



PRSA Spring Regatta

May 27-28, 2023

Washington Sailing Marina, Alexandria, VA

Event website: <https://regattanetwork.com/event/26050>

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 (WSM) 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://regattanetwork.com/event/26050>. 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.

3. ENTRY FEES

- 3.1 Required fees as following and includes Saturday dinner tickets for Skipper and crew.
 - 1-Person boat \$80
 - 2-Person boat \$95
 - 3-Person boat \$110
- 3.2 Additional dinner tickets are available for purchase at \$15.
- 3.3 A \$10 fee for non-WSM boats will be charged to cover launch fees and overnight storage.

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
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 network site prior to the regatta. 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 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 27).
- 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.
- 6.5 Please keep two ramps clear of dollies and return trailers to dry slips and/or designated storage area.

7. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 7.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 68.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 8.2 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.

9. AWARDS

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 The Len Penso award will be conferred on the skipper age 50 and over who beats the most boats in his/her/their class.
- 9.3 The Katherine Hearst award will be conferred on the woman who beats the most boats in her class.

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. 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.

11. SOCIAL MEDIA

- 11.1 Thank you so much for participating in the 2023 Spring Regatta. If you are willing to share your photos from the event, please email them to prsapictures@gmail.com or use [#PRASpringRegatta23](#) when posting on social media. Please note we may use select photos with photography credits on the PRSA website and Facebook.

12. SAFETY

- 12.1 The Washington Sailing Marina has cranes as an option for getting boats in and out of the water. Under no circumstances should any person or part of the body ever be under a boat or other item attached to and/or suspended by the crane.
- 12.2 All members of the RC are required to wear PFDs or buoyancy aids at all times. All competitors are required to wear PFDs or buoyancy aids while racing.
- 12.3 Competitors leaving the racing area must notify the RC (verbally or via VHF).
- 12.4 No race shall be held in the event of an active **Gale Warning** issued by the NOAA for any part of the race course. The Race Committee will monitor the weather the evening before racing as well as prior to leaving the dock before the start of racing.

12. 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.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

Visit <http://www.potomacriversailing.org> or the event website <https://regattanetwork.com/event/26050>