

NOTICE OF RACE

65th Annual Punchbowl Regatta and Catalina 22 Region 3 Championship, Race 6

April 25 & 26, 2025

The Dixie Sailing Club is pleased to invite you to compete in the **65th Annual
Punchbowl Regatta** at Lake Martin, Alabama.

1. Rules:

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028, the relevant class association rules for the competing boats, and the Sailing Instructions. Sailing Instructions will be distributed to registered boats.

2. Eligibility and Entry:

Punchbowl competitors may be any class of sailboat. The entry form is included with this Notice of Race.

3. Anticipated/Proposed Classes:

Based on the registrations received, the fleets will be confirmed on 25 Mar 2025.

Catalina 22 Gold Fleet:

If three or more C22s enter the regatta in the C22 Gold Fleet, they will race as the C22 Gold Fleet.

Catalina 22 Silver Fleet:

If three or more C22s enter the regatta in the C22 Silver Fleet, they will race as the C22 Silver Fleet.

1. This fleet is open to skippers without a C22 Gold Fleet first-place trophy in a Catalina 22 State, Regional, or National Championship regatta.
2. If less than three C22s enter the C22 Silver Fleet, then those C22s will race in the C22 Gold Fleet.

Flying Scot Fleet:

If three or more Flying Scots enter the regatta, they will race as the Flying Scot Fleet.

MC Scow Fleet:

If three or more MC Scows enter the regatta, they will race as the MC Scow Fleet.

Open/Handicap Fleet:

If three or more boats, not in other fleets, enter the regatta, they will race as the Handicap Fleet. This fleet will be scored using the Portsmouth handicapping system.

4. Races:

Five races are planned, with three on Saturday and two on Sunday. Weather conditions may dictate otherwise. One race constitutes a regatta.

5. Scoring:

The Low Point System, RRS A4, will apply with all races counting towards the fleet finishing results. No score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

6. Awards:

Trophies will be awarded to each fleet's first, second, and third-place finishers.

7. The Courses:

The courses will be windward/leeward with an offset mark and leeward finish for all fleets except the multi-hull fleet, which will run a triangle course with an offset mark leeward finish. All fleets will use the same start and finish line designated by the Race Committee Chairman.

8. Schedule of Events:

All the times given below are preliminary. Check at registration for any updates. All times are for the Central Time Zone.

- Friday, 24 April 2026
 - At Noon, the DSC gate will open for early arrivals. Earlier arrival may be arranged.
 - 1630 – 1900 Welcome Party at the pavilion. Hot dogs, burgers and chips provided, but still BYOB!

- Saturday, 25 April 2026
 - 0800 – 1000 Brunch, Registration and launch boats
 - 1000 – Welcome and skipper's meeting at Pavilion
 - 1130 – Warning signal for the first race of the day. No race starts after 1600.
 - 1730 - 1900 music, race day discussions, and catered dinner - BYOB.
- Sunday, 26 April 2026
 - 0700 – 0900 Brunch
 - 0930 – Warning signal for first race of the day. Weather permitting, more than one race may be held.
 - Approximately 1300 - Awards presentation

9. Cost Information:

Entry Fee: \$75

The fee includes dinner for the skipper and one more person for the Saturday brunch, catered dinner, and Sunday brunch. Dixie Sailing Club is a USSA member club. USSA members may show their current membership card and receive a \$5 entry fee discount. Each skipper will also receive a 65th Annual Punchbowl Regatta embroidered hat with the entry fee. Extra hats can be ordered as shown below.

Dinners: \$15

For each additional dinner for crew or friends. Order No later than 18 April.

Special item: 65th Annual Punchbowl Regatta embroidered hat - \$15 each

10. Venue:

The regatta will be held at the Dixie Sailing Club, 767 New Hope Church Road, Alexander City, AL 35010. Go to www.dixiesailingclub.com or any map application for directions.

11. Food:

- a. Lunches will NOT be provided explicitly on Saturday or Sunday.
- b. Sunday Morning – Sunday Morning Brunch at the Pavilion.
- c. Saturday Night – Catered dinner at the Pavilion.

The food headcount will be based on registrations before 18 April, so please register early. OUR GOAL IS TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE NEEDED FOOD! So, keep in touch!

12. Lodging:

- The club is about eight miles SSE of Alexander City, AL.
- Local motels include the
 - Baymont Inn & Suites (256-234-7099),
 - Days Inn (256-234-6311),
 - Hampton Inn (256-234-2244), and
 - Quality Inn (256-234-5900).
- Camping
 - Full hook-up camping is available at the nearby Wind Creek State Park. Office: 256-329-0845.
 - Glamping is even available at Wind Creek State Park. Information and reservations at <https://lakemartin.tlglamping.com/>
 - Limited camping is available on the club grounds. We have restrooms but no utilities at the campsites. Reservations are required, so include a note on the registration.

13. Registration:

Registration this year may be done in any of the following three ways:

1. Online at the Dixie Sailing Club Website, www.dixiesailingclub.com. Follow the links to the Punchbowl Regatta, then Register Now.
2. Online at Regatta Network https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=30867

Call Chris Hodge at 314-221-7269 any day before 8 PM CDT if you have any questions. Payment should be made by cash or check at check-in on race day.

14. Questions – Further Information

For any further information, please contact the Regatta Chairman

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Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat generated during the regatta to be published in any media for regatta press coverage.