

2012 Soling U.S. Championship

Notice of Race

Severn Sailing Association
Annapolis, Maryland
April 13-15, 2012

1 **Organizing Authority**

The Organizing Authority is the Severn Sailing Association in Cooperation with the United States Soling Association (USSA) and the Chesapeake Soling Fleet .

2 **Rules**

The event will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2013, and the International Soling Association (ISA) Championship Rules. This Notice of Race will rule except as amended or altered by the Sailing Instructions, or properly posted amendments on the Official Notice Board. All racing will be fleet racing.

3 **Advertising**

The Championship will be a category C event under ISAF Regulation 20.

4 **Eligibility**

4.1 The regatta is open to all yachts declared eligible by the USSA, CISA or their national Soling association. All skippers and crew must be 2012 members of the USSA, CISA, or the ISA. US skippers shall be members of the United States Sailing Association. Canadian entrants shall be members of the CISA. Proof of membership shall be required for on-line registration or demonstrated at on-site registration. USSA membership application may be completed at <http://www.ussoling.com>

4.2 It is also required that all yachts entering the regatta display the ISA sticker for the current year.

5 **Registration/Entry Fee**

5.1 The entry fee is \$233 US per boat for on-line registrants. On-site registration fee to be determined based on the number of registrants. Registration can be accomplished online at:
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/5120>.

5.2 The entry fee includes Red and Blue Fleet prizes, continental breakfasts and coffee, post race beer and snacks each day, SSA and USSA registration fees, launching and trailer storage during the event, dinner on Saturday evening at Henry Thomas's home

6 **Schedule of Events**

6.1 On-line registration is recommended but on-site registration will be at the Severn Sailing Association (SSA) on Thursday, April 12 from 1500-1700 and Friday, April 13 from 0800-0930.

6.2 Competitor's meeting will be held at 0930 on Saturday, April 13, 2009.

6.3 Fleet Racing:

Friday, April 13, First Race warning signal at 1100, races to follow;
Beer/Snacks at SSA immediately after racing;

April 14, warning signal at 1100, races to follow
Beer/Snacks, April 14 immediately after racing;
Dinner at Henry Thomas's Home, Saturday April 14 at 1800;

April 15, warning signal at 1030, race to follow if necessary;
No warning signals shall be given after 1400 on Sunday April 15.

- 7 **Measurement and Safety**
Regatta Officials reserve the right to measure and/or stamp all sails and ask each yacht to submit a valid measurement certificate. Random inspections for class safety rules may be conducted at any time during the regatta.
- 8 **Liability**
The organizing authorities and/or any part, person involved in the regatta, will accept no liability and responsibility for any personal or material damage sustained prior to, during, or after the regatta.
- 9 **Sailing Instructions**
The Sailing Instructions shall be available at registration.
- 10 **Regatta Site**
The regatta site is the Severn Sailing Association, 311 First St., Annapolis MD. Telephone: (410) 268-8744. Directions to Severn Sailing Association are available at the club website: www.severnsailing.org.
- 11 **Racing Areas**
The racing area shall be ESE of the mouth of the Severn River, in the Chesapeake Bay, as indicated on attachments to the Sailing Instructions.
- 12 **Courses**
The courses will be triangular or windward-leeward as shown in the sailing instructions.
- 13 **Scoring**
The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A2 scoring system will apply. There are seven races scheduled. Four races completed shall constitute a regatta. If five races are completed, each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst when prohibited by Rules A1-3.
- 14 **Penalties**
RRS Rule 44 applies.
- 15 **Prizes**
Prizes will be awarded to each member of the crews placing first, second and third in the Red and Blue Fleets.
- 16 **Insurance**
Each participating boat shall have adequate insurance cover, specifically including third party liability cover while racing of at least US\$300,000 for the duration of the regatta.
- 17 **Additional Information**
Lunches can be pre-ordered on-line through realfoodSSA@gmail.com.
- For additional information please call Joe Van Gieson at (410) 353-9464, or (preferably) send an email to joevangieson@earthlink.net.
- 17 **Lodging**
Lodging with local sailors is available on a first come, first serve basis, or at the following local hotels. Contact Joe Van Gieson for housing information.

Best Western Annapolis	(410) 222-2800
Courtyard by Marriott	(410) 246-1555
Days Inn & Suites of Annapolis	(410) 222-4317
Hampton Inn & Suites	(410) 571-0200