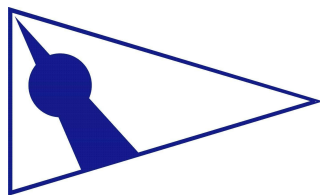


Free State Team Race

Aug 5-6, 2023



Severn Sailing Association
311 First St.
Annapolis, MD 21403



Notice of Race

Severn Sailing Association invites all sailors to compete in the recently revived Free State Team Race.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in this NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. **Rules:** The races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024, including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules. USCG approved PFDs shall be worn while on the water.
 - 1.1. [DP] RRS 40 is replaced with: "Competitors shall wear USCG approved Type III Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) at all times while afloat except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing."
 - 1.2. Competitors shall not take or use alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs aboard the boats. Breaking this rule will be considered misconduct and subject to action under RRS 69.
2. **Boats:** FJs will be provided to all competitors.
3. **Eligibility and Entry:** The regatta is open to the first 12 teams to submit entries for all team members. A team is not considered registered until all six team members have submitted their entry forms and paid their entry fees.
4. **Registration:** Register online before 1800h on August 4th, 2023 at <https://club.severnsailing.org/event/1888>. Additional on-site registration will be available (with a \$50 late fee incurred) from 0900 - 0930 on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

The deadline to guarantee shirt sizes is July 7th.

5. **Fees:** The entry fee for each team is \$350.00. A late fee of \$50 will be incurred for any registrations on-site. FJs will be provided to all competitors. Competitors agree to assume up to \$350 cost of any damage caused by the competitor. Entry fees will include, at a minimum, racing support, supplied boats, regatta t-shirts, meal/drink vouchers for each team member which may be redeemed at the SSA Snack Bar (Botanas Fajardo), and trophies.
6. **Prizes:** Trophies will be awarded, at a minimum, to the top two teams at the regatta.

7. **Format:** The regatta format will be determined by the Organizing Authority (OA) based on the number of teams and racing conditions. Possible formats may include round robins for all teams or groups of teams, and a knock-out series for some teams.

8. **Schedule:**

Saturday	0900-0930	Registration, check-in, & rigging
	1000	Skippers meeting
	1030	Warning Signal 1 st Race
		During and following racing: food and beverages available from SSA snack bar, Botanas Fajardo
Sunday	1030	Warning Signal 1 st Race
	After 1530	No new rounds of racing will be started
		Following racing: food and beverages available for purchase at SSA snack bar; awards

9. **Sailing Instructions:** Sailing Instructions will be available online prior to 1800h on Aug 4, 2023.
10. **Venue:** Racing will be held off SSA in the mouth of the Severn River.
11. **Courses:** The course to be sailed will be a “Digital N” course.
12. **Scoring:** Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix D, except as modified by the sailing instructions.
13. **Communications:** The official notice board will be located electronically on the event website.
14. **Disclaimer of Liability:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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.
15. **Contact:** For any questions, contact Brad Milliken (brad.milliken111@gmail.com) or Travis Carlisle (sailing@severnsailing.org).

