



Thursday Night Racing Program, J/22 and Sonar Classes

Patapsco River, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.

2019 NOTICE OF RACE

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MISSION: The Thursday Night Racing (TNR) Program promotes core Downtown Sailing Center (DSC) values of diversity, camaraderie, sportsmanship, and education through the sport of sailing.

The *Thursday Night Racing Program*, hereafter referred to as TNR, is organized by the Downtown Sailing Center, 1425 Key Hwy, Baltimore Maryland 21230. All TNR participants agree to be bound by all policies and rules [explicit](#) and implicit for the DSC, including but not limited to the [Skipper Statement of Responsibility and Liability](#), the DSC [Release of Liability](#), and all other documents pertaining to the *Baltimore Museum of Industry* (BMI) and the use of DSC and BMI facilities and equipment. More information can be found on the DSC TNR webpage: <https://www.downtownsailing.org/racing>

Fleets are limited to the DSC J/22 Spinnaker Class and the DSC Sonar Non-Spinnaker Class.

1 RULES

1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Racing rules RRS 26, 32, 33, 35, 63.1, 80, A4 and A5 are changed by the Sailing Instructions.

The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

1.3 Boats are provided by the DSC. See the Sailing Instructions for details.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FOR J/22 SPINNAKER CLASS

2.1 The series are open to members of the Downtown Sailing Center (DSC) with racing level memberships.

2.2 Each J/22 team shall consist of a minimum of 2 skippers (with skipper upgrades)

and 4 crew (with crew upgrades). Teams failing to meet this requirement may pay an additional participation fee at the discretion of the DSC.

2.3 An entry shall be considered complete once the following requirements have been met for at least two (2) skippers per team:

Required DSC membership forms have been completed and are on file

Skippers pass their skipper checkout

Racing level membership dues have been paid by skippers and crew

The current DSC racing quiz has been passed by the two required skippers

2.4 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the DSC and any of the above requirements may be waived by the DSC only.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FOR DSC SONAR NON-SPINNAKER CLASS

3.1 Any DSC Skipper in good standing may helm a boat in the DSC Sonar Non-Spinnaker Class, provided that person has at least one additional crew member with them. No racing upgrade or experience is needed.

3.2 Skippers are required to reserve their boats online in advance and must contact the DSC and/or Race Committee prior to their departure from the DSC docks for the evening of racing.

4 FEES FOR J/22 SPINNAKER CLASS

4.1 There are no additional racing fees other than the racing level memberships, or skipper/crew "upgrades."

4.2 Teams joining late may be charged a fee commensurate with their opportunity at the discretion of the DSC.

5 FEES FOR SONAR NON-SPINNAKER CLASS

5.1 There are no racing fees for the Sonar Non-Spinnaker Class. There are no series fees for the Sonar Non-Spinnaker Class.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Preseason (required for all J/22 skippers to attend): March 28 (skipper's meeting), April 4 (orientation), April 11 (checkout and practice), April 19 (checkout and practice)

Series 1: April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16, May 23

Series 2: May 30, June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27

Series 3: July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1, August 8

Series 4: August 15, August 22, August 29, September 5, September 12

Die Hard Series: September 19, September 26, October 3, October 10

6.2 Registration for J/22 Spinnaker Class will remain open until all 11 complete team spots are filled.

6.3 Registration is open on a weekly basis for Sonar Non-Spinnaker Class until boat reservations have been exhausted.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before January 1, 2019 and posted to <https://www.downtownsailing.org/racing>

8 VENUE

8.1 The venue will be the Patapsco River, Baltimore Harbor, and Patapsco River Northwest Branch. Consult NOAA Chart 12281 for detailed chart information.

9 RADIO COMMUNICATION

9.1 Race Committee will broadcast pertinent information to competitors on VHF Channel 71. Competitors are reminded USCG law requires all persons using VHF transceivers to monitor channel 16.

10 PRIZES FOR J/22 SPINNAKER CLASS

10.1 Prizes will be given to the first three (3) finishing boats overall. A boat's overall season score shall be calculated on the basis of her finishing place in each regular season series (excluding the preseason and Die Hard series) treated as if it were a single race. The Low Point System will apply.

10.2 Prizes will be given to boats that win a series but fall outside of the top three (3) overall finishing places.

10.3 Prizes will be given to the boat that wins the Die Hard Series.

11 PRIZES FOR SONAR NON-SPINNAKER CLASS

11.1 There are no prizes for the Sonar Non-Spinnaker Class.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 Competitors participate in TNR entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The DSC, as 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.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

13.1 For further information please contact John O’Riordan via john@downtownsailing.org and/or Stuart Proctor via stuart@downtownsailing.org or by phone: 410-727-0722