



# DISC Fall High Point Sailing Series



## Notice of Races

### DAINGERFIELD ISLAND SAILING CLUB

Mt Vernon Chase: 05 October 2024

Fall Regatta: 19 October 2024

Frostbite Regatta: 26 October 2024

**Entry Due:** 1700 hours on date prior to the each event.

**Entry Fee:** \$30 for all 3

**Mail To:** Send intention to race via e-mail to [officers@discsailing.org](mailto:officers@discsailing.org).

**Contact:** [officers@discsailing.org](mailto:officers@discsailing.org).

**Description:** The Fall High Point Sailing Series is a combination of three race events, a pursuit distance race (3 Bridges), a pursuit distance race (Mt. Vernon Chase), and a Round the Bouys race (Fall Regatta). The single \$30 entry fee is for all three events. The entry fee is not prorated for sailing fewer than 3 events. A boat must sail 2 of the 3 events to qualify for the high point award, one of the two required events must be the Frostbite Regatta. A minimum of 5 boats registered per class at the beginning of the series is required to ensure first through third place awards.

**Rules:** This series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in current The Racing Rules of Sailing. Conflict between Rules, "*If there is a conflict between the Event Sailing Instructions and the Notice Of Race, the Event Sailing Instructions shall apply.*" this modifies RRS 63.7. US Prescriptions will apply except where modified by the NOR and SI's. PHRF of the Chesapeake Class Rules will apply.

**Eligibility:** All entries must have a valid 2024 PHRF of the Chesapeake rating or proof of a submitted rating application to PHRF of the Chesapeake. Each competitor must sign a waiver. Each owner must register and pay fees for a boat to be scored. At the discretion of the Organizing Authority, a provisional PHRF rating may be assigned if a valid certificate is not available.

Navigation lights if applicable must be operational. Each boat should meet US Sailing Near Shore requirements as described in Racing Resources at [www.discsailing.org](http://www.discsailing.org)

Lifelines, if the boat was originally equipped with them. For those boats that did not have lifelines, all crew must wear approved Type III or Type V Personal Flotation Devices while racing.

Each boat must be owned by a member in good standing of DISC. The boat owner is not required to be onboard or to helm. A captain of a club-owned boat must be an active DISC member and must register the boat in DISC races.

At least one class for non-spinnaker, at least one class for spinnaker fleet boats will be offered.

**Notices:** The official Notice Board is electronic and will be located at [www.discsailing.org](http://www.discsailing.org), under the appropriate event tab.

**SI's:** The Sailing Instructions will be available online at [www.discsailing.org](http://www.discsailing.org) at least 1 day before each race.

**Rendezvous:** **All:** A Skipper's Meeting will be held on the deck outside the marina store at Washington Sailing Marina at 0930.

**Frostbite Regatta:** For races designated as "Middle Course", at 1100 in the vicinity of Potomac River R4. The course options for each race will be posted on the DISC web site ([www.discsailing.org](http://www.discsailing.org)) under the Racing Resources tab. At the discretion of the Standing Race Committee, race rendezvous and start locations may be moved, especially at times of extreme low tide.

**Mt Vernon Course and marks** – DISC Mt Vernon courses are listed under Racing Resources on the DISC website [www.discsailing.org](http://www.discsailing.org). All marks serving as turning marks are to be rounded to port. Designation of courses used will be at the discretion of the DISC Standing Race Committee. Courses for spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets may be different or may be the same. Except for course 1, rounding GC 81, GC 79 will be rounded on the channel side as a mark of the course in both directions. All courses will begin at Potomac River "90", FI R 4s, South of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, and will round 1 of the following 6 marks:

- 1) GC 81 (7.24 mi)
- 2) GC 77 (9.20 mi)
- 3) GC 73 (11.38 mi)
- 4) GC 71 (13.08 mi)
- 5) GC 69 (14.10 mi)
- 6) GC 67 (15.36 mi)

**Mt Vernon Chase Starting and Finishing Lines** – A pursuit start format will be used. A starting schedule will be provided based on boats registered to compete via the registration form on the DISC website [www.discsailing.org](http://www.discsailing.org). The start times for each of the courses will be posted on the DISC website. The first boat will start no earlier than 1100 hours the day of the race at Potomac River "90", FI R 4s as the east end of the start line and an imaginary line due west of "90", FI R 4s. Each skipper is responsible for knowing their correct start time, and starting correctly.

**Fall Regatta courses and marks** – A pursuit start format will be used. A starting schedule will be provided based on boats registered to compete via the registration form on the website [www.discsailing.org](http://www.discsailing.org). DISC Fall Regatta courses will be designated as Two or Three Bridges Courses and are listed under Racing Resources on the DISC website [www.discsailing.org](http://www.discsailing.org). Designation of courses used will be at the discretion of the DISC Standing Race Committee. Courses for spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets may be different or may be the same. The first boat will start no earlier than 1100 hours the day of the race at Potomac River R4 as the east end of the start line and the southern most piling of the rowing center pier as the west end. If there is a Race Committee boat, the start line will be between the mast of the race committee boat, or an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and R4. Each skipper is responsible for knowing their correct start time, and starting correctly.

**Radio:** Boats should monitor VHF 69 for courtesy communications from the Race Committee.

**Start:** For the Frostbite Regatta races designated as "Middle Course", the start/finish line will be between Potomac River R 4 and the Race Committee Signal Boat. For Mt Vernon Chase the start line will be Potomac River "90", FI R 4s as the east end of the finish line and an imaginary line due west of "90", FI R 4s. For Fall Regatta, the start/finish line will be between Potomac River R4 and the southern most piling on the Alexandria rowing center pier.

**Signals:** For Frostbite Regatta, the RRS 26 Starting System will be used. See Event Sailing Instructions on the DISC web site ([www.discsailing.org](http://www.discsailing.org)) for specific class flag and class order specifics.

If five or more boats (not including the RC) are present for the Frostbite Regatta, the RC will anchor at the start line. If there are fewer than five boats racing, the RC may be an active competitor.

**Course:** Fixed government marks will be used. The course will be determined the day of each race. Code letters will be posted on the Race Committee boat for the Frostbite Regatta. The Race Committee will do its best to select a course that is based on the conditions the day of the race. It is the responsibility of each owner/skipper to know the draft of their own boat, and the depth of the selected course. The contour of the river bottom is constantly changing due to natural causes, and may not be what is noted on available nautical charts. Additionally, there are natural and manmade obstructions in the sailing area to include sunken trees and submerged pilings. All of these will affect the individual competitors in different manners based upon their boat's characteristics. Decisions whether to race, or tactical decision during a race are the owner/skipper's sole responsibility. Redress will not be given for running aground or into a submerged obstacle. This modifies RRS 62.1a. A description of all marks and their code letter designations is available at the Racing Resources tab at [www.discsailing.org](http://www.discsailing.org).

At the discretion of the Standing RC, drop marks may be used in lieu of one or more government marks for either the Fall Regatta or the Frostbite Regatta. If drop marks are to be used, a description of these marks will be provided at the skippers' meeting.

**Finish:** **Fall Regatta and Frostbite Regatta:** Between Potomac River R4 and the orange flag on the Race Committee boat for Frostbite, or the southern most piling on the rowing center pier for the Fall Regatta.

**Mt Vernon Chase Finish:** Potomac River "90", FI R 4s as the east end of the finish line and an imaginary line due west of "90", FI R 4s. Each boat should record boats they finished in front of and behind.

**Time Limit:** Two hours per race for Frostbite Regatta and five hours for the Mt Vernon Chase and Fall Regatta.

DISC's Event Sailing Instructions and Notice(s) of Change will be posted on [www.discsailing.org](http://www.discsailing.org) under the appropriate event web page.

**Scoring:** The Fall Race Series is a High Point Scoring based upon all three of the race events. To qualify for the series high point a boat must sail in a minimum of 2 of the 3 events, with one of those events being the Frostbite Regatta. PHRF boats will be scored using TOT (time on time) and CR ratings for the Frostbite Regatta, and CR ratings and pursuit start times (Time on Distance – TOD) in the case of the Mt Vernon Chase and Fall Regattas. High point scoring is as follows, first place = N (N being the number of boats that finished in that class in that event), second place = N-1, third place N-2, etc. The boat's total scores for the Fall High Point will be divided by the point total if the boat finished first in each event, multiplied by 100.

**Protests:** Protests must be made in accordance with the current Racing Rule of Sailing. The Race Committee boat must be notified of the intent to protest as soon as possible after finishing, and the protest must be filed with the Standing Race Committee in person or by email at [officers@discsailing.org](mailto:officers@discsailing.org) by 0900 the day after the race.

**Penalties:** Scoring penalties will be an option for Part 2 rules and rule 31.

**Waiver:** **All participants will be required to sign a waiver.**

**Awards:** Trophies will be awarded at the Annual Awards Ceremony and may be based upon level of participation per Fleet.

**The following rules have been modified in the Regatta Sailing Instructions or Notice of Race:**

RRS 63.7 **Conflict Between Rules**, Sailing Instructions will apply

RRS 62.1 **Redress**. All radio communication will be a courtesy. No Redress given for failure to receive or understand a radio transmission.

RRS 23, **Interfering With Another Boat**, Sailing in the area of the finish line after racing

RRS 32.2 **Shortening The Course**, changes procedure and finish line

RRS 44.1, 44.2, 44.3, **Penalties At The Time Of An Incident**, collision with the Race Committee boat, the penalty is to retire

RRS 60.2, **Right To Protest**, Race Committee can protest a boat that interferes with commercial traffic with information from any party, and a party with a *conflict of interest*.

RRS 62.1 **Right To Request Redress**, All boats must check in to be scored, no redress given

RRS 60.2, 60.3a, 40.1, **Y Flag Rules**, Race Committee can protest violations of rule, can receive information from a person with a *conflict of interest*.

Other Rules may be modified in the Sailing Instructions.