# **Pride on the Bay Sailing Regatta**



June 25, 2022
Severn Sailing Association & Rainbow Spinnakers Sailing Club
Annapolis, Maryland



# **NOTICE OF RACE**

Severn Sailing Association and Rainbow Spinnakers Sailing Club are teaming up to introduce sailors to SSA-style one-design dinghy racing. We plan on a great day of racing, learning, and fun.

#### **RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in <u>The Racing Rules of Sailing</u>. SSA's <u>standard Sailing Instructions</u> will apply; amendments will be posted on the SSA Notice Board under the deck in the snack bar area no later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the competitors' meeting. **PFDs** (lifejackets) shall be worn at all times while on the water except for brief periods when adjusting clothing/sailing gear.

#### **BOATS**

Sailors will compete in SSA's club-owned FJ double-handed dinghies. Club FJs, which are 13'3" long, have main and jib only. Up to 15 FJs will be available.

#### **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

The event is primarily for members of the Rainbow Spinnakers Sailing Club, which provides the LGBT community opportunities to develop sailing skills and promote the community of sailing. Registration will first be open for RSSC sailors. If boats are still available, non-RSSC LGBT sailors and other sailors who would like support and welcome the LGBT community at SSA may register.

Eligible boats may enter by completing registration available via <u>severnsailing.org</u>. Sailors will register as teams of skipper and crew; up to 15 teams may register. **RSSC sailors** may register at any time until the registration period closes on June 22. (RSSC members, be sure to list RSSC as your sailing club in the registration process.) If boats are still available, **non-RSSC sailors** may enter from June 10 until the registration period closes on June 22.

# **FEES**

Entry fee is \$50 for each two-person team. A damage deposit of \$350 is required. The damage deposit should be presented as a check, payable to Severn Sailing Association, at on-site check-in the morning of June 25. (Assuming there is no damage, checks will be returned before sailors leave at the end of the day.)

#### **SCHEDULE**

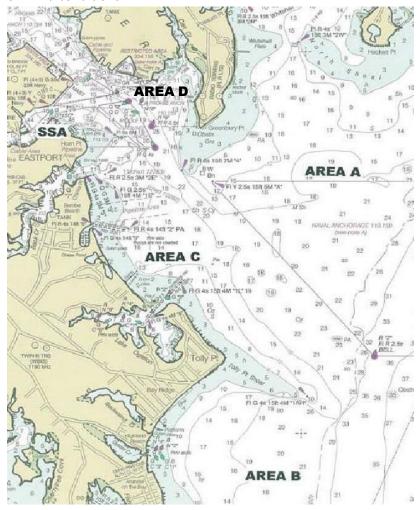
- 0800-0900 On-site check-in on SSA's second-floor deck (second-floor clubroom if inclement weather)
- 0900 Rules and racing overview/refresher in the second-floor main clubroom
- 0930 Competitors' meeting on the deck (with DaySailer fleet, also racing on the same course)
- 0945 Rig FJs and sail to racing area (about a 15-30 minute sail, depending on wind conditions)
- 1100 Scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race; three races likely
- Evening social: Plans are in the works for fun on land, too! We'll have snacks ready as you get off the water. Details on dinner and drinks to come. We'll share stories from the day and award trophies. And cake!

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

SSA's <u>standard Sailing Instructions</u> will apply; amendments will be posted on the SSA Notice Board under the deck in the snack bar area no later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the competitors' meeting.

# **VENUE**

The race course will be located in Area C or Area D. Both areas are roughly a 15-30 minute sail from SSA, depending on wind conditions.



## **THE COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be either windward/leeward or triangle-style courses. Courses will be described at the competitors' meeting and in amendments to the Sailing Instructions posted on the Notice Board at the event.

# **PENALTY SYSTEM**

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

# **SCORING**

The scoring system is the low-point scoring system (first place receives 1 point; second place, 2 points; and so on; winner has the lowest point total). One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

#### **PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded to the skipper and crew who finish first, second, and third in the official scoring. Trophies to highlight how much fun we plan on having will be awarded as well:

- Best LGBT pride boat (flags, decoration)
- Best LGBT pride crew outfits
- Best sportspersonship
- Most dramatic wipeout (accidental gybe, capsize etc.)

## **FACILITIES**

At SSA prioritize sailing and friendships rather than a fancy building. We do offer restroom/shower facilities, and some areas inside our building are air conditioned if it's a hot day. We have a filtered water-bottle filler. Trash and recycle bins are paired up at a handful of locations around the building and boat park; please be sure to recycle any cans and bottles. SSA has a fairly small parking lot; if parking gets full, parking on the street is free and plentiful (early in the day; it can get busy starting around lunchtime on lovely spring/summer weekends).

# FRIENDS/FAMILY

If you have friends and/or family coming with you who would like to learn more about sailboat racing but who don't yet feel ready to hop in a small dinghy to go racing, please let Kim and/or Eric (info below) know. We may be able to find them a spot on a motorboat to help manage the races (if space is available), or they may be able to volunteer to help with on-site check-in. The racing area will likely not be easily visible from SSA. If friends and family want to come to spend time in Annapolis while you're out on the water, we have lots of great things to do in town! Note that the <u>Eastport a Rockin'</u> live music event runs 11 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Annapolis Maritime Museum.

#### **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.

#### **COVID PROTOCOLS**

All participants and guests must comply with any state, local, and club COVID-related protocols in place at the time of the regatta.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact Kim Couranz of Severn Sailing Association (<u>kimcouranz@comcast.net</u>) or Eric Bolda of Rainbow Spinnakers Sailing Club (<u>ebolda@fastem.com</u>).