



PRSA Spring Regatta

May 29-30, 2021

Washington Sailing Marina, Alexandria, VA

Event website: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22542>

NOTICE OF RACES

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Potomac River Sailing Association will organize the Spring Regatta on the Potomac River from the Washington Sailing Marina in Alexandria, VA.
- 1.2 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 fewer than 5 boats may be combined with the start of another class.
- 2.2 All competitors must register, sign the waiver of liability, and pay the entry fee at <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22542>. Online registration and payment is required in order to be scored for the regatta.
- 2.3 All participants (skippers, crews, and RC volunteers) **must** sign the PRSA COVID-19 Waiver in order to participate in spring and/or fall series racing: <https://forms.gle/7qvxMKp68mJgGtDXA>. All participants should also read and observe the [PRSA COVID-19 Guidelines](#) (also appended to the end of this document).
- 2.4 Competitors are encouraged to register on or before Monday, May 24 in order to receive the reduced entry fee.

3. ENTRY FEES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$40 per boat if paid on or before Monday, May 24. The entry fee is \$50 if paid after Monday, May 24.
- 3.2 The entry fee includes **one** dinner ticket for Saturday. Additional dinner tickets for Saturday can be purchased for \$10 each via the Regatta Network registration site. Please make sure to purchase the appropriate # of dinner tickets for your crew and any family/friends/visitors in advance so we can be sure to have sufficient food on hand! PRSA will also provide beverages after racing on Saturday and Sunday, as well as light snacks after racing on Sunday.
- 3.3 The cost to enter the marina for visitors is \$10 per entry, payable via credit card at the gate entrance. There will be a single-use event entry code provided via email to registered competitors the day before the event to provide complimentary access to the driesail area. Please only use

this entry code for **one** car (tow vehicle) and **one** entry each day as PRSA will be charged for each use of the code. Crew and/or additional vehicles beyond your tow vehicle should park outside the gated dry sail area for free or in other overflow lots on Marina Drive if necessary.

4. SCHEDULE

Saturday:

Check-in: 0900 and 1000

Competitors meeting: 1000 **In order to observe health and safety guidelines in a COVID-19 world the competitor's meeting will be limited to 1 person per boat. All attendees are asked to wear masks and maintain a 6-foot distance from other individuals.**

First warning signal: 1125

No warning signal after: 1530

Dinner at 1730 or as soon as possible after racing

Sunday:

First warning signal: 1125

No warning signal after: 1530

Awards and light snacks as soon as possible following the last race

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Sailing instructions will be posted to the regatta website prior to the regatta.

5.2 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0800 on Saturday, May 29, except any changes to the schedule of racing will be posted by 2000 on Friday, May 28.

6. VENUE & SAILING 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 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). 6.3. Races will be conducted on the Potomac River, between Gravelly Point and Hains Point, Washington, D.C.

6.4 Channel-bound commercial vessels within the racing area are obstructions. Boats that are racing must keep clear of such vessels.

7. SCORING

7.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

7.2 If fewer than 5 races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. If 5 or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This modifies RRS A2.1.

8. AWARDS

8.1 Awards will be given to each member of the winning crews. The depth of awards in a class will vary from 1 to 4 according to the expected number of registered competitors in the class.

8.2 The Len Penso award will be conferred on the skipper age 50 and over who beats the most boats in his or her class.

8.3 The Katherine Hearst award will be conferred on the woman who beats the most boats in her class.

9. 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 the surrounding waters) and our local waters is very important to us. We ask for your help in this effort at the PRSA Spring Regatta. 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 (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 Regatta Chair Barney Harris (teamspot@hotmail.com) or visit the regatta website: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22542>.



PRSA COVID-19 Guidelines¹

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- The number one rule is to be considerate of others. We have a responsibility to others who use the WSM facilities as well as to 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

¹ These guidelines are modeled on the ones published by the Cedar Point Yacht Club: <https://www.cedarpointyc.org/covid19>. Last known website update: 2 July 2020 (website last accessed 16 August 2020). Guidelines updated May 2021 to reflect the latest CDC guidance.

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 Waiver: <https://forms.gle/9sCCv3DbbxcGEP1m9>
- Please practice safe distancing.
- Masks should be worn anytime within a building or structure. Outdoors, please consider wearing a mask 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 at all times.
- Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- At ramps, dock heads, and on the docks, please be aware of others and maintain physical distance.
- Members should bring their own masks, gloves if they choose to wear them, and hand sanitizer.
- 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 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/bubbles/pods.