



DAINGERFIELD ISLAND SAILING CLUB

Fall High Point Series

Saturdays, September – October, 2026

Notice of Races

Schedule: Sept. 26 **Mount Vernon** (pursuit distance event)
 0900 Skippers' Meeting at Washington Sailing Marina
 1015 Rendezvous at N52
 1030 Start

Oct. 11 **Three Bridges** (distance event)
 0900 Skippers' Meeting at Washington Sailing Marina
 0945 Rendezvous at R4
 1000 First Boat's Start

Oct. 24 **Frostbite Regatta** (multi-race event)
 0900 Skippers' Meeting at Washington Sailing Marina
 0945 Rendezvous at R4
 1000 First Race's 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 \$30 for the complete series. Registration is due by 0900 on the date of the first race. Late registrations will be accepted until 0900 on the date of the last race, but boats will not be scored for previous races.

Race Area: Course charts are published on the website.

The Three Bridges race will follow the Three Bridges Course Chart and rendezvous in the vicinity of Potomac River R "4" FI R 2.5s.

The Mount Vernon race will follow the Mount Vernon Course Chart and rendezvous in the vicinity of Potomac River R "90" FI R 4s (old buoy) or R "52" FI R 2.5s (new buoy).

The Frostbite Regatta will follow the Middle Course Chart and rendezvous in the vicinity of Potomac River R "4" FI R 2.5s.

Classes: Spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes will be offered.

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 Fall High Point Series will use high point scoring based upon all three of the race events. To qualify for the series high point, a boat must sail in a minimum of two of the three events, with one of those events being the Frostbite Regatta. Each race sailed in the Frostbite Regatta will be scored as a single event. PHRF boats will be scored using CR ratings and pursuit start times (time-on-distance) in the Mount Vernon and Three Bridges races, and CR ratings (time-on-time) for the Frostbite Regatta.

High point is scored as follows:

(N = the number of boats that finished in a given class and event)

First place = N ,

Second place = $N - 1$

Third place = $N - 2$

X'th place = $N - (X - 1)$

The boat's total scores for the Fall High Point will be divided by the point total if the boat finished first in each event, multiplied by 100.

A "DSQ" issued as a result of a *protest* decision shall be scored as "DNE" (disqualification that is not excludable). A boat serving as RC will receive a score for that race that is the average of her scores for the series.

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.