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FANTASY SAIL WEEKEND WITH GARY JOBSON GOES TO FLORIDA THIS WINTER



FT. MYERS, FL - (April 2008) - Offshore Sailing School will host the Fantasy Sail Leukemia Cup Challenge on **December 13, 2008 at Pink Shell Beach Resort and Spa in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida.** Fantasy Sail is an annual event held for those who raise a minimum of \$8,500 by organizing, promoting or participating in a Leukemia Cup Regatta to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS).

The 2008 Fantasy Sail Weekend is returning to Pink Shell Beach Resort and Spa to sail on 10 Colgate 26 sailboats donated by Offshore Sailing School. "This is the second time we have had the privilege to host this special event," says Steve Colgate, who founded Offshore in 1964. "In 2004, we had a

fabulous time with Gary, the wonderful LLS staff, and 100 very impressive sailors and their families," he explained. "They are not only good sailors, but so dedicated to funding research to cure Leukemia and Lymphoma."

Jobson to Speak at St. Charles Yacht Club.

Gary Jobson, spokesperson for the Leukemia Cup Regattas, is planning to arrive December 11 to give one of his exciting talks to members and guests of the St. Charles Yacht Club in Ft. Myers. "Gary is a fabulous entertainer," says Doris Colgate, CEO and President of Offshore Sailing School. "I know everyone will be inspired by this special evening."

The Fantasy Sail Weekend officially starts at 3:30 p.m. Friday, December 12, with fund-raising workshops and a welcome party. Saturday, December 13, racing will start at 9 a.m. with an awards party and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The Fantasy Sail Leukemia Cup Challenge is a series of races held on the Gulf of Mexico, visible from the beach and spacious lanais of the resort's waterfront suites. During each race, Jobson sails on a different boat, sharing his expertise and fun-loving wit. With racing in two flights, members of the St. Charles Yacht Club in Ft. Myers have offered to provide VIP boats for those waiting for their turn to race, spectators and press.

Performance Workshops and Courses to Benefit LLS. This year, Offshore Sailing School is offering two tune-up workshops with expert instructors on its Colgate 26 fleet. Each three-hour workshop covers getting to know the Colgate 26, go-fast adjustments, a lot of spinnaker work plus upwind and downwind techniques and tactics. 50% of the \$395 per person fee will be given to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



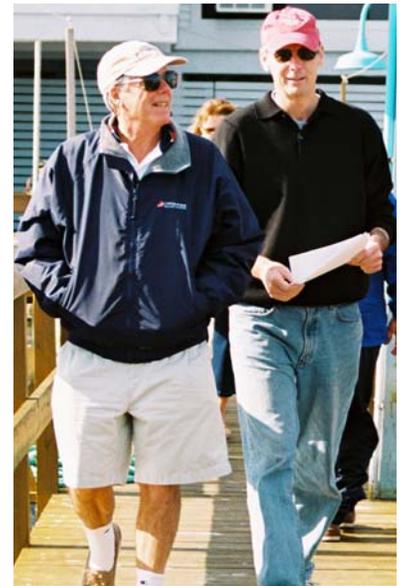
2004 Fantasy Sail Race finish off the Pink Shell Resort with Jobson on lead boat

In addition, the school is offering its five-day Learn to Sail, Performance and Bareboat Cruising courses at a \$200 off the regular tuition to Fantasy Sail participant families who might want to come in a week early or stay a week later. 50% of the per person discounted tuitions will also go to LLS, amounting to \$597.50 or \$647.50 depending on course chosen. Accommodations during these periods are extra but can be booked by Offshore.

The Performance Workshops presented by Offshore Sailing School will be held Thursday 1:30-4:30 p.m. and again Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Reservations for these must be received in advance. Offshore Sailing School **Learn to Sail, Performance and Bareboat Cruising Preparation courses start Monday morning** and finish the following Friday afternoon. Again, advance reservations are required. For those staying for one of these courses, Sunday is a free day to explore the area which boasts beautiful beaches and golf courses, the famed Edison-Ford Museum along the Caloosahatchee River, Ding Darling Wildlife Sanctuary and Shell Museum on Sanibel, and exciting Everglades Tours.

Gary Jobson, who was diagnosed with lymphoma in 2003 and is now cancer-free, is a recipient of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's 2004 Spiral of Life award. He has been national chairman of The Leukemia Cup Regatta since 1994. A world class sailor, television commentator, author and corporate advisor based in Annapolis, Maryland, Jobson has won many championships in one-design classes, the America's Cup with Ted Turner in 1977, the infamous Fastnet Race and many of the world's ocean races. He has also led ambitious expeditions to the Arctic, Antarctica and Cape Horn.

In 1999, Jobson won the Nathanael G. Herreshoff Trophy, awarded annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the sport of sailing in the United States. In 2003, Jobson was inducted into the America's Cup Hall of Fame. He has been ESPN's sailing commentator since 1985, produces more than 30 shows per year and was part of the broadcast team that covered sailing events at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece and in 2008 in Beijing, China. In 1988, Jobson won an Emmy for his coverage of yachting at the Olympics in South Korea.



Colgate and Jobson in 2004

Jobson has given lectures around the world over the past 25 years, has authored 15 sailing books and is editor-at-large of *Sailing World* and *Cruising World* magazines. His latest published book is *A Cats: A Century of Tradition*, a look at a class of wooden catboats unique to New Jersey's Barnegat Bay.

Offshore Sailing School offers courses from Learn to Sail through Ocean Passage Making, plus Performance and Racing courses. Five locations operate year-round in Tortola, British Virgin Islands and four Florida campuses which include Pink Shell Beach Resort & Spa on Ft. Myers Beach, South Seas Island Resort on Captiva Island, the Mansion House in St. Petersburg, Hawk's Cay Resort in the Keys. Three more are seasonal: The Inn at Perry Cabin in St. Michaels, Maryland; Liberty Landing Marina, Jersey City, New Jersey; and Chelsea Piers, New York City.

For information on Fantasy Sail, visit www.leukemicup.org. For information and reservations in the Performance Workshops prior to Fantasy Sail and courses available at discount for Fantasy Sail participants and their families, please call Offshore Sailing School at 800-221-4326, www.offshoresailing.com.

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