

HOTEL RATES AND ACCOMMODATIONS

We have negotiated **group rates** at a number of hotels within walking distance of SPYC. We encourage you to book early as rooms fill up quickly during the spring season in St. Petersburg. Please identify yourself as being with the Thistle Regatta. It is possible that you can get better rates on your own using various points or club rates such as AAA.

1. PONCE DE LEON (Erica Lill), 95 Central Avenue, 727-550-9300, Conference # 40973. 15 rooms, \$89 Full, \$99 Queen, rates expire 1/27/09, Parking \$7 all day.

2. HAMPTON INN (John Backe), 80 Beach Drive NE, 727-892-9900, 20 rooms, \$194, rates expire 1/27/09, Parking \$10 all day, Continental Breakfast, Pool.

3. PIER HOTEL (Jane Hutnell), 253 2nd Avenue N, 727-822-7500, 15 rooms, \$149, rates expire 1/27/09, Free Parking, Continental Breakfast, Wine/beer Happy Hour.

4. COURTYARD MARRIOTT (Sherry Young), 300 4th Street N, 727-450-6200, 15 rooms, \$149(2 queens or one king bed), rates expires 1/29/09, Parking \$10 all day, Guest Laundry, Free downtown shuttle, Full Breakfast \$9.95, Pool.

5. HOTEL INDIGO, FORMERLY HERITAGE HOLIDAY INN (Sherry Richards) 234 3rd Avenue N, 727-822-4814, 15 rooms, \$189, rates expire 1/28/09, Free Parking, Continental Breakfast, Happy Hour, Pool.

Two motels that have been popular in the past are the **BEST WESTERN GATEWAY INN** 6638 4th Street N, 727-525-1800, and the **COMFORT INN**, 2260 54th Avenue N, 727-362-0075. At this time, they are unable to give us a group rate but you may try them later in the year.

If you prefer to camp, there is the spectacular **FT. DESOTO CAMPGROUND** on Tierra Verde. There are 236 sites for tents or RV's and most are within ten feet of the water. The rate for tents, pop-ups and vans is \$33.60 and for RV's is \$39.20 This rate includes full hook-ups, showers and laundry.

Please get further information at 727-893-9185 or their website:

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/park>. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED 6 MONTHS TO THE DAY BEFORE YOU WISH TO ARRIVE. The campground fills up almost instantly. They advise the best way is to make reservations online at 12:01 AM . For example if you are arriving February 27, 2009, you need to make reservations at 12:01 AM August 27, 2008.