



Thistle Blue Crab Regatta

September 3 & 4, 2022

A Labor Day Weekend Racing Tradition



Hosted by Thistle Fleet 34 and Severn Sailing Association
311 First Street • Annapolis, Maryland 21403

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **Rules:** This regatta will be governed by the current edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing, the requirements of the Thistle Class Association, the current Severn Sailing Association Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions (as amended) and this Notice of Race.
2. **Sailing Instructions:** Amendments to Severn Sailing Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be available on the online registration page and will be posted on the SSA Notice Board Saturday morning. The SSA Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be available on the online registration page and will be available Saturday morning.
3. **Eligibility and Entry:**
 - This regatta is open to all R&D Thistle Class boats. Current membership in the Thistle Class Association is required for all skippers.
 - Eligible boats may enter by completing online entry form and paying the entry fee at www.severnsailing.org under Racing>Upcoming SSA Races.
4. **Fees:**
 - The entry fee is \$30 per boat. The entry fee includes racing and Saturday appetizers and desserts. Note: we will not be picking crabs this year; the food truck for SSA's food vendor will be on site for dinner purchases.
5. **Schedule:**
 - The preliminary schedule of events is as follows:

<u>Saturday</u>	
0830	Check-In
0930	Competitors' Meeting
1000	Harbor Start
1100	Warning signal for Race 1, additional races to follow as conditions permit
~1700	Appetizers & Happy Hour. Cash Bar.
<u>Sunday</u>	
1000	Harbor Start
1100	Warning Signal, additional races as conditions permit (no start after 1500)
Awards to Follow	
 - The number of races each day may vary as weather conditions permit. The total number of races for the regatta shall not exceed seven (7); one (1) completed race shall constitute a regatta.
6. **Venue:** The racing area will be in the Chesapeake Bay, near the mouth of the Severn River.

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7. Communication:

- The official notice board is located under the SSA deck in the Snack Bar area.
- Competitors may receive courtesy VHF radio transmissions from the Race Committee over VHF channel 65A concerning safety, notice of on-course-side (OCS) boats and general information to assist in the management of the event. The use of any other electronic communication devices, including cellular phones, is prohibited except in an emergency.
- Except in an emergency, a participating boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all participating boats.

8. **Courses:** The courses will be as described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. **Penalty System:** RSS/US Appendix V1 and V2 shall be in effect.

10. Scoring:

- A boat's regatta score shall be the total of her race scores.
- A minimum of one completed race will constitute a regatta.

11. **Prizes:** Perpetual trophies will be awarded to the boats placing first, second, and third in the regatta.

12. **Further Information:** Please contact Bill Krafft (bkrafft@triconmail.com).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

COVID 19: All participants and their guests are expected to follow CDC, State of Maryland, Thistle Class Association, and Severn Sailing Association guidance as appropriate.

Clean Regatta: We have registered as a Clean Regatta with Sailors for the Sea (www.sailorsforthesea.org). You can help by bringing and using refillable water bottles and beer cups, reef-safe sunscreen, non-toxic boat wash (or water-only), and reusable bags for regatta provisioning.



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

Dinners:

- We will not be picking crabs this year. The food truck for SSA's food vendor (Romilo's) will be on site for dinner purchases. Here is the link to the food truck menu: <https://www.severnsailing.org/snackbar>.
- Cash Bar.