



In A division Nick Voss (12th grade) skippered with his sister, Kara Voss (9th) to a nearly perfect all first place, one 4th for Immaculata La Salle HS. Second in A was another brother-sister team, sophomores Kyle Sawers from Lakewood HS, with his crew Sarah sailing race 1-6 and Teddy Nohren (10) crewing the last 2 races. For St. Thomas Aquinas, Zach Kelchner (12) skippered to a 3rd in A division with crew Andrea Tardif (12) for race 1-4 and Chanel Miller (10) for race 5-8.

In B division, senior, Caroline Wright skippered with Megan Place (11) crewing for first place with 17 points. H.B. Plant, junior, Trey Lehan and freshman crew; Claire Abbeger finished second. Will Stocke (11) and Matt Dowd (10) sailed to third in B division representing Sarasota High School. St. Thomas Aquinas had a JV half team for B division that had a respectable 4th place finish, skippered by Dominique Wright (9) with crew Alex Washofsky (12).

The B division showed how important it was because the finishing order was the same as the top 3 teams overall: St. Thomas Aquinas, H.B.Plant, Sarasota HS. Fourth place ended in a tie between Ransom Everglades and Lakewood HS, with Lakewood edging ahead by virtue of the second tiebreaker: the A division 1st place finish in the last race. LaSalle was a very respectable 6th, considering they had no B division. Coral Shores welcomed their first year into HS sailing with a 7th. Mast Academy from Miami is back for 8th, and St. Pete High finished 9th. St. Thomas JV was 10th. I offered the last place team tickets to the Miami Dolphins game but there were no takers.

Special thanks:

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- the coaches for stepping up and hearing protest and generally helping out, including the current winning America's Cup Skipper, Ed Baird.
- the parents for making sure the place was cleaned up when we left.
- All of the competitors for having a good time and getting in the water to save the boats during the change of rotation.
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- Vice-Commodore Dave Rulien, and LYC member Jeff Eckland for coming by and lending support for HS sailing throughout the year.
- Gulf Stream Sailing Club and their commodore, Chris Woolsey for generously offering the use of their facility to store our boats and their site for racing.
- The city of Hollywood Parks and Recreation, for the nice, clean facility with power, shelter, the observation tower, and running water.
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- Ransom Everglades for towing extra 420s and providing a Brian Fink to set the marks.
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