



2016 DISC FALL CLASSIC SERIES Notice of Race

Details: Daingerfield Island Sailing Club (DISC) will sponsor a four (4) weekend races that constitute the Fall Classic Series culminating with the DISC Frostbite race. Each Saturday event will start with a brief skippers meeting at 10:00 am on the deck behind the Afterdeck Café at Washington Sailing Marina, with racing commencing at 11:00 am.

The following courses may be used: DISC Middle Course, Three Bridges Course and the Mt. Vernon Sprint.

Dates: Saturdays Oct 1, Oct 22, Oct 29, and Nov 5 (the DISC Frostbite).

Eligibility: All entries must have a valid 2016 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate. By participating and entering DISC races and regattas, the boat owner/skipper agrees to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, the Daingerfield Island Sailing Club (DISC) Notices of Race, PHRF of the Chesapeake, and the DISC Sailing Instructions.

Each boat must be owned by a member of DISC. The boat owner is not required to be onboard or to helm. A captain of a club-owned boat (e.g., SCOW, PSC, etc) must be an active DISC member and must register the boat in DISC races.

Classes: Boats may participate in the Spinnaker or Non-Spinnaker classes and cannot change classes after the first race they enter.

Courses: The course will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting. In the case of the Middle course, specific courses will be designated at the Skipper's Meeting or on the water. The course descriptions are posted in the Racing Resources/Courses on the DISC website. The 2 and 3 Bridges and Mt. Vernon Sprint courses are also posted in the same section of the website.

The Start and Finish: The honor starting system will be used and the starting sequence will be announced by radio on VHF 69. For DISC Middle and Three Bridges courses the start and finish will be between N6 and the pilings at the north end of the dock at the rowing boathouse on the Virginia shoreline. For the Mt Vernon Sprint the start will be at N90. Skippers will record their respective finish times using GPS time. All fleets will start together.

Time Limit: 2 hours per race on the DISC Middle Courses. For 2 and 3 Bridges Races and Mt Vernon Spring the time limit is 4 hours.

Protests: Protests must be made in accordance with the US Sailing rules 2003-2016 (Hail the word "PROTEST" to the offending vessel immediately after the incident and fly and display a Red Flag) to be considered a "Valid Protest". A protested competitor can exonerate themselves from a foul by performing a 720-degree turn (2 tacks, 2 gybes) in accordance with Part 4, paragraphs 44.1-44.2. Since there is no planned Committee Boat for the Fall Classic Series, notice to protest must be sent to officers@discsailing.org within six hours after the protesting boat completes the race.

Awards: Series trophies will be awarded to the best 3-day totals in each fleet (one throw out). The DISC Frostbite will receive individual trophies in each fleet.

Facilities: 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, Virginia.

Entry Fee: \$40.00 for the series or \$15.00 for any individual Saturday race. Registration forms downloaded from the DISC Website can be handed in at the Skippers Meetings, submitted via the DISC website, or sent by mail to the DISC Treasurer: Bob Brady (contact officers for his mailing address).

Contact: For questions about racing, contact officers@discsailing.org.