

Subject: St. Pete NOODs February 2007
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Nelson,

I have received several inquiries regarding Logistics for the St. Pete NOODS in Feb 2007. I have done a little digging and wanted to suggest the following...perhaps you could POST on the Website as appropriate.

Whether coming to St. Pete NOODS in February via Land or Water from Key West or some other location....there are several logistics options available in and around St. Pete for storage and launching. One option is working with Big Dog Marine (www.bigdogmarine.com) and Ed Bahen. Ed is located here in St. Petersburg and has worked on several J105's here coming in and out of the water, storage, bottom work, rigging, etc. He and I spoke recently...and he is prepared to work with boats coming to St. Pete in Land side storage, launching, repair work, etc. Along with the website, you can reach him at 727 204 6483. I know he has a land side storage lot in place here...and plans to have Crane service and docking help to get boats in and out of the water.

While racing...all dockage is complimentary at St. Pete Yacht Club. (www.spyc.org) What we have done historically...is rafted up all the 105's together...the Basin where the Yacht Club is...is very protected. You can bring your boat in to SPYC as early as Wednesday (I believe)...and I know that there will be several out practicing and literally "warming up" for the NOOD regatta which will begin on Friday.

As far as coming to Key West with your boats...there are several boats planning on traveling the 30 - 35 hours on the Water...from KW to St. Petersburg. If boats are interested in staying in the water...the local fleet and I will work to find suitable locations for dockage between the two regattas...and bottom cleaning, etc. If interested on leaving the rig in the boat and pulling out to "the hard"...Big Dog Marine/Ed will be working to secure storage options for trailers and boats or just boats near local lifts. Right now...I know of 3 - 5 boats making the trip North from KW after Race Week...so getting a group together for the trip should be easily handled. In talking to Ed...any information on who is coming and how...will help him make sure space is secured.

Finally...My wife Dee and I are planning to host a VERY CASUAL J105 Skipper/Crew/Significant other...and FRIENDs party for one of the nights of the regatta. We live about 10 - 15 minutes from the St. Petersburg Yacht Club...on the Intercoastal Waterway in Treasure Island. I will forward more details...as we get closer.

Looking forward to seeing all our fellow J105 sailors in February at St. Petersburg NOODS.

Steve