vessel, no refunds will be given, all card hands aboard the participating vessel will be forfeited (in the event of a disqualification), and no occupants on the participating vessel will be allowed to attend the Poker Party at the St. Charles Yacht Club.
13. COVID safety policies are in effect. See event waiver.
14. All participants must sign a waiver.

Run The River Registration Form

Captain's Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Email: _____ Boat Length: _____

Address: _____ City/ST/Zip: _____

Boat Name: _____ Boat Make: _____

Vee Cat Pontoon Total HP: _____

Insurance Policy Information / Insurance Co:

Agent Name & Phone#: _____

Insurance Policy#: _____

Participant Information

Captain and 3 Crew: \$1,000 Includes 4 poker hands & entry to party at St. Charles Yacht Club

Names:

1 _____ 3 _____

2 _____ 4 _____

To complete your registration E-mail completed Registration form and signed Waiver to:

karen@heightsfoundation.org