



DAINGERFIELD ISLAND SAILING CLUB

Cherry Blossom Regatta

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Notice of Race

Schedule: 0900 Skippers' Meeting at Washington Sailing Marina
0945 Rendezvous
1000 First Start
1500 Latest Possible Start

Contact: Daingerfield Island Sailing Club (DISC) can be contacted by email at officers@discsailing.org. DISC's website is found at <https://discsailing.org>.

Registration: Boats may enter by registering and paying for each series at the website. The entry fee is \$25. Registration is due by 0900 on the date of the race.

Race Area: Course charts are published on the website. All races will follow the North Course Chart and rendezvous in the vicinity of Potomac River "HP" FI (2+1) G 6s.

Classes: Spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes will be offered. Classes may be split into two fleets, depending on the number of entries. All fleets in a class will *start* together.

Eligibility: The event is open to boats 20 feet or longer. All entries must have a current PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. (Exception: a boat without a valid PHRF rating certificate may be assigned a provisional rating at DISC's discretion.)

All boats must be crewed by a minimum of two people (skipper plus one additional crewmember). Skippers must be current members of DISC. All skippers and crew must sign DISC's waiver of liability, found on the website.

All PHRF participants must meet US Sailing Near-shore requirements, as listed at www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Monohull-SER-2022.0-Nearshore.pdf. All boats must be equipped with lights for night sailing. PHRF boats must be self-righting.

Scoring: The RC intends to hold multiple races. Boats will be scored using time-on-time and CR ratings. Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A, based on the "low point" system in RRS A4. One scored race will constitute a sailed regatta. A boat's regatta score shall be the total of her

race scores. A “DSQ” issued as a result of a *protest* decision shall be scored as “DNE” (disqualification that is not excludable).

With regard to boats that register but do not race, RRS A5.3 applies.

Boats that do not *finish* within the time limit (to include any extension at the RC’s discretion) will be recorded as “TLE” (time limit exceeded) and scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats that finished in that class.

Notices: The DISC notice board is online. Ashore, DISC may send notices by website posts, email, or text messages. A DISC officer or representative will brief any last-minute notices at the skippers’ meeting. On the water, the RC may send notices to competitors as described in the Sailing Instructions.

Rules: This event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), including the Course Charts on the website, this Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, and amendments. If there is a conflict, the Sailing Instructions take precedence.

RRS 32, 44, 60, 61, and S4.1 are modified as described in the Sailing Instructions.

Liability: RRS 3 states, “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.” By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. By participating in this event, each competitor accepts the Waiver of Liability on the website.

Insurance: Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of \$500,000 per incident or equivalent.

Weather: If either DISC’s standing RC or the event RC decides to cancel a race, they will post a notice on the online notice board and announce the decision on maritime VHF channel 69 by 1730, whenever possible.

Awards: First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded for fleets of six or more; first and second place for fleets of four; and first place for fleets for three or less. Trophies will be presented at DISC’s annual awards banquet.

Standing RC: The standing race committee (standing RC) is comprised of DISC's vice commodore, spinnaker fleet captain, non-spinnaker fleet captain, any DISC officers present, and any person appointed by the DISC officers. The standing RC may cancel or postpone a race, or make course selections based on conditions the day of the race.