

2017 Cherry Blossom Regatta

Notice of Race



DAINGERFIELD ISLAND SAILING CLUB

Saturday, April 15, 2017

Sanction #: 302

Entry Due: Saturday, April 15, 2017 (at 10:00 a.m.).

Entry Fee: FREE

Mail To: Send intention to race via e-mail to officers@discsailing.org.

Contact: officers@discsailing.org

Eligibility: All entries should have a valid 2017 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating certificate or proof of a submitted rating application to PHRF of the Chesapeake.

By participating and entering DISC races and regattas, the boat owner/skipper agrees to abide by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020, the DISC Notices of Race, PHRF of the Chesapeake, and the DISC Sailing Instructions.

At least one class for non-spinnaker and at least one class for spinnaker fleet boats will be offered. Boats may not switch classes during the series.

Rendezvous: A Skipper's Meeting will be held on the deck behind the Afterdeck Café at Washington Sailing Marina at 10:00 a.m. On-water rendezvous at 10:45 a.m. in the vicinity Potomac River GR "HP" FI (2+1) G 6s.

Radio: Boats should monitor VHF 69 for courtesy communications from the Race Committee.

Start: At 11:00 a.m. between Potomac River GR "HP" FI (2+1) G 6s and the Race Committee Signal Boat.

Signals: The RRS 26 Starting System will be used.

Course: Fixed government marks will be used. The course will be determined the day of each race. Code letters will be posted on the Race Committee boat. A description of all marks and their code letter designations is available in the Event Sailing Instructions at www.discsailing.org and described by the Event Sailing Instructions posted in the Racing section of www.discsailing.org. For this event, it will be Race Committee's intent to use DISC "North Courses" as posted on the DISC web site at www.discsailing.org.

Finish: Between Potomac River GR "HP" FI (2+1) G 6s and the Race Committee Signal Boat or at a location determined by the Race Committee.

Time Limit: 1.5 hours per race. No races will start after 3:00 p.m.

Rules: This regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS). RRS 63.7, Conflict between Rules, is replaced by, "*If there is a conflict between the Event Sailing Instructions and the Notice Of Race, the Event Sailing Instructions shall apply.*" DISC's Event Sailing Instructions and Notice(s) of Change will be posted on www.discsailing.org up until 2400 on Friday 14 April 2017.

Protests: The Race Committee must be informed of the intent to protest upon finishing or retiring. The time limit for submitting the protest form in writing will be 30 minutes after the Race Committee returns to the dock. Race Committee dock time and protest closing time will be announced over VHF channel 69. Protest forms must be handed to the Standing Race Committee, or emailed to officers@discsailing.org within the time limit.

Awards: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies will be presented in both the spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets at an awards ceremony following the completion of the races at Washington Sailing Marina.

Other: This regatta forms part of the 2017 National Cherry Blossom Festival. Participating boats without a valid PHRF of the Chesapeake rating may be assigned a courtesy rating by RC. Boats participate in this regatta entirely of their own volition (see RRS 4, Decision to Race). DISC will

not accept liability for damage or injury resulting from an incident arising before, during, or after the regatta.

Shore Amenities: 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, VA on a first come basis at a discounted price.

The following rules have been modified in the Regatta Sailing Instructions:

RRS 63.7 **Conflict Between Rules**, Sailing Instructions will apply

RRS 62.1 **Redress**. All radio communication will be a courtesy.

RRS 24, **Interfering With Another Boat**, Sailing in the area of the finish line after racing

RRS 32.2 **Shortening The Course**, changes procedure and finish line

RRS 21, 44.1, 44.2, 44.3, **Exoneration, Penalties At The Time Of An Incident**, collision with the Race Committee boat, the penalty is to retire

RRS 28, A3, **Sailing The Course, Starting Times And Finishing Places**, Race Committee can finish competitors where they stand.

RRS 60.2, **Right To Protest**, Race Committee can protest a boat that interferes with commercial traffic with information from a party with a *conflict of interest*.