



Greater Richmond Sailing Association

Notice of Race

2023 GRSA Invitational Regatta and Thistle Central Atlantic District Championship

June 10th – 11th, 2023

You are cordially invited to the 2023 GRSA Invitational Regatta and Thistle Central Atlantic District Championship to be held at the Greater Richmond Sailing Association on Swift Creek Reservoir located southwest of Richmond, VA in Midlothian, VA.

1. RULES:

This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the current edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2021-2024, individual Class Rules, and the Racing Instructions of the Greater Richmond Sailing Association.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- a. Eligibility and entry will be subject to individual Class Rules.
- b. Any fleet with three or more boats will be started as a class including a Portsmouth Handicap fleet.
- c. Advance registration is available online for eligible boats at

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=26313

Registration must be completed by Saturday, June 3rd to avoid a late fee. Check in and registration at the regatta site will be available from 1600 – 2000 on Friday, June 9th, and Saturday morning, June 10th from 0900 until 1100.

3. FEES:

Fees are \$80.00 per boat and include racing, full breakfast for both days, socials after racing, and Saturday's dinner for skipper and crew(s). Please email [Grant Smith at Commodore@grsa.org](mailto:Grant_Smith@grsa.org) with dietary restrictions.

Additional social/dinner tickets are available

- a. Adults: \$14.00
- b. Children under 12: \$7.00

c. Children under the age of 6: No Charge

GRSA does not have a beer/liquor license; however, please feel free to bring your own adult beverages if you desire.

4. THE REGATTA:

4.1 There will be a maximum of five races. Three or four races are planned for Saturday and one or two races for Sunday based upon weather.

4.2 One race will constitute a regatta.

4.3 The scoring system will be the Low Point System in Appendix A of the RRS.

4.4 Trophies will be awarded depending upon the number of entries in each class.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions will be available on Regatta Network, at on-site registration, and at the skipper's meeting. Courses to be sailed will be described in the Sailing Instructions. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be made at the Skipper's Meeting and posted on shore on the GRSA bulletin board.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, June 9rd: Gates at GRSA open at 1400 for out-of-town arrivals.

On-site registration from 1600 to 2000.

Saturday, June 10th: Gates open at GRSA at 0700

0900 Registration opens

1100 Registration closes

1100 Skipper's Meeting

1200 Warning signal for first race. Two to three additional races to follow

1730 Social

1830 Dinner

Sunday, June 11th: Gates open at GRSA at 0700

1000 Warning signal for first race. One or more additional races to follow. No race will be started after 1230.

1400 Social and presentation of trophies.

7. CONTACT INFORMATION:

Regatta Chairs: Grant Smith

502-558-7810

Commodore@grsa.org

Thistle Fleet 171 Contact: Bill Kitchens 804-994-7353 bill.kitchens@att.net

GRSA Information: www.grsa.org

8. ACCOMODATIONS: Listed in order of proximity:

Holiday Inn Express: (804) 744-7303 (Midlothian, VA)

Sleep Inn and Suites: (804) 823-7248 (Midlothian, VA)

Hampton Inn: (804) 675-0000 (Midlothian, VA)

Camping - Car/Van/Tent Camping on site is allowed on the (very) limited open space available. Restrooms and showers are available on site.

Thistle Class: Limited fleet hosted housing available.

Contact Bill Kitchens 804-994-7353 bill.kitchens@att.net

9. DIRECTIONS TO GRSA

The Greater Richmond Sailing Association is located at the intersection of Genito and Woolridge Roads in Chesterfield County, Virginia on Swift Creek Reservoir. From the North: Take I-95 South to Richmond. Exit at Number 79 for I-195/Powwhite Parkway. Please note this is a dual exit for I-195/Powwhite Parkway, and I-64 West. There are two lanes and you should stay in the left hand lane for the I-195/Powwhite Parkway ramp. Follow I-195 to split for Powwhite Parkway (State Route 76), US Route 60/360 and go over the James River onto the Powwhite Parkway. Once over the river there is a toll. After toll, stay right and continue approximately 5 miles to another toll. Once through the second toll, continue on past the exit for State Route 288 and you will come to a stoplight. Turn left onto Charter Colony Parkway. At the second light, turn right onto Genito Road. Follow Genito road through to the second light. Turn left onto Woolridge Road and the entrance to GRSA is a left turn lane 50 yards on the left. From the South: Take I - 95 North to just North of Chester and exit onto State Route 288 North. Exit from Route 288 for Old Hundred Road. Follow the exit to the stoplight and turn left onto Charter Colony Parkway and follow instructions above.