



## Charm City's Ya Gotta Regatta

September 30, 2023

The Downtown Sailing Center  
Baltimore, MD

### Notice of Race (NOR)

Charm City's Ya Gotta Regatta is the Downtown Sailing Center's major fundraiser in support of our mission, and the premier showcase of our Accessible Sailing program.

**DSC Mission:** "The Downtown Sailing Center (DSC) provides quality educational and life enriching programs that promote self-esteem and teamwork through the joy of sailing. The Downtown Sailing Center is committed to promoting an environment of inclusiveness and accessibility, especially to youth, persons with disabilities, and those with limited opportunity."

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 This event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* with US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.2 For the Hansa 303 and Sonar classes, The U.S. Inland Navigation Rules (aka COLREGS) replaces RRS Part 2 .
- 1.3 Boats are provided by the DSC for J/22, Hansa 303, and Sonar classes. DSC Cruising Sailboats will be available to race in the PHRF divisions.

#### 2 COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 The online official notice board is located at [downtownsailing.org/ygr](http://downtownsailing.org/ygr)
- 2.2 [NP] [DP] All boats except Hansa 303 dinghies shall carry a VHF Marine Radio.
- 2.3 On the water, the race committee may communicate to competitors on VHF radio. The specific channel for each class will be announced in the Sailing

Instructions and at the Skippers Meeting.

- 2.4 The Sailing Instructions will be available by 5pm September 25, 2023 at the online official notice board, and at the DSC on the day of the event.

### 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to DSC boats in the J/22, Sonar, and Hansa 303 classes.
- 3.2 The PHRF Pursuit Race is open to any and all non-DSC-owned sailing boats, and to DSC cruising sailboats. PHRF boats may register for Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, or Cruising Divisions.
- 3.3 DSC J/22s are only eligible for the J/22 Class. DSC Sonars, and Hansa 303 dinghies are only eligible for the Accessible Sailing classes. DSC cruising sailboats are eligible for any PHRF division.
- 3.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://downtownsailing.org/ygr>
- 3.5 The above registration pages may list additional registration requirements.
- 3.6 DSC Cruising Boats will be assigned by the Cruising Council to DSC Cruising Skippers. Cruising Skippers should email [cruising@downtownsailing.org](mailto:cruising@downtownsailing.org) for more information.
- 3.7 J/22s will be assigned randomly, and assignments will be given out at Registration.
- 3.8 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete online registration, including any additional requirements per class, and pay all fees.

### 4 FEES

- 4.1 Entry fees are as follows, and include entrance into the regatta and use of DSC boats where appropriate:

Class	Fee
Accessible	FREE!
J/22	\$75
PHRF	\$75

**5 FUNDRAISING**

- 5.1 All J/22 and PHRF boats are required to set up a fundraising page at the DSC's official campaign site:  
<https://connect.clickandpledge.com/Organization/downtownsailing/Campaign/YGR23/>
- 5.2 The DSC strongly suggests a fundraising goal of \$2,200 for each J/22 boat, and \$100/foot (LOA) for each PHRF boat.

**6 SCHEDULE**

- 6.1 All activities, racing, and events will occur on September 30, 2023.
- 6.2 Registration and racing schedule will be as posted below.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Skipper Meeting</b>	<b>Warning Signal - First Race</b>
J/22	8:00 - 9:00 am	9:00 am	11:00 am
PHRF	9:00 - 10:00 am	10:00 am	12:00 pm
Accessible (Sonar and Hansa 303)	10:00 - 11:00 am	11:00 am	12:00 pm

- 6.3 A detailed schedule for each class may be posted on that class's registration page.
- 6.4 The PHRF Pursuit start times will be posted with the Sailing Instructions on the event official notice board and the PHRF registration page. PHRF boats will start between 12:00 and 1:00pm. Specific boat start times will be based on PHRF rating.
- 6.5 No warning signal for accessible classes will be made after 2:00 pm. No warning signal for the J/22 class will be made after 3:00 pm. The finishing time limit for the PHRF race will be 4:00 pm.

## 7 VENUE

- 7.1 The venue will be the Patapsco River, Baltimore Harbor, and Patapsco River Northwest Branch.
- 7.2 J/22 class will race in the vicinity of Fort McHenry.
- 7.3 PHRF Pursuit Race will start in the vicinity of Fort McHenry.
- 7.4 Hansa 303 Dinghies will race in the vicinity of DSC.
- 7.5 Sonars will race between the Baltimore Inner Harbor and Fort Mchenry.

## 8 COURSES

- 8.1 The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

J/22	Windward-Leeward style courses with drop marks
PHRF	Pursuit-style distance race using government marks
Sonar	Short distance race using government and/or drop marks
Hansa 303	Triangle style courses with drop marks

- 8.2 Detailed descriptions of courses and marks to be used will be available with the Sailing instructions and at the official notice board.

## 9 SCORING

- 9.1 All classes will use the Low Point System according to RRS Appendix A.

## 10 BERTHING

- 10.1 All DSC boats shall be returned to their assigned slips. Limited docking will be available for non-DSC boats on a first-come, first-served basis. Email [john@downtownsailing.org](mailto:john@downtownsailing.org) by 9:00am, September 22 to inquire about dockage.

## 11 PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top individual fundraiser as well as the top fundraising team.

**11.2** Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in each class.

**12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**12.1** 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.

**12.2** All participants must sign The DSC liability waiver: [Online Version](#) or [Paper Version](#). Copies of the liability waiver will be available at registration.

**13 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:**

**13.1** 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.

**14 FURTHER INFORMATION**

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