



## PRSA Spring Regatta

May 25-26, 2019

Washington Sailing Marina, Alexandria, VA

Event website: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/18980>

### NOTICE OF RACES

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The Potomac River Sailing Association will organize the Spring Regatta on the Potomac River from the Washington Sailing Marina in Alexandria, VA.
- 1.2 These races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 All class-legal boats in one-design classes 20' or under are invited to participate. Classes of 5 or more boats will be started separately. Starts for classes of fewer than 5 boats may be combined with the start of another class.
- 2.2 All competitors must register, sign the waiver of liability, and pay the entry fee at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/18980>. Online registration and payment is required in order to be scored for the regatta.
- 2.3 Competitors are encouraged to register on or before Monday, May 20 in order to receive the reduced entry fee.

#### 3. ENTRY FEES (on or before Monday, May 20 / after Monday, May 20)

- 3.1 Lower course classes (Saturday only): \$35/\$45
  - Lasers, Penguins, El Toros (1 dinner ticket)
- 3.2 Upper course classes (2 days of racing)
  - Albacore, Buccaneer, Hobie 16, I-20, Isotope, WETA (2 dinner tickets): \$50/\$60
  - Lightning, Flying Scot (3 dinner tickets): \$60/\$70
- 3.3 These fees include dinner tickets for skipper and crew for Saturday. PRSA will also provide beverages after racing on Saturday and Sunday, as well as light appetizers after racing on Sunday. Additional dinner tickets for Saturday can be purchased for \$15 each via the regatta network registration page (please purchase additional dinner tickets in advance so we can be sure to have sufficient food on hand!).

#### 4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Lower course classes – as many races as conditions and time allow.

Saturday:

Check-in between 1000 and 1100

Skipper's meeting at 1100

First warning signal at 1200, no warning signal after 1530

Awards as soon as possible after the last race

Dinner at 1730 or as soon as possible after racing

- 4.2 Upper course classes – as many races as conditions and time allow.

Saturday:

Check-in on Saturday between 0900 and 1000

Skipper's meeting at 1000

First warning signal at 1130

No warning signal after 1530

Dinner at 1730 or as soon as possible after racing

Sunday:

First warning signal is again at 1130

No warning signal after 1530

Awards and light appetizers as soon as possible following the last race

#### 5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be posted to the the regatta website prior to the regatta.

#### 6. VENUE

- 6.1 The Washington Sailing Marina is located at [1 Marina Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22314](#), just off of the George Washington Parkway about 1.5 miles south of Reagan National Airport and a similar distance north of Old Town Alexandria.

- 6.2 Marina Entry: Registered participants bringing boats from outside the marina on Saturday morning will receive a special gate code for the marina gate (this will be emailed via Regatta Network to registered competitors). Please only use this code for **one** car and **one** entry each day as PRSA will be charged for each use of the code. Crew and/or additional vehicles beyond your tow vehicle should park outside the gated drysail area in the free parking area near Triple Craft Restaurant.

- 6.3.1 Upper course: Classes scheduled to sail Saturday and Sunday (Albacores, Buccaneers, I-20s, Lightnings, and Multihulls) will sail off of Hains Point.

- 6.3.2 Lower course: Classes scheduled to sail Saturday only ( Lasers, Penguins, and El Toros) will sail in the cove near Washington Sailing Marina or off of the power plant just south of WSM.

#### 7. SCORING

- 7.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

- 7.2 If fewer than 5 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2. If 5 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

- 7.3 For the Lightning class, any boat sailing short-handed (fewer than 3 people) will be assessed a 1-point penalty in each race sailed short-handed

## 8. AWARDS

- 8.1 Awards will be given to each member of the winning crews. The depth of awards in a class will vary from 1 to 4 according to the expected number of registered competitors in the class.
- 8.2 The Len Penso award will be conferred on the skipper age 50 and over who beats the most boats in his or her class.
- 8.3 The Katherine Hearst award will be conferred on the woman who beats the most boats in her class.

## 9. SUSTAINABILITY

PRSA has joined the race to restore the health of our waterways with the [Sailors for the Sea Clean Regattas Program](#). Protecting our natural resources (including National Parks such as Washington Sailing Marina and the surrounding waters) and our local waters is very important to us. We ask for your help in this effort at the PRSA Spring Regatta. In particular, we ask that you:

- Use reusable rather than single-use water bottles.
- Ensure that recycling and trash is separated properly before disposing of waste (please take note of the separate recycling bins for cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard in the dinner area; food waste should be placed in the trash).
- Print one copy of the Sailing Instructions for yourself in advance using double-sided printing if you wish to have a hard copy of the SIs (we will only have a few extra hard copies available at the regatta).
- Consider a water only washdown for your boat following the event.

## 10. SPECTATOR CRUISE

Thanks to the generosity of [DC Sail](#) and the National Maritime Heritage Foundation we are able to offer a spectator cruise aboard the historic 65' schooner [American Spirit](#) on Saturday, May 25. Spectator cruise tickets are \$20/person. The *American Spirit* will depart from the SW Waterfront at 1130 and will offer spectators views of the racing on the PRSA upper course (between Gravelly Point and Hains Point) as part of a Potomac River cruise that will last until approximately 3:00 pm.

Visit the regatta website for additional information and for ticket purchase:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/18980>

## 11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, "Decision to Race." The Potomac River Sailing Association will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## 12. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact Regatta Chair Ben Arthur ([bjarthur70@gmail.com](mailto:bjarthur70@gmail.com)), PRSA Commodore Kyra Tallon ([kytallon@gmail.com](mailto:kytallon@gmail.com)), or visit the regatta website:

<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/18980>.