

PRSA President's Cup Regatta

September 16-17, 2017
Potomac River Sailing Association
Washington Sailing Marina, Alexandria VA



NOTICE OF RACES

1 RULES

These races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in 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/15372>. Online registration and payment is required in order to be scored for the regatta.
- 2.3 Competitors are encouraged to register on or before September 11 to receive the early registration discount.

3. ENTRY FEES (paid on or before September 11 / on or after September 12)

- El Toro, Laser, Penguin: \$35 / \$45 (1 dinner ticket)
- Albacore, Buccaneer, Hobie 16, Inland-20, Isotope, WETA: \$45 / \$55 (2 dinner tickets)
- Lightning, Flying Scot: \$55 / \$65 (3 dinner tickets)

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 \$10 each via the regatta network registration page. Please purchase additional dinner tickets in advance so we can be sure to have sufficient food & drink on hand!

4.1 COURSES

The racing will be conducted on two courses.

The Laser, Penguin, and El Toro classes will compete on the *lower course on Saturday only*.

The remaining classes will compete on the *upper course on Saturday and Sunday*.

4.2 SCHEDULE

Saturday

Check-in with RC at the skipper's meeting and pick up merchandise you have purchased.

Skipper's meeting: 1000 (near the launch cranes)

First warning signal: 1130 (both courses); as many races as time allows to follow

Dinner: 1700

Sunday

First warning signal: 1130 (both courses); as many races as time allows to follow

No warning signal after 1500 (both courses)

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

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be posted to the regatta website a few days before the regatta: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15372>. In keeping with the PRSA Sustainability Initiative (see section 9, below) we will have only a limited number of hard copies available. Please print your SIs in advance if you would like a hard copy.

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: Participants bringing boats from outside the marina on Saturday morning will need to pay a \$10 fee using a credit card or cash to open the automatic gate.

6.3.1 Upper Course: the upper course will be set between between Gravelly Point and Hains Point off the north end of the airport runway.

6.3.2 Lower Course: the lower course may be set in the cove near Washington Sailing Marina or on the Potomac River south and east of the airport landing pier.

6.3.3 Course Assignments: the assignment of each class to the upper or lower course will be announced at the skipper's meeting on Saturday.

7. SCORING

7.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

7.2 If 5 or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2. If 6 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8. AWARDS

8.1 Awards will be given to each member of the winning crews. Depth of awards in each class will be based on the number of registered boats in each class.

8.2 The Norman C. Schaller Memorial Trophy will be conferred to the skipper with the fewest points in the largest fleet among fleets of 10 or more boats.

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 our local waters (including the Potomac River) is very important to us. We ask for your help in this effort at the PRSA President's Cup. 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, September 16. Spectator cruise tickets are \$20/person, or \$25/person for a combined cruise & BBQ ticket good for admittance to the PRSA Saturday post-race BBQ at Washington Sailing Marina. The *American Spirit* will depart from the SW Waterfront at 11:30 am and will offer spectators views of the racing on the PRSA upper course (between Gravelly Point and Hains Point) as part of a 3-hour Potomac River cruise. Visit the regatta website (<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15372>) for additional information and for ticket purchase.

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 our regatta chair, Nabeel Alsalam, at nabeel.alsalam@gmail.com or visit the regatta website: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15372>.