



## NOTICE OF RACE

### 2020 Down River Race

The Rock Hall Yacht Club will host the Annual Down River Race on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

This is a point to point race, open to all dinghy, one design, or day sailing classes. The race will begin near the Chester River Yacht and Country Club (CRY&CC) dock, run down the Chester River for approximately 12 nm and finish near the floating dock at the Rock Hall Yacht Club (RHYC).

Given the current COVID-19 situation, the CRY&CC and RHYC require that all sailors honor and respect the special rules listed in this NOR.

**If fewer than 10 boats register by September 23<sup>rd</sup>, the RHYC reserves the right to cancel the race.**

**RULES:** This regatta is governed by the US Sailing RRS and the respective class association rules, except as any of these rules are changed by the SIs or any appendices to the SIs. The use of GPS devices is permitted for all classes in this regatta.

**REGISTRATION:** **There will be no on-site registration. All entries must be registered and paid online by Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00pm EST.** Register online at [www.rockhallyachtclub.org](http://www.rockhallyachtclub.org)

**FEES:** \$25.00 registration fee  
A \$5.00 donation for the RHYC Sailing School Scholarship fund is appreciated.

**SKIPPERS MTG:** Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM call. Details will be announced to registrants via email so please register early.

**TIMING:** Start at 1100 hours, between the CRY&CC dock and a club mark near Queen Anne's Shore. All boats start together.  
**All boats should be prepped, rigged, and launched by 10:45am. A shoreline dingy rack limits launching space at the beach. Please have a small anchor available for short term mooring.**

**CLASSES:** All dinghy, one design and day sailing classes

**SCORING:** Boats will be timed and scored using the current US Sailing Portsmouth Handicap ratings for the class. If your boat is not listed, the R/C will assign a rating based on similarity to listed classes. No handicaps specific to a class will be applied.

**COVID-19 RULES:** **Social distancing as prescribed by the CDC shall be practiced at all times while on Club property. Masks covering the nose and mouth shall be worn by all individuals while on Club property. Current state and local requirements for protection against the transmission of COVID-19 must be practiced throughout the regatta.**



## AWARDS:

- Sonny Usilton Trophy: 1<sup>st</sup> to finish
- Collins Cup: 1<sup>st</sup> to finish on corrected time
- Strong-Austin Trophy: 1<sup>st</sup> RHYC boat to finish
- Chauvenet Award: 1<sup>st</sup> Windmill to finish
- H. Morris Paschall III Memorial Cup: 1<sup>st</sup> sailor under 21 years old to finish on corrected time
- Awards will be available for pick up at the RHYC Pavilion on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**INFORMATION:** Those competitors wishing to drop boats on trailers off on Thursday evening are welcome to drop those boats at the CRY&CC waterfront. Those competitors that are current/active members of another yacht club and wish to tow boats over and use a slip for Thursday night are welcome; however, they must contact CRY&CC at 410-778-3818 in advance for reservations. A slip fee will apply.

**Due to COVID-19 concerns, the RHYC clubhouse, restaurant, and pool will be closed to non-members during this event. There is a port-a-pot and handwashing station at the RHYC Beach.**

**LODGING:** Camping for competitors and their families is welcome on the **RHYC grounds** from Thursday evening through the weekend racing events; all campers must register with the RHYC Club Manager 410-639-2182 before setting up their campsite. RVs or campers which require electrical hookup will be charged \$15 per night.

**Note that there will be no overnight occupants or campers at CRY&CC.**

Additional accommodations can be found in the local area and the towns of Rock Hall <http://www.rockhallmd.com> and Chestertown <http://www.kentcounty.com>.

**DIRECTIONS:** To the Start can be found at [www.crycc.org](http://www.crycc.org)  
To the Finish can be found at [www.rockhallyachtclub.org](http://www.rockhallyachtclub.org)

Questions can be directed to the RHYC at [regattas@RockHallYachtClub.org](mailto:regattas@RockHallYachtClub.org) or call 410-639-2182 for the RHYC Club Manager.