



PRSA President's Cup Regatta

held in conjunction with the

DC Sail Cantina Cup Regatta

September 14-15, 2019

Washington Sailing Marina, Alexandria, VA

Event website: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19627>

The 2019 [PRSA President's Cup](#) continues the long tradition of competitive one-design racing that started with the President's Cup in 1934. This year the PRSA is holding the President's Cup Regatta in conjunction with the [DC Sail Cantina Cup](#) in a new effort to foster community building among DC sailing clubs. Prizes will be awarded for Saturday finishes (Cantina Cup) as well as combined Saturday & Sunday finishes (PRSA President's Cup). The Saturday post-race regatta party will be hosted by DC Sail and the District Wharf on the DC Wharf Transit Pier. The District Wharf will donate a portion of the proceeds generated by food & drink sales on Saturday to the [DC Sail Youth Scholarship Program](#).

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 5 or fewer boats may be combined with the start of another class.
- 2.2 A course must have at least 6 boats registered by September 1 in order for racing to be held on that course. Should an insufficient number of boats register, those who have registered for the course will be offered either (a) alternative racing arrangements or (b) registration fee refund.
- 2.3 All competitors must register, sign the waiver of liability, and pay the regatta entry fee via the regatta website: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19627>. Online registration and payment is required in order to be scored for the regatta.

3. ENTRY FEES

- Single person boat: \$20
- 2-person or 3-person boat: \$30

The Saturday post-race party will be hosted by DC Sail and the District Wharf on the DC Wharf Transit Pier. Food and drink will be available for purchase. The District Wharf will donate a portion of the proceeds generated by food & drink sales on Saturday to the [DC Sail Youth Scholarship Program](#). PRSA entry fees cover race entry, transportation to Saturday's post-race party, as well as beverages and a BBQ after the racing on Sunday.

4. COURSES

4.1 The racing will be conducted on two courses. The Laser, Penguin, and El Toro classes will compete on the *lower course on Saturday only*. All other classes will compete on the *upper course on Saturday and Sunday*.

4.2 A course must have at least 10 boats registered by September 1 in order to conduct racing on that course, as per 2.2 (above).

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Upper course classes

Saturday

- Complete online registration and payment of regatta fees via the Regatta Website (<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19627>) prior to the skipper's meeting
- Skipper's meeting: 1000 (near the launch cranes)
- First warning signal: 1130; as many races as conditions and time allow to follow
- No warning after 1530
- All participants are invited to the regatta party on the District Wharf after racing. Each boat will receive a \$10 Lyft credit and event code to facilitate transportation. Additional details will be provided via the Regatta Website.

Sunday

- First warning signal: 1130; as many races as conditions and time allow to follow
- No warning signal after 1500
- Beverages, light refreshments, and awards as soon as possible following the last race.

5.2 Lower course classes

Saturday

- Complete online registration and payment of regatta fees via the Regatta Website (<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19627>) prior to the skipper's meeting
- Skippers meeting at 1100 (near the launch cranes)
- First warning signal at 1200; as many races as conditions and time allow to follow
- No warning signal after 1600
- All participants are invited to the regatta party on the District Wharf after racing. Each boat will receive a \$10 Lyft credit and event code to facilitate transportation. Additional details will be provided via the Regatta Website.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be posted to the regatta website prior to the regatta (<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19627>). In keeping with the PRSA Sustainability Initiative (see section 10, below) we will only print a limited number of hard copies for distribution. Please print your SIs in advance if you would like a hard copy.

7. VENUE

- 7.1 The Washington Sailing Marina is located at [1 Marina Drive, Alexandria VA, 22314](#), just off of the George Washington Parkway between National Airport and Old Town Alexandria.
- 7.2 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). Use this code for **one** car and **one** entry each day as PRSA will be charged for each use of the code. Additional vehicles should park outside the gated drysail area in the free parking area near the Spinnaker & Spoke marine store.
- 7.3.1 Upper Course: the course will be set between Gravelly Point and Hains Point off the north end of the airport runway.
- 7.3.2 Lower Course: the course may be set in the cove near Washington Sailing Marina or on the Potomac River south and east of the airport landing pier.
- 7.4 Saturday's post-race Regatta Party will be held on the Transit Pier at the District Wharf, located at [960 Wharf Street SW, Washington DC, 20024](#).

8. SCORING

- 8.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 8.2 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.
- 8.2 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.

9. AWARDS

- 9.1 PRSA President's Cup 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.
- 9.2 The PRSA 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.
- 9.3 DC Sail Cantina Cup awards will be given to the top finishing boats in each class based on Saturday's scores only.

10. 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 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. We will only have a few extra hard copies available at the regatta).
- Consider a water only washdown for your boat following the event.

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 PRSA Commodore, Kyra Tallon (kytallon@gmail.com) or visit the regatta website: <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19627>.