**Potomac River Sailing Association**

**Dinghy Open**

**Notice of Race**

**September 14, 2014**

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Marina Entry: Participants bringing boats from outside Washington Sailing Marina (WSM) on Sunday morning simply need to tell the guard at the gate that they are sailing in the regatta, and fill in a sign-in sheet. Payment of marina entrance and launch fees at the gate is not required. PRSA will cover the cost of these fees for visiting boats.

**NOTICE OF RACES**

1 RULES

* 1. These races will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
	2. The Potomac River Sailing Association will organize the PRSA Dinghy Open on the Potomac River from the Washington Sailing Marina in Alexandria, VA

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1 All sailboats of any class, 20’ and under, are invited to participate. Sailboats may be organized and compete in three divisions – Spinnaker Division, Non-spinnaker Division and Multi-hull Division. Based on the number of boats present at the Skipper’s Meeting, Divisions may be combined.

2.2 All competitors must complete an entry form prior to 10:00 AM, September 14, 2014.

2.3 Competitors should register in person on September 14, 2014, from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM at the WSM.

* 1. Entry Fees: No entry fee required.

3 RISK:

It is the competitor’s decision to enter the regatta and to start or continue to race. The competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks. 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. The competitors will accept full responsibility for all his/her actions during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during and after the regatta.

4 SCHEDULE: September 14, 2014

0900 -1000: Registration

1000: Skipper’s meeting

1130: First warning signal; consecutive races follow

1500: No races will be started after this time

After racing: BBQ and Awards as soon as possible after the races

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Sailing instructions will be posted online at <http://potomacriversailing.org/2014/09/10/2014-prsa-dinghy-open/> and will be available at the skipper’s meeting on Sunday, September 14.

5.2 An opportunity exists to discuss any questions participants have about the SI at the skipper’s meeting.

6 VENUE

6.1 The Washington Sailing Marina is located just off of the George Washington Parkway about 1.5 miles south of Reagan National Airport and a similar distance north of Old Town Alexandria. The street address for Internet directions is 1 Marina Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

6.2 Competitors will sail off of Haines Point (with the Capitol and monuments as a backdrop).

6.3 Course descriptions and diagrams will be included in the Sailing Instructions.

7 SCORING

7.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

7.2 Scoring for boats in each Division will be done using the current US Sailing’s Portsmouth Yard Stick.

8 AWARDS

8.1 The depth of awards will be based on the number of participants in each divison.

9 BBQ

The Sunday afternoon post race BBQ will include beer for adults over 21, with non-alcoholic beverages available. Dinner will include hamburgers, hotdogs and side dishes. Dinner and drinks are free to all registered skippers and crew.

10 FURTHER INFORMATION

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