

NOTICE OF RACE

Thistle Spring Invitational Regatta

June 12-13, 2021

Hosted by Severn Sailing Association
and Thistle Fleet #34 Annapolis, MD

1. **Rules:** This regatta will be governed by current edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of U.S. Sailing, the Thistle Class Association (TCA), and by the Severn Sailing Association (SSA) Sailing Instructions. The 2021 SSA Sailing Instructions can be downloaded at <https://www.severnsailing.org/racing>

Changes to the rules will be posted on the SSA Notice Board.

2. **Eligibility & Entry:** The regatta is open to all members of the Thistle Class Association. Membership in the Thistle Class Association is required for all skippers. For information about joining the Association, please use this link <https://www.thistleclass.com>
3. **Entry and Fees:** Non-SSA members: \$50 per boat. SSA Members: \$0. Advanced registration will be available and is encouraged via the SSA Event registration page under "Thistle Class Spring Invitational", Use this hyper link to access the SSA registration site. <https://www.severnsailing.org/racing>

4. Schedule of Events:

Saturday, June 12th

0830-0930	Final Registration
0930	Skipper's Meeting
1100	Warning Signal for first race, subsequent races to follow
1830	Social at SSA, beverages available at SSA Snack Bar

Sunday, June 13th

1100	Warning Signal for racing, subsequent races to follow. No race will be started after 1500 on Sunday. The Awards presentation will be as soon as possible following final race.
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5. **Racing Area:** The racing area will be in the Chesapeake Bay or Severn River. It will be designate by the Race Committee on each day of racing.
6. **Courses:** The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.
7. **Scoring:** The regatta will be scored on up to five races using the low point scoring system. The plan is to have up to six races to allow for a throw out. One race is sufficient to constitute a series.
8. **Awards:** Prizes will be awarded to the Skipper and crew for the top three finishers.
9. **Radio Communications:**
 - Competitors may use VHF radios for safety.
 - VHF channels will be announced at the Skippers Meeting.
10. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See the RRS for Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for personal damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Skippers are responsible for their crew to sign the SSA Waiver form.
11. **Meals & Provisions:**
 - At SSA: The SSA Snack Bar operated by Botanas Fajardo will be open for breakfast before racing begins on Saturday and Sunday, and food and drinks after racing on Saturday and Sunday.
 - Near SSA for Box Lunches:
 - Bread & Butter Kitchen offers “crew lunches” from 7:30-3PM daily at their cafe, which is just one block over (a 3 to 4 minute walk) on Second Street. Highly recommended that you preorder online using their online ordering system. Visit www.breadandbutterkitchen.com and click, "Online Order," to view the menu and to place an order. You can select the date and time for pickup.
 - Leeward Market offers crew lunches from 7AM to 3PM. How to order crew meals can be found at <https://www.leewardmarketcafe.com/our-menu/crew-meals-2/> Leeward Market is 5 blocks (.5 mi) from SSA at 601 Second Street (at the corner of Chester Ave).
12. **Questions:** Please contact **Bill Krafft** (bkrafft@triconmail.com).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Directions:

The Severn Sailing Association is located at 311 First Street, Annapolis MD 21403.

Please note that parking is limited at SSA. Please park on 1st Street after unloading sailing and boat gear if possible. If you are a non-SSA member, please contact Bill Krafft (703) 906-7650 for the code to enter the SSA gate.