



MEDIA RELEASE

CHARLOTTE HARBOR YACHT CLUB TO HOST THE 2018 2019 2.4mR CanAm Championship Series

PUNTA GORDA/ENGLEWOOD BEACH, Fla. (November 14, 2018) – The Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club is proud to announce that Charlotte Harbor has been selected as the host site for the 2018 2019 2.4mR CanAm Regatta Series. The events will take place starting on December 4th with the North American Championship followed by the US National Championships as part of the CanAm Championship Series. Registration, vessel launching and social events will take place at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club (CHYC) located at 4400 Lister Street in Port Charlotte.

What are the 2.4mR sailboats? According to the 2.4mR USA, “the 2.4 meter is perhaps the best, most fun single-handed boat you will ever sail. It can be tactical, technical, and fast as you want it to be. This 2.4m class includes former Americas Cup sailors, one-design champions, disabled sailors, cruising class sailors and people of all ages and genders who love to sail”.

CHYC has a strong history hosting 2.4mR events as they hosted the “Pre-Worlds” for the 2.4mR class in December 2011 leading up to the IFDS Disabled Sailing World Championships hosted by Charlotte Harbor Regatta, Inc. in January 2012. Following up on that success, CHYC created the 2.4mR CanAm Series which included over 13 boats competing in multiple races from December 2016-April 2017. The 2.4mR Western Hemisphere Championships was held this past February.

The regatta dates are:

Dec 4-5 ,2018	US North Americans CanAm # 1
Dec 7-9,2018	US Nationals CanAm # 2
Jan 26-27, 2019	Edge Midwinters CanAm # 3
Feb 23-24, 2019	CanAm # 4
March 29 - 31, 2019	CanAm Finale # 5

Come out on the water by 10:30 each day of the regattas and tune your radio to channel 68 and listen to the informational discussions between the Committee Boat, Mark Boats, and Safety Boats. The 2018 2019 2.4mR CanAm Regatta Series promises fun filled and challenging racing! See former Olympian's returning to Charlotte Harbor to mix it up with spirited, smart and competitive racers. In fact, CHYC's very own Club Member Tony Pocklington, and one of their newest members Dee Smith, who represented USA in the 2016 Summer Paralympics in Rio, will be among the racers. In their December races, out of the 20 participating boats, 5 were sailed by Para-Olympian's from Norway, Canada, and the US. Internationally recognized sailors in our own backyard...it just doesn't get any better!

ABOUT PUNTA GORDA / ENGLEWOOD BEACH

Located halfway between Tampa and Naples on the Southwest Florida Gulf Coast, Punta Gorda /Englewood Beach is a charming collection of nine coastal communities surrounding the state's second largest harbor. Florida's premier year-round eco-tourism destination, the area offers a pristine unspoiled beauty. In 2014, Port Charlotte was named the top "U.S. Best Value Destination" by Trivago (the world's largest online hotel search site), and the Charlotte Sports Park, spring training home of the Tampa Bay Rays, was voted "Best Spring Training Facility" by readers of USA TODAY. A haven for outdoor enthusiasts, Punta Gorda / Englewood Beach has been named one of SAIL magazine's "10 Greatest Places to Sail in the United States," ranked by Golf Digest as "Third Best Place to Live and Play Golf in America," and rated by MONEY magazine as one of the "Best Places to Live in the South."

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