



Spring & Fall Sunday Racing Series Notice of Races

1. RULES

These races will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 In order to be scored for a race series the skipper (or co-skipper) must be an Active, Junior, or Life member of the Potomac River Association (PRSA). The PRSA membership year begins December 1 each year and runs through November 30 of the subsequent year. Visit the “Dues & RC Duty” page on the PRSA website for PRSA membership information: <http://potomacriversailing.org/dues-rc-duty/>.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 The series will consist of races on Sundays in the spring and in the fall:
- Spring Series generally starts early April and runs through mid-June
 - Fall Series generally starts mid-September and runs through mid-November
- 3.2 Please refer to the PRSA Racing Calendar (<http://potomacriversailing.org/calendar/>) for the schedule of race dates..
- 3.3 A competitor’s meeting will be held at 1000 each Sunday. The first warning signal will sound at 1125. No races will be started after 1530.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions are posted to the PRSA website (Regattas & Series → Spring & Fall Sunday Series on the PRSA website: <http://potomacriversailing.org/spring-fall-sunday-series/>).

5. VENUE & SAILING AREA

- 5.1 The Washington Sailing Marina is located at [1 Marina Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22314](#), just off of the George Washington Parkway about 1.5 miles south of Reagan National Airport and a similar distance north of Old Town Alexandria.
- 5.2 Races will be conducted on the Potomac River, between Gravelly Point and Hains Point, Washington, D.C. Following a notice to competitors at the competitors’ meeting, races may be conducted east of the Mirant Power Plant, Alexandria, Virginia.
- 5.3 Channel-bound commercial vessels within the racing area are obstructions. Boats that are racing must keep clear of such vessels.

6. RACE COMMITTEE SERVICE

- 6.1 Each skipper racing in the Spring or Fall Series must fulfill Race Committee duty in the Spring/Fall series. The number of slots each skipper must fill over the Spring & Fall Series will be announced prior to the start of the Spring Series each year and posted to <http://potomacroversailing.org/dues-rc-duty/>. You can sign up for RC duty on the PRSA website ("Dues & RC Duty" page: <http://potomacroversailing.org/dues-rc-duty/>).

7. SCORING

- 7.1 The Spring Series and the Fall Series will use average *series* scoring, meaning:
- A *race day* is a day on which one or more races are completed
 - *Participate* means a boat starts one or more races on a race day, or the boat's skipper or co-skipper serves on RC on a *race day*.
 - On a *race day* that a boat starts one or more races, its point total for all races that day will determine its *position* for that day. This point total will be the boat's score for that *race day* in the *series*.
 - The redress score for a *race day* when a boat's skipper or co-skipper did RC will be calculated as the average of its other *series race day* scores.
 - The *series* will be comprised of the *race days* indicated on the PRSA Calendar (<http://potomacroversailing.org/calendar/>).
- 7.2 Active one-design fleets as defined in the PRSA Bylaws (any one-design sailboat class with five or more Active, Junior, or Life members as of January 15th of the year of the series) are eligible for their own starts.
- 7.3 Participating boats not part of an active one-design fleet will be scored as part of one or more handicap divisions.

8. AWARDS

- 8.1 To *qualify* for awards, a boat must *participate* in at least 50% of *race days* in the *series*.
- 8.2 The depth of awards in fleets will be based on the number of boats that *qualify* for the *series*:
- 1 qualifier: none
 - 2-3 qualifiers: 1 award
 - 4-5 qualifiers: 2 awards
 - 6-7 qualifiers: 3 awards
 - 8 or more qualifiers: 4 awards
- 8.3 Awards will be announced and conferred at the PRSA Annual General Meeting & Awards Ceremony (generally held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving).

9. SUSTAINABILITY

PRSA has joined the race to restore the health of our waterways in partnership with the [Sailors for the Sea Clean Regattas Program](#). Protecting our natural resources (including National Parks such as Washington Sailing Marina) and our local waters (including the Potomac River) is very important to us. We ask for your help in this effort when racing with PRSA. In particular, we ask that you:

- Use reusable rather than single-use water bottles.
- Ensure that recycling and trash is separated properly before disposing of waste (please take note of the separate recycling bins for cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard in the dinner area; food waste should be placed in the trash).
- Print one copy of the Sailing Instructions for yourself in advance using double-sided printing if you wish to have a hard copy of the SIs.
- Consider a water only washdown for your boat following the event.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, "Decision to Race." The Potomac River Sailing Association will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact PRSA Executive Committee (information available at <http://potomacriversailing.org/contact-page/>) or visit the "Spring & Fall Sunday Series" page on the PRSA website (<http://potomacriversailing.org/spring-fall-sunday-series/>).