PRSA Spring Regatta

May 28-29, 2022
Washington Sailing Marina, Alexandria, VA
Event website: https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/24548

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 *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association.

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/24548. Online registration and payment is required in order to be scored for the regatta. On site registration will **_not_** be available.

2.3   All participants (skippers, crews, and any family/friends) **_must_** read and observe the PRSA COVID-19 Guidelines at the end of this document.

2.4   Although day-of registration will be available online, competitors are encouraged to register on or before Monday, May 23 in order to receive the reduced entry fee.

3.   ENTRY FEES

3.1   The entry fee is $60 per boat if paid before Monday, May 23.   The entry fee is $70 if paid after Monday, May 23.

3.2   Entry fees **_do not include dinner tickets_**. There will be carnivore, vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options in the grove area of the Marina Saturday night. Dinner tickets ($15) must be purchased separately for each individual via the Regatta Network registration site. **_Please make sure to purchase dinner tickets for your entire boat -- skipper and crew -- as well as any family/friends in advance so we can be sure to have sufficient food on hand_**!

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.

Saturday:
        Check-in between: 0900 and 1000
        Competitors meeting: 1000
        First warning signal: 1125
        No warning signal after: 1530
        Dinner will start approx. 1hr after last boat finishes

Sunday:
        First warning signal: 1125
        No warning signal after: 1530
        Awards will start approx. 1hr after last boat finishes

During the day both Saturday and Sunday, lawn games will be available in the grove area for any family and friends to enjoy while racers are on the water.

5.   SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1   Sailing instructions will be posted to the regatta website on Thursday May 26 at noon. Sailing Instructions will ***not*** be available at registration.

5.2   Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 0800 on Saturday, May 28, except any changes to the schedule of racing will be posted by 2000 on Friday, May 27.

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 to you prior to Saturday May 28).

6.3.   Races will be conducted on the Potomac River, between National Airport 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 boats, varying from 1 to 3 boats per class according to the expected number of registered competitors in the class. A sportsmanship recognition will also be given.

8.2   The Len Penso award will be conferred on the skipper age 50 and over who beats the most boats in his/her/their 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 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. Bottled water will not be provided.
- 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.

10.   DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors and family/friends participate in this regatta and/or event 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.

11.   FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit http://www.potomacriversailing.org or the event website https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/24548 or email the regatta chair, Kaitlyn Lucey at kslucey@gmail.com.