

# PRSA Capital City Laser Regatta

March 27-28, 2021  
Potomac River Sailing Association  
Washington Sailing Marina, Alexandria VA



## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. Rules

- 1.1 These races will be governed by *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, and the rules of the International Laser Class Association except as any of these are altered by this notice, and/or by the sailing instructions.
- 1.2 The fundamental rule under Part One of the Laser Class Rules shall apply.

### 2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 This regatta will be a Category A event as it relates to advertising.
- 2.2 All competitors must register, sign the waiver of liability, and pay the entry fee at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22041>. On site registration will **NOT** be available. To register on the day of the regatta, you will still need to do so on-line and pay the entry fee using a credit card.
- 2.3 All participants (skippers and RC volunteers) **must** sign the PRSA COVID-19 Waiver in order to participate in the regatta: <https://forms.gle/Sz59nMXT3PzHp8R87>. All participants should also read and observe the [PRSA COVID-19 Guidelines](#) (also appended to the end of this document).

### 3. Entry Fees

The entry fee is \$30. A launch fee may be collected at the marina entrance by the Washington Sailing Marina.

### 4. Schedule

Several races may be sailed on any day at the discretion of the race committee. The warning signal for the first race on each day is scheduled as indicated below.

<u>Friday</u>	1800	PRO Safety Assessment Email (Takes place of Competitor's Meeting)
<u>Saturday</u>	1000 to 1100	On shore check-in
	1200	Warning signal for race 1; other races to follow
	1530	No warning signal after this time
<u>Sunday</u>	1100	Warning signal for 1 <sup>st</sup> race of the day; other races to follow
	1400	No warning signal after this time
		Awards immediately following racing

## 5. **Sailing Instructions**

Sailing instructions will be posted to the [regatta website](#) a few days before the regatta. Sailing Instructions will ***not*** be available at registration.

## 6. **Venue & Racing Area**

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 Races will be conducted on the Potomac River east of the airport landing pier. If a change to that plan is necessary, the race committee (RC) will announce the via the [regatta website](#) notice board.

7. **Scoring:** If 4 or fewer races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all their race scores. Otherwise, their worst score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored TLP (time limit penalty). TLP is two plus the number of boats finishing within the time limit, and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified. This changes rule 35, A4.1, and A4.2.

## 8. **Trophies**

Trophies will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places (minimum). Deeper awards may be given.

## 9. **Launching**

Two ramps are available. For launching off the ramp, competitors will be required to provide their own beach dollies. Road trailers can also be used.

## 10. **Sustainability**

PRSA has joined the race to restore the health of our waterways in partnership 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 when racing with PRSA. 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.
- Consider a water only washdown for your boat following the event.

## 11. **Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

## 10. **Further Information**

Visit <http://www.potomacroversailing.org> or the event website <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22041> or email [tomahutton@gmail.com](mailto:tomahutton@gmail.com).

## **PRSA COVID-19 Guidelines**

- The number one rule is to be considerate of others. We have a responsibility to fellow members as well as ourselves.
- Remember that PRSA does not own or control the facilities at Washington Sailing Maria (WSM). We are asking all PRSA members to adhere to these guidelines when participating in PRSA events for the health and safety of our members and for the health and safety of all of those who use WSM facilities.
- Participating in any PRSA race event requires a signed PRSA COVID-19 Mandatory Waiver: <https://forms.gle/Sz59nMXT3PzHp8R87>
- Maintain at least 6 feet of distance at all times from others not in your household.
- Masks must be worn anytime within a building or structure. Masks must be worn in the drysail and hoist areas and on the docks. In other outdoor spaces at WSM, masks must be worn outdoors if physical distance of 6 feet is not possible. More generally, please consider wearing a mask at even greater distances out of respect for any individuals who are particularly sensitive to the risk that COVID-19 poses. Please have a mask on your neck or ready to don quickly at all times.
- Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- On the docks: if a person needs to pass, please step onto your boat or step off the dock to allow the other person to pass.
- At ramps and dock heads, please be aware of others and maintain social distance. If someone is rigging, moving or launching a boat next to yours, stand back and let them finish if they need to be within the accepted six-foot distance from you.
- Members should bring their own masks, gloves if they choose to wear them, and hand sanitizer.
- When launching boats, either on the hoists or at the ramps, maintain six feet of separation and wait your turn. Do not assist others with their boat or trailer unless you have confirmed their permission to do so, and wear a mask when you do help.
- Be prepared to leave the dock as soon as possible once you have launched your boat. Please **do not** launch your boat, tie it up, and leave it at the dock.
- Bathroom facilities at WSM are currently open. However, PRSA cannot guarantee that facilities will be available on a given day (this is controlled by WSM).
- When using the barbecue grills, bring your own utensils and dishes and take them home to be cleaned. Do not use the bathroom to wash dishes/utensils.
- If social distancing is not possible, masks should be worn while sailing aboard boats with crew from different households.