



SONS OF NORWAY 2018 Zone 5 Spring Fest Regatta Clay County, FL April 20/21



Make your plans now to attend a fun-filled District 3 Zone 5 Regatta weekend in Clay County, Florida, just a stone's throw from Jacksonville. Hosted by the award-winning Gateway to Florida Lodge, host of the 2014 International Convention in Jacksonville, this will be an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. With events combined into two days, this Regatta promises to be a weekend of friendship and camaraderie. The Florida lodges are well known throughout Sons of Norway for their long-standing regattas. The fun starts late Friday afternoon with a casual and relaxing welcome reception at the hotel and then dinner on your own at a collection of diverse near-by restaurants. Guests can start their Saturday with breakfast at the hotel before the regatta and conclude the official regatta weekend with a self – pay dinner at Whitey's Fish Camp now in its 40th year. There are many activities in between with a luncheon and zone meeting at Camp Chowenwaw Park and the Memorial Service at a church very close to our evening dinner.

Friday Evening Reception

Your weekend begins with old and new friends at the Hospitality Room at the Courtyard by Marriott Jacksonville/Orange Park from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with assorted heavy appetizers and beverages. The donation is \$20 pre-registered and adult beverages available for a modest donation. Dinner choices at area restaurants are abundant.

Saturday Breakfast, Lunch, Zone Meeting

Start your Saturday with breakfast in the hotel bistro before driving down US 17 to Camp Chowenwaw Park about 20 minutes from the hotel. Following the Regatta, lunch will be catered with sandwiches/salads, etc. by a local restaurant served in the Kiwita Nature Center, one of the buildings at the Camp. Cost of lunch is \$15. A zone meeting will be conducted following the lunch to which all attendees are welcome.

The Regatta, 1517 Ball Road, Green Cove Springs, FL

The friendly but highly competitive Regatta will be held at Camp Chowenwaw Park at the mouth of Black Creek near its confluence with the St. Johns River close to historic Green Cove Springs. The standard regatta schedule will be followed with the Captain's meeting at 10 a.m. and the races to follow. Preliminary heats are scheduled with mixed crews. The Regatta is free and open to the public. Attendees may want to bring a lawn chair.

Memorial Service, Crossroads Lutheran Church, 5101 Lakeshore Drive West, Fleming Island

The Zone Memorial Service will be held at 4:30 p.m. with Pastor Ida Iverson conducting the service, assisted by Zone Director Ingrid Hammen. The church is about 15 minutes from the hotel and very close to Whitey's Fish Camp where the Sat. evening dinner is being held. Zone 5 members who have departed to Lodge Eternal the past two years will be remembered.

Saturday Dinner

After this very full weekend, kick back and enjoy a relaxing dinner at Whitey's Fish Camp, 2032 County Road 220, Fleming Island where we will have the outdoor patio that faces Swimming Pen Creek. Whitey's began in 1963 when it consisted of a tackle shop with nine bar stools, a toaster oven, soft drinks, beer and sandwiches. Today it is well known in the North Florida area. This self-pay dinner will be a wonderful culmination to the regatta weekend but we must know that you are planning to attend.

Hotel Accommodations, 610 Wells Road, Orange Park, FL

For our out-of-town guests planning to stay Friday and/or Saturday nights, rooms are reserved at the Courtyard by Marriott Jacksonville/Orange Park. The Courtyard is located conveniently off I-295 and close to all points of interest in south Jacksonville and Orange Park. The per night room rate is \$109 plus tax. These are non-smoking rooms. The hotel number is 904-854-1500. **Room reservations must be picked up and guaranteed by credit card by April 13.** All guest rooms feature complimentary Wi-Fi, refrigerator, microwave and complimentary parking. A unique feature is Starbucks located in the hotel lobby and available 24/7. They will provide extra parking for the Viking boats. To book your reservations, click the link here: [Book your group rate for Sons of Norway](#)



About Camp Chowenwaw

This former Girls Scouts Camp operated for over 70 years on a beautiful 150-acre site at the mouth of Black Creek, near the confluence with the St. Johns River. The original cabins and the Big Cabin were built with federal aid using logs cut on site. The camp opened July 1, 1933. The Camp has played an important role in the lives of three generations of young women in Northeast Florida. Thousands of campers have stayed at the camp. In 2006 Clay County purchased the camp from the Girl Scouts. It is now a public park offering a variety of recreation including trails with interpretive signs, camp sites, education buildings, fishing pier, canoe launch, picnic pavilions, swimming pool, volleyball court, outdoor classroom, museum and play group. The park is managed as a conservation, historic preservation and outdoor recreation area.

For Regatta questions call Eugene Yerkes at (H) 904-268-9924 or (C) 904-476-8885. For the special events, contact Kent Larson at 904-614-7111 or Marci Larson @ 904-307-2888.

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING FORM
SONS OF NORWAY District 3 Zone 5 Spring Fest Regatta
Friday and Saturday, April 20-21, 2018

I (we) plan to attend the Friday evening reception. Donation is \$20 per person for heavy appetizers and select beverages for a modest donation.

NAME(S): _____

I (we) plan to attend the Saturday lunch. Cost is \$15.

NAME(S): _____

I (We) plan to attend the Sat. dinner at Whitey's Fish Camp (self-pay)

NAME(S): _____

I (we) plan to stay at the Courtyard by Marriott

NAME(S): _____

Contact Info:

Email: _____

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Please return this form to Kent with your check made payable to SON Gateway to Florida Lodge:

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2018 SONS OF NORWAY ZONE 5 SPRING FEST MAP

