



*A CRA Update from Bill John
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After a great deal of thought, consideration and discussion, the CRA Board of Directors decided with many regrets to cancel our planned 2018 Tavares Spring and Fall Thunder Regattas. If you submitted membership dues in the last few months and your checks have not been cashed, we are returning them to you due to the cancellation of these events.

Before the events were cancelled the Board considered several factors, including:

1. The destruction of the docks at Wooton Park due to last September's Hurricane Irma. The docks have not been rebuilt yet, and are not expected to be completed until 2019.
2. With no docks, we were very concerned about the need for many extra in-the-water volunteers required to launch, hold and retrieve the boats.
3. Issues arose concerning our sanction for the events from the APBA Vintage and Historic Division.

But the good news is that CRA is alive and well and will be back in 2019 with our Tavares Spring and Fall Thunder Regattas when the Wooton Park docks are rebuilt, we strengthen our volunteer force and if APBA will grant us a sanction. Please be aware that our large Tavares Regattas, running all the vintage and classic classes with well over 60 boats requires an army of volunteers. So please consider volunteering and come join all the fun at our grand celebrations of vintage and classic race boats.

Other CRA events will continue such as our Monthly Fun Runs & Gatherings, as they are attracting more boats and potential volunteers for our regattas and boat shows. Our CRA classic race boats also have been invited to participate at the prestigious Amelia Island Festival of Speed event and Tavares Sunnyland Boat Show.

In closing, the future of CRA is bright. Check our Website for all the up-dates!!!

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