



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, on the Transit Pier at The Wharf. The party sponsored by Cantina Bambina and Pearl Street Warehouse, a portion of the proceeds generated by food & drink sales on Saturday to the [DC Sail Youth Scholarship Program](#).

Regatta Sailing Instructions -- Upper Course

1. RULES

The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted at the official notice board located in the lawn area near the BBQ grill ("the grove") and on the Regatta Network website:
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/19627>

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to these sailing instructions will be posted 90 minutes before the scheduled start of the first race on the day the change is to take effect, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the signal boat (large skiff) at the finger pier of the ramp launch area.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after the AP flag is lowered. This changes Race Signal AP.

5. RACING AREA

- 5.1 Races will be conducted on the Potomac River, between Gravelly Point and Hains Point.
- 5.2 Channel-bound vessels within the racing area are obstructions. Boats that are racing must keep clear of such vessels.

6. PLANNED SCHEDULE & NUMBER OF RACES

- 6.1 Competitor’s meeting: **1000** on Saturday near the cranes in the dry sail launch area.
- 6.2 First race for the first class: the warning signal for the 1st race of the day for the first class to start is **1130** on both Saturday and Sunday.
- 6.3 First race for the other classes: There will be a short time interval between the start of one class and the warning for the next class (no rolling starts).
- 6.4 Subsequent races: **The RC intends to start subsequent races for some classes before all the classes have finished.**
- 6.5 Number of Races: as many races as conditions and time allow. 1 completed race will constitute a regatta.
- 6.6 End of racing: No warning signal will be made after 1530 on Saturday and 1500 on Sunday.

7. SPECIAL SIGNALS

- 7.1 10 seconds before the warning signal of each class, the RC will begin making 5 sounds that take 5 seconds to complete.

8. ORDER OF STARTS

- 8.1 The order of starts will be announced at the skippers meeting.
- 8.2 Classes with 5 or more competitors will have their own start. Classes with 4 or fewer competitors may be started together.
- 8.3 Subsequent races: **The RC intends to start a subsequent race as soon as all competitors in a class have finished even if that changes the order of starts for the subsequent race.**

9. CLASS FLAGS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>
Multi-hulls	Flying H on yellow
Inland-20s	I-20 on white
Lightnings	Red flash on yellow
Buccaneers	Crossed cutlasses on white
Albacores	AL on white
Flying Scots (spinnaker division)	FS on yellow
Flying Scots (non-spin division)	DC Sail burgee

10. CHECK IN

Each boat shall sail by the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number before a boat starts the first race in which she competes each day.

11. COURSES

- 11.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate a course by displaying a flag with a numeral to designate the course.
- 11.2 Mark designations: W = Windward; O = Offset (if used); L = Leeward (or gate if used); G = Gybe
- 11.2 Course 1: Start and finish lines below the leeward gate. Start -- W -- O -- L (gate) -- W -- O -- F (commonly called a “windward-leeward twice around” with the start/finish below the course).
- 11.3 Course 2: Start and finish lines mid-course: Start -- W -- O -- L (gate) -- W -- O -- L (gate) -- F (commonly called a “windward-leeward twice around” with start/finish mid-course).
- 11.4 Course 3: Start and finish lines mid-course: Start -- W -- O -- G -- L (gate) -- W -- O -- L (gate) -- F (commonly called an “Olympic course” with start/finish mid-course).
- 11.5 The windward, offset, and gybe marks shall be left to port. If a single leeward mark is used, it shall be left to port. If a gate is used, boats shall pass between the gate marks and round either mark.

12. MARKS

- 12.1 Marks of the course will be orange cylinders.
- 12.2 The offset mark, if used, will be a smaller orange ball.
- 12.3 The Race Committee may set a leeward gate instead of a single leeward mark.
- 12.4 A new mark as provided in instruction 15.2 will be a yellow cylinders.

13. THE START AND FINISH LINES

- 13.1 The start will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of a small white cylinder with a red flag.
- 13.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 13.3 The finish line will be between a blue flag on the RC boat and the course side of a small white cylinder with a blue flag.
- 13.4 After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the starting line. A boat shall not cross the finishing line until she is completing the last leg of the course and finishes. A boat that breaks this rule shall not correct her error. However, she will be exonerated if she takes a Two-Turns Penalty (see rule 44.2). This changes rule 28.1. On a leg of the course from W to L or from L to W, boats may leave the line between S and F either to port or to starboard. For reasons of safety, on legs of the course from W to L or from L to W, the starting and finishing lines and the buoys S and F are, taken together, one obstruction, and therefore rules 19 and 20 may apply between boats while they are approaching and passing it.

14. HAILS

The race committee may use a loud hailer to identify boats On the Course Side of the line after starts and otherwise to communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail or for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or failure to receive any communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a) and complies with 41(d).

15. CHANGE OF THE FIRST AND SUBSEQUENT LEGS OF THE COURSE

- 15.1 To change the first leg of the course, the race committee will lay a yellow mark and display the C-flag from the signal boat before the warning signal and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 15.2 To change the 2nd or subsequent leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

16. TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 A boat shall not start more than 10 minutes after her class's start signal has been given.
- 16.2 The time limit will be 90 minutes for the first boat to finish in each class. Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat that sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (time limit expired). "TLE" is calculated per rule A7. The race committee will have final judgment in this decision. This changes rule 35, A4.1, and adds "TLE" to scoring abbreviations in A11.

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 17.1 RRS/US Appendix V1, (Penalty at the Time of an Incident) will apply.
- 17.2 The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or RRS 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

18. PROTESTS

- 18.1 Protest Forms are available from the Regatta Chairman. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee within one hour after the official docking of the designated (RC ensign) Race Committee Boat. The Time of docking will be posted on the official Notice Board.

- 18.2 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 18.3 Protest notices will be posted within approximately 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses.
- 18.4 Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: "On the last day of racing, a party to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision."

19. SCORING

- 19.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 19.2 If there are 5 or fewer races, no scores will be excluded. If there are 6 or more races, a boat's worst score will be excluded. This changes RRS Appendix A2.
- 19.3 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.

20. TROPHIES

- 20.1 DC Sail will award Cantina Cup trophies Saturday evening based on each boat's Saturday scores.
- 20.2 President's Cup trophies will be awarded Sunday afternoon based on each boat's combined scores for Saturday and Sunday, with the depth based on the number of on-time registrants in each class.
- 20.3 The Norman C. Shaller Award will be awarded to the skipper with the fewest points in a fleet of 10 or more boats. The award is earned for results at the PRSA President's Cup, but is presented at the PRSA Annual General Meeting and Awards Banquet.
- 20.4 The Buccaneer class has designated the PRSA President's Cup as the 2019 MacAlpine Downie Gibbs Regatta. The award plaque will be awarded to the winner of the Buccaneer fleet.