



Thistle Blue Crab Regatta

August 31 & September 1, 2019

Hosted by Thistle Fleet 34 and Severn Sailing Association



Blue Crab Feast ~ Don's Treat -- A Labor Day Weekend Racing Tradition

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **Rules:** This regatta will be governed by the current edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing, requirements of the Thistle Class Association, and the SSA Sailing Instructions as amended.
2. **Eligibility and Entry:**
 - 2.1. This regatta is open to all R&D Thistle Class boats. Current membership in the TCA is required for all skippers.
 - 2.2. Eligible boats may enter online at the Severn Sailing Association website https://www.severnsailing.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=549086&item_id=969086 until 1600 Friday, August 30 or by paper on the day of the regatta.
 - 2.3. Early registration online is appreciated so regatta organizers can plan for racing and dinner.
3. **Fees:**
 - 3.1. \$30 for non-SSA members / free for SSA members.
 - 3.2. Regatta entry includes dinner of crabs, pizza, salad, and dessert for three. Cash bar.
 - 3.3. Please contact Rosemary Foltis (foltisr@gmail.com; 410.263-1941) regarding extra dinners.
4. **Schedule:**
 - Saturday
 - 0830 Registration
 - 0930 Competitors' Meeting
 - 1000 Harbor Start
 - 1100 Warning signal for Race 1, additional races to follow as conditions permit
 - ~1700 Dinner
 - Sunday
 - 1000 Harbor Start
 - 1100 Warning Signal, additional races as conditions permit (no start after 1500)
 - Awards to Follow
5. **Racing Area:** The racing area will be in the Chesapeake Bay, near the mouth of the Severn River.
6. **Sailing Instructions:** Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration and the Competitors' Meeting on Saturday morning.
7. **Courses:** The courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.
8. **Scoring:** The low point scoring system of Appendix A will be used, except that no score will be excluded. A minimum of one completed race will constitute a regatta.

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9. Radio Communications:

- 9.1. Competitors may receive VHF radio transmissions from the Race Committee concerning safety, notice of on-the-course-side (OCS) boats and general information to assist in the management of the event.
- 9.2. VHF radio channels will be announced at the Competitors' Meeting.

10. Awards: Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crew finishing first through third.

11. Disclaimer of Liability: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

12. Information/Questions: For more information please contact Rosemary Foltis (foltisr@gmail.com; 410.263-1941).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Accommodations/Housing:

- Many hotels and motels and several camping facilities are located in the greater Annapolis area.
- Limited housing is available with Fleet members. Please contact Rosemary Foltis (foltisr@gmail.com; 410.263-1941).

Clean Regatta:

- We have registered as a Clean Regatta with Sailors for the Sea.
- Please use refillable water bottles and discard items in the appropriate receptacle (compost/landfill/recycle).

Crew Clearinghouse:

Please contact Bill Krafft (bkrafft@triconmail.com) if you need crew or know of people available to crew.

Directions:

- Severn Sailing Association is located at 311 First Street, Annapolis, MD 21403.
- Directions are available on the SSA website at www.severnsailing.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=549086&module_id=181180

Let's celebrate Labor Day Weekend with Don and Chesapeake Bay blue crabs!

