

Potomac River Sailing Association

Notice of Race Laser Frostbite Series for 2016-2017

Washington Sailing Marina, Alexandria, VA

1 RULES The races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 ENTRY FEE There is no entry fee, but PRSA membership for 2017 (which begins December 1, 2016 and runs through November 30, 2017) is required for regular racing. (We have to pay for insurance, slips, motor maintenance, etc.) The launch fee for those who do not have a slip at the Washington Sailing Marina (WSM) is half price to PRSA members on race days: \$5. For non-PRSA guest sailors the launch fee required by WSM is \$10. Payment for launch can be made to the staff of WSM on the day of competition. The PRSA membership application is on the website along with instructions for where to send the form and check. There is also a PayPal option for paying your dues.

3 SCHEDULE

3.1 The series will consist of sixteen Sundays from November 20 through March 19.

3.2 Skipper's meeting at 12:00 noon and the first warning signal @ 12:30 pm. The start will not be delayed for latecomers.

3.3 The Race Committee (RC) will attempt to run 4 or more races each day. The last race of the day shall not be started after 3:30 p.m.

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS The sailing instructions will be posted through the fleet e-mail list (PRSALasers@yahoo.com) and on the PRSA website (<http://potomacroversailing.org/laser-frostbite-series/>).

5 VENUE The Washington Sailing Marina is off of the GW Parkway between Old Town Alexandria and Reagan National Airport. For directions to the Washington Sailing Marina go to www.potomacsailing.org and click About PRSA.

5.1 RACING AREA The race course will either be in the cove or out on the river depending on wind, tidal current and aquatic vegetation. The choice will be announced at the skipper's meeting and is the discretion of the Race Committee that day.

6 THE COURSES

6.1 All starts will be to windward.

6.2 Boats shall leave marks to port (with the exception of the port end of a gate).

6.3 The course will be hailed by the Race Committee to the competitors. It is the competitor's responsibility to receive the hail from the RC.

6.4 The course may be a Windward-Leeward (Hot Dog), Triangle or combination thereof. All courses are at the discretion of the RC.

7 PENALTY Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

8 SCORING

8.1 SERIES SCORING To qualify in the series you must sail in 50 percent (rounded up) +1 or more of the races. (Your turns on RC don't count, so you need to be out there for more than the minimum 50 percent.) Your score will be the average of your best 50 percent of races in the series. The more you sail, the more of your low scoring races will be excluded. The low point average scoring system will be used. Averaging scores instead of summing them allows us simply to assign a blank for RC duty and a blank for DNC. The Hangover Regatta on January 1 does not count towards the series scoring.

8.2 THIRD PLACE WRITEUP As is our custom, the third place finisher on the day of racing provides a summary of their performance and hints on how they were successful. Third place writeup authors are encouraged to share tactical strategic and mental tips that they found helpful for improving their sailing.

8.3 RACE SCORING If you start and finish a race properly, your score is your finish position. Other scores depend on the number of qualified finishers. Qualified finishers excludes OCS (on course side), DSQ (disqualification), and RAF (retired after finishing). DNF and OCS will be the number of qualified finishers + 1. DNS, DSQ, and RAF will get the number of qualified finishers + 2. Note that to get a DNS you must have started at least one race on that day.

9 PRIZES We will score and engrave the name of the winner of the full Sunday series on a perpetual plaque. To qualify you must sail in 50 percent (rounded up) +1 or more of the races. The skipper who qualifies for the series with the highest series average score will have their name engraved on the perpetual rusty rudder award.

10 RACE COMMITTEE DUTY You can sign up for RC Duty on the PRSA Website here: <http://potomacriversailing.org/dues-rc-duty/>. EVERYONE needs to sign-up for at least one day during the winter. Competitors who feel comfortable to do so may switch with the assigned RC of the day to allow the RC to do a few races.

10.1 RECORDING FINISHES Although the RC person can record finishes using sail numbers, they need to add the names of the skippers in borrowed boats before starting another race. Also,

it is important for the RC person to note anyone who did not finish (DNF) because DNF and DNS get different scores.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Competitors participate in the winter series entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 FURTHER INFORMATION For further information please contact Dan Dunham at Dan.S.Dunham@gmail.com or 908-307-5570.