

Sarasota Powerboat Grand Prix Festival Coming Up

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”

Mother Teresa



Soon the 4th of July weekend will be upon us and that means speed on the water with the Sarasota Powerboat Grand Prix Festival. Many equate the event with the races but it is much, much, more. It’s a week-long gala with something entertaining for all ages. From golf to fishing, to fireworks the event has something for everyone.

Produced by Suncoast Charities for Children the festival has a significant impact on our community and the ability for Suncoast Charities for Children to support local causes. This is a festival that continues to grow significantly each year.

Documented by Research Data Services the economic impact of the festival grew from \$14.3 million in 2012 to \$37.1 million in 2016. Hotel room nights echoed the same growth, increasing from 13,630 nights in 2012 to 18,300 in 2016. Hold on for this year’s figures as the event brings back the wet pits and viewing area at the 10th Street boat ramp in Centennial Park.

Suncoast Charities for Children still needs volunteers and event sponsors. If you are interested in getting involved call (941) 487-7904.

We will see you there!

Ed Bertha

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