

2024 DISC Mt. Vernon Chase

Notice of Race



DAINGERFIELD ISLAND SAILING CLUB

Saturday 05/18/2024

Entry Due: By 1930 hours 05/17/2024.

Entry Fee: \$30

Mail To: Send intention to race via e-mail to officers@discsailing.org.

Contact: Competitors must enter by delivering a completed Mt. Vernon Chase Entry Form on-line at www.discsailing.org.

Eligibility: This event is open to all keelboats, and One Design monohull fleets under 20 feet. All PHRF entries must have a valid 2024 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating or proof of a submitted application. The Organizing Authority may assign a courtesy PHRF rating. Each boat shall register online at www.discsailing.org, pay all regatta fees, each participant must sign a waiver. All participants should meet US Sailing near shore requirements if applicable. US Sailing SER is available at: www.discsailing.org, under racing resources.

Rules: This regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing, PHRF of the Chesapeake class rules, and One Design class rules. RRS 63.7, Conflict between Rules, is modified by, "If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall apply." One Design rules will be modified to allow the use of VHF radios, and electronic timing devices. DISC's Sailing Instructions and Notice(s) of Change will be posted on www.discsailing.org.

SI's: The Sailing Instructions will be posted under the event tab for this race by 1700 hours 05/17/2024.

Notices: The official Notice Board is electronic, and is located at www.discsailing.org on the event page. Notices to competitors will be posted until 2300 05/18/24. The official Notice Board the day of the race will be outside the Marina Office.

Classes: Boats may participate in the Spinnaker, or Non-spinnaker fleets, One Design classes may be scored separately.

Rendezvous: A Skipper's Meeting will be held at 0930 on the deck outside the marina store at Washington Sailing Marina. Boats should know their start time and arrive early, in the vicinity of Potomac River "90" FI R 4s.

Start: A pursuit start format will be used. A starting schedule will be provided based on boats entered to compete. The start times for each course will be posted on the DISC website www.discsailing.org, under 'Racing Events'. The first boat will start no earlier than 1100 hours the day of the race at Potomac River "90", FI R 4s as the east end of the start line and an imaginary line due west (270 degrees magnetic) of, "90" FI R 4s.

Radio: Boats should monitor VHF 69 for courtesy communications from the Race Committee.

Signals: No sound signals or flags will be used. The start will be a "pursuit" race format with the highest PHRF rating starting first and the handicap or lower PHRF ratings following. The boat with the lowest rating will start last. Each boat will be assigned a start time using PHRF of the Chesapeake CR (Circular Random) ratings and Time on distance calculations. Each skipper is responsible for knowing their correct start time, and starting correctly. This changes RRS 26.

Courses: DISC Courses for spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets will be announced prior to the start of the first boat. All courses will be start "90", FI R 4s, and round 1 of 6 marks to the south. The downriver marks will be 1) GC 81, 7.42 mi, 2) GC 77, 9.2 mi, 3) GC 73, 11.38 mi, 4) GC 71, 13.08 mi, 5) GC 69, 14.10 mi, 6) GC 67, 15.36 mi. Except for course 1 rounding GC 81, GC 79 will be rounded on the channel side as a mark of the course in both directions.

Finish: Finish is at Potomac River "90" Fl R 4s as the East end of the line and an imaginary line due West (270 degrees magnetic) of R "90" Fl R 4s. Each competitor must record their own finish time using GPS time, hail their finish time on VHF 69, and email the finish time to officers@discsailing.org immediately after finishing. Each competitor will attempt to record the finish times of the boats finishing immediately before and after them.

Scoring: Boats will be scored using PHRF of the Chesapeake CR ratings, time on distance, and the low point system as described in Appendix A4 of the RRS. This is a pursuit race, the order of finish will determine a boats score.

Time Limit: The time limit for the race will be set the day of the race.

Protests: The time limit for submitting the protest form will be 0900 the day after the race. Protests forms shall be sent by email to the Standing Race Committee at officers@discsailing.org. The Protest Committee will determine the schedule and time for protest hearings.

Waiver: All participants will be required to sign a liability waiver.

Awards: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies will be awarded for fleets of 5 or more, 1st and 2nd place trophies will be awarded for fleets of 4, and 1st place trophies will be awarded for fleets of 3 or less. Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Awards Ceremony.

Other: Participating boats without a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating may be assigned a courtesy rating by RC. Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. Boats participate in this regatta entirely of their own volition (see RRS 3, Decision to Race). DISC will not accept liability for damage or injury resulting from an incident arising before, during, or after the regatta.

Shore Amenities: Three 1 ton cranes and two launch ramps are available for launch and recovery. Some limited wet slips may be available through Washington Sailing Marina, 1 Marina Drive, Alexandria, VA on a first come basis at a discounted price.

Rules Modified:

RRS, 26, 40, 61.1b, 62.1, 63.7, Other rules may be changed by the SI's.