

2017 Pumpkin Patch Regatta

October 14-15

West River Sailing Club



NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, together with prescriptions of the US Sailing, 505, A-Class Catamaran, Nacra 20, F16, F18, and CBYRA Beach Cat rules, also to include any additional sailing instructions issued at the competitors' meeting.

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the 505, A-Class Catamaran, Nacra 20, F16, and F18 classes.

2.2. The regatta registration site is <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/15562>.

3. Fees

3.1. Required fees are as follows:

- Double handed boats – \$70.00 (includes two (2) Saturday dinners)
- Single handed boats – \$50.00 (includes one (1) Saturday dinner)
- US Sailing member discount \$5 per boat (onsite, upon proof of membership)
- Late (on-site) registration add \$10
- Extra dinner \$16 per person

4. Schedule:

The exact number of races to be sailed is at the sole discretion of the Principal Race Officer. There is no limit to the number of races. The committee will attempt to maximize racing for the conditions available. The schedule for each day is as follows:

Saturday, October 14, 2017

1000h - Competitors meeting

1130h - First warning signal, catamarans

immediately following first start of catamarans - First warning signal, 505s

Sunday, October 15, 2017

1030h - First warning signal

1430h - No race shall be started after this time

5. Scoring

5.1. For the catamaran fleet only, finishing times for boats will be recorded and adjusted according to the SCHRS using the rating available at <http://www.schrs.com/ratings.php> on October 13, 2017. It is anticipated that all catamarans will start, and be scored, together. However, the Regatta Chair may determine, at any time until the close of the competitors meeting on October 14, 2017, to have one or more one-design catamaran fleets start, and be scored, separately from other catamarans.

5.2. The low point system of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply.

5.3. The completion of at least one race shall constitute a series.

- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 5 to 11 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- (c) When 12 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

6. Prizes

6.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishing boats of each class.

6.2. The perpetual Rob Wilson Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the crew of the boat having the best performance in a catamaran class.

7. Food and Beverage

7.1. Continental breakfast is included in the registration fee both days. Additional food will be available for purchase Saturday and Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon. Saturday dinner(s) are included for the racers in the registration fee and extra dinners are available for purchase, as outlined above.

7.2. A cash bar will be available after racing Saturday and Sunday.

7.3. Please note that alcoholic beverages must be obtained from the bar as a condition of our liquor license.

8. Host Club

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9. Where

West River Sailing Club, 4800 Riverside Drive, Galesville, MD 20765

The racing venue shall be finalized by the RC on race day. WRSC typically races on the West River or on the west side of the bay just outside of the river entrance.

10. When

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11. Launching Facilities

Beach

12. THE COURSE

- 12.1. The courses will be windward-leeward, twice around, with course length set for a race duration of about 20-60 minutes, or as described at the competitor's meeting.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1. The penalties are as follows: Rule 44 of RRS
- 13.2. For the catamaran classes (Nacra 20/F18, F16 and A Class) rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.
- 13.3. Protest Forms will be available at the bar. The time limit for filing protests is one hour after the RC returns to the dock. Protests are to be delivered to the PRO to be time stamped.

14. CHECK-IN

- 14.1. Before starting their first race of the day, each boat shall sail astern the starting boat, give their sail number and be acknowledged by the RC.
- 14.2. Any competitor who leaves the race area before the completion of racing shall attempt to notify and be acknowledged by the RC before leaving the race area.
- 14.3. The penalty for failure to comply with Rule 14.1 or 14.2 shall be as the discretion of the race committee and may include disqualification from the first, last, or all races sailed by the boat.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, but does not apply to communication received or transmitted to request or render assistance to a vessel in distress or to notify RC that a competitor is leaving the race area.

16. Regatta Chair

Mark Bellermann, bellermann@hotmail.com

17. Principal Race Officer

Rolf Zeisler

18. Safety

Each boat shall carry a towline of at least 30 feet in length. All competitors shall wear a USCG approved Type I, II or III personal flotation device. All catamarans must be staked down for the evening.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

20. **INSURANCE**

By entering this regatta each participating boat certifies that it is insured with valid liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.

21. **Sailing Instructions**

To be distributed at registration

Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board / porch door.