Thursday Night Racing Program, J/22 and Sonar Classes  
Patapsco River, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.

2020 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://downtownsailing.org/tnrofficialnoticeboard

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 RRS 26, 32, 33, 35, 62.1, 63.1, 80, A2.1, 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:
   ● Required DSC membership forms have been completed and are on file
   ● Racing level membership dues have been paid by skippers and crew
   ● At least 2 skippers pass their skipper checkout AND pass (score 85% or higher) the current Race Skipper Quiz

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 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 26 (skipper’s meeting), April 9 (orientation), April 16 & April 23 (checkout and practice)

6.2 Series 1: April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21, May 28
   Series 2: June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25, July 2
   Series 3: July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 6
   Series 4: August 13, August 20, August 27, September 3, September 10
   Die Hard Series: September 17, September 24, October 1, October 8

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

6.4 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 March 1, 2020 and posted to https://downtownsailing.org/tnofficialnoticeboard

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.

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 A prize will be given to the boat that wins the Die Hard Series.

10.4 A prize will be given to the winner of the Skipper High Point Series, scored over the course of the regular season.

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 or at 410-727-0722 x114