

# The Downtown Sailing Center

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## Notice of Race

**October 2, 2021**

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[www.downtownsailing.org/yagottaregatta](http://www.downtownsailing.org/yagottaregatta)

**The Downtown Sailing Center (“DSC”)** invites all sailors, supporters, and sponsors to participate in the Charm City’s Ya Gotta Regatta, October 2nd, 2021, benefitting The DSC’s Community Investment Programs. The Ya Gotta Regatta (YGR) celebrates ALL sailors of ALL backgrounds and is *the* critical fundraiser for The DSC’s continued success.

YGR’s primary focus is adaptive sailing, where people with disabilities compete with others from all backgrounds. The YGR also includes PHRF racing, one design keelboat racing, and a great party. Even if you are not racing, please join us and celebrate the sailors as they compete for a mighty cause.

All events will be on **October 2, 2021**. This is a rain or shine event.

*The Downtown Sailing Center will abide by all City, State, and Federal safety guidelines concerning the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.*

## Regatta Purpose

The Ya Gotta Regatta proceeds support “sailing for everyone” through our [community investment programs](#). The DSC offers numerous low- and no-cost programs, including:

- Adaptive sailing for persons with disabilities - 12 no-cost sessions in 2021
- Workforce development for Baltimore teens - 7 youth on work stipends in 2021
- Camp scholarships - 20 camp scholarships (each valued at \$450)
- Women on the Water - twice(+) per month, for women by women
- Siebel Sailors Program w/ US Saing for tweens - 32 youth sailing RS Fevas
- Summer School Sailing: 40 Wolfe Street Academy 2nd-5th graders sailed with us

<https://downtownsailing.org/donate>

The DSC encourages all sailors to set up a fundraising page to maximize their impact. More information is available [HERE](#). **All One Design and PHRF teams are *strongly encouraged to fundraise for this annual event.*** Thank you for supporting community sailing.

## Cocktail and Ice Cream Hour + Awards Ceremony

Regatta participants and supporters are invited to celebrate with us at the BMI Campus from 4:00 - 5:00 PM and enjoy complimentary beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic). Ice cream will be available for purchase as well. Please bring your own reusable cup to help us protect our planet.

The Awards Ceremony will be on site at the BMI/DSC at 5:00 PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

## Regatta Party

The Regatta Party will be held at Little Havana Restaurant following the Awards Ceremony. Regatta Party tickets are available for purchase \$15 in advance and \$20 day-of.

Tickets are required for entrance to the party; party tickets include hors d'oeuvres.

Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages and food are available for purchase at the event.

[Register for the Regatta Party HERE.](#)

DSC Merchandise, including hats, regatta shirts, and more will be available for purchase at all times during the regatta. <https://downtownsailing.org/shop>

Adaptive sailors and their families are invited to attend the regatta party at no cost and will be provided with regatta party tickets during registration. Regatta shirts will be provided to all adaptive sailors at no cost.

## Regatta Format & Classes

**Saturday, October 2nd, 2021:** *Registration opens Monday, 8/16/2021*

- Hansa (Access) 303W Course: Adaptive sailing participants will compete in Hansa 303W dinghies, located in front of the DSC docks, in a series of short races. Courses will be triangular with drop marks. [Register HERE.](#)
- DSC J/22 Course: fleet racing in DSC J/22s. Races will be windward-leeward with drop marks. [Register HERE.](#)
- PHRF Pursuit Course: Spin and Non-Spin Pursuit racing on a distance course of 9.7NM. The course starts in the vicinity of Fort McHenry, rounds Fort Carroll, and finishes in front of The DSC. [Register HERE.](#)
- Sonar and Freedom Independence 20 classes Courses: Sonar and Freedom Independence 20s will compete in a distance racing format along the Northwest Harbor. Sonars are an open class focused on universal access; the Freedom 20 class is to specifically support the adaptive sailing program.
  - [Sonar Registration HERE.](#)
  - Freedom Independence 20 Registration is managed by Rena Kazmierski, [rena@downtownsailing.org](mailto:rena@downtownsailing.org)

## Sailing Instructions

Posted online at <http://www.downtownsailing.org/yagottaregatta> and available at registration. J/22 Class and PHRF Pursuit racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

## Eligibility

DSC Members and Non-members alike are eligible to participate.

DSC Cruisers will be available for use by DSC cruising members in the PHRF Pursuit Race as selected through The DSC Cruising Council. Contact [Tark@downtownsailing.org](mailto:Tark@downtownsailing.org) for info.

DSC J/22s will be reserved for use in the One Design J/22 class via invitation, with any remaining boats open to all sailors.

DSC Sonars and Freedoms are reserved for use in the Mixed-use Accessible Races.

**DSC J/22s, Sonars, and Freedom 20's will not be available for use in the PHRF Pursuit Race.**

**If you are interested in racing in the J/22 or Sonar Classes, contact JOHN O'RIORDAN via [john@downtownsailing.org](mailto:john@downtownsailing.org).**

## Sponsorship

Corporate sponsors are an important part of our community and are essential to The DSC's success. To learn more about sponsorship, please visit our sponsorship page for more information: [www.downtownsailing.org/sponsorship](http://www.downtownsailing.org/sponsorship). Contact The DSC's office manager, Graham Humphrey, for more information: [info@downtownsailing.org](mailto:info@downtownsailing.org) or 410-727-0722 x113.

## Spectator & Social Schedule

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	BMI Farmers Market and fleet launch - 1425 Key Highway
1:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Supporters may view Hansa Access 303 Racing
2:30 PM	Supporters encouraged to cheer on Hansa Access 303 Sailors
4:00 PM	Cocktail & Ice Cream Hour on the BMI Compass Rose/Pavilion
5:00 PM	Awards Ceremony
5:30 PM	Regatta Party at Little Havana - 1325 Key Highway

## Regatta Fee

PHRF Pursuit and One Design: \$100 per boat

- \$100 registration includes 4 Regatta Party tickets (party entry and hors d'oeuvres at Little Havana)
- \*Teams fundraising \$500+ will receive Regatta Tees at no additional charge.
- Additional Regatta Party tickets may be purchased: \$15 in advance or \$20 day-of
- Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase at the Regatta Party

Regatta fee is waived for Adaptive sailors and their families and youth (U-18) entries.

## Race Schedule:

### One Design Keelboat - Celebrating the "corinthian racing spirit"

8:00AM-9:00AM	Registration (BYOMug and support the BMI Farmers' Market)
9:00 AM	One Design Skipper's Meeting: Compass Rose for fair weather Liberty Room (masks required) for inclement weather
11:00 AM	One Design fleet racing start - intention to sail 5 races
3:30 PM	No One Design races to start after 3:30 PM

### **PHRF Pursuit Race - Encouraging a Diverse and Robust Membership**

DSC dock space available for PHRF boats (see below for more info)

- 10:00 AM PHRF Q&A at the DSC  
12:00-1:00 PM PHRF Pursuit start in the vicinity of G "3" Q G  
(Check the regatta website for specific start times)  
Skippers check-in prior to 12:00 PM start via VHF Radio

### **Hansa "Access" 303W Regatta - Celebrating The DSC's Access-ability Program**

- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Registration  
12:30 PM Skippers' Meeting @ Compass Rose or Pavilion  
1:30 PM Access Dinghy Racing begins - 5-8 races scheduled  
3:15 PM No Hansa 303W races to start after 3:15 PM

### **Sonar and Freedom Independence 20 Classes - Celebrating Inclusive Sailing**

- 10:30 AM - 11:30 PM Registration  
11:30 AM Sonar & Freedom Skipper's Meeting @ Compass Rose or Pavilion  
1:00 PM Freedom Class Start; Sonar Class to directly follow  
3:00 PM No Freedom Races to start after 3:00 PM  
3:30 PM No Sonar Races to start after 3:30 PM

### **Slip Reservations**

Docking options are available for non-DSC PHRF boats competing. Please contact John O'Riordan prior to the regatta to make a post-race dock reservation.

[john@downtownsailing.org](mailto:john@downtownsailing.org).

### **Trophies**

Top Fundraiser Awards: Prizes to be awarded to the top individual fundraiser as well as the top fundraising team.

Regatta Awards: Prizes/Trophies to be awarded to the top three (3) finishers in each of the following classes:

- DSC J/22 One Design Class
- PHRF Pursuit Race
  - Cruising
  - Spinnaker
  - Non-Spin
- Hansa "Access" 303W One Design Class
- Freedom One Design Distance Class
- Sonar One Design Distance Class

### **Volunteer Information**

All interested and enthusiastic volunteers are encouraged to sign up online via the regatta website. <http://www.downtownsailing.org/yagottaregatta>

Additional details of available regatta volunteer positions may be viewed on the DSC Calendar online.

## **Safety**

PFDs will be supplied for participants, except in the PHRF fleet. You may bring your own PFD (lifejacket).

Competitors may bring personal equipment on board. This includes: a stopwatch, sun protection, water. All personal items, including trash, must be removed when leaving the boat. Water will be available to competitors from Signal, Markset, and Safety boats as well as under the pavilion.

**All** participants must sign The DSC liability waiver.

- [Online Version](#)
- [Paper Version](#)

**The Downtown Sailing Center is committed to sustainable environmental practices: Bring your own reusable water bottle and coffee mug and please complete the liability form online!**

**Liability:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. The DSC 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. Participants will be held liable for boat damage. All participants will need to sign a liability waiver before they participate.

## **Rights to Use Name and Likeness:**

By participating in the *Charm City Ya Gotta Regatta*, participants automatically grant to the organizing authority the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue without compensation.

**Further Information:** For further information, please contact the DSC office at 410-727-0722 x113 or reach out to the office staff at [info@downtownsailing.org](mailto:info@downtownsailing.org)