



Notice of Race September 21 & 28, 2019

Host: The Downtown Sailing Center invites all sailors (DSC members and non-members), kids of sailors, fundraisers, and sponsors to participate in the Charm City's Ya Gotta Regatta, September 21 & 28, 2019, benefitting the DSC's Community and Accessible Sailing Programs.

The Downtown Sailing Center, a US Sailing Sanctioned Community Sailing Center, works with over 20 non-profit partners to fill the gap of educational and recreational programs for over 1,000 at-risk youth or people with disabilities each year.

Downtown Sailing Center: 1425 Key Highway Suite 110, Baltimore, Maryland 21230

<http://www.downtownsailing.org/charmcitysyagottaregatta>

Regatta Format:

Saturday, September 21, 2019:

- One Design: Fleet racing in DSC J/22s and Sonars. Courses: windward-leeward with drop marks. Other classes fielding 8 boats or more will be admitted as additional classes with prior approval.
- PHRF: Spin and Non Spin Pursuit racing using the PHRF rating system on a course approximately 9NM.

Fleet and PHRF racing will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

Saturday, September 28, 2019:

All-Accessible sailing!

- Accessible participants will be competing in access dinghies, located off the docks, in separate heats, 2-4 short races each (depending on the wind conditions).
- Sonar, Freedom Independence, and J/22 accessible racers will be paired up with a skipper, sailing a long distance race.

Sailing Instructions: To be posted online at

<http://www.downtownsailing.org/charmcitysyagottaregatta>, on the event link on the DSC website <http://www.downtownsailing.org> and available at registration.

Eligibility: DSC Members and Non-members. Non-DSC Members are invited to skipper a DSC boat but must attend a pre-race boat orientation and successfully pass a checkout before the regatta. All participants must sign the DSC liability waiver.

Fundraising: All participants are encouraged to contribute the Downtown Sailing Center by donating at <http://downtownsailing.org/donate>, or initiate your own team online fundraising page. Information will be available through registration.

Sponsorship: Prospective corporate sponsors are encouraged to contact DSC's Executive Director, Lynn Handy. Contact information: lynn@downtownsailing.org or 410-727-0722.

Registration:

Participants may register online: <http://www.downtownsailing.org/charmcitysyagottaregatta>
Regatta fee includes use of the DSC boats, food*, beverages*, games, and entertainment.

Regatta Fee:

\$50 per boat, PHRF & One Design (Saturday, September 21, 2019)

- *\$50 registration includes x2 Regatta Party tickets for hors d'oeuvres and 3 drink tickets
- *Teams fundraising \$250+ will receive Regatta Tees and x2 additional food and drink tickets at no additional charge.
- Additional tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance, \$15 for appetizers only and \$30 for appetizers and x3 drink tickets.
- Tee shirts and other regatta merchandise available for purchase at the Regatta Party

FREE for Accessible sailors (Saturday, September 28, 2019 only)

Race Schedule:

Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019- One Design and PHRF Regatta:

8:00AM-9:00AM	Registration and Coffee hour (BYOMug)
9:00 AM	One Design Skipper's Meeting for One Design fleet
10:30 AM	One Design fleet racing start
11:30 AM	PHRF start in front of DSC docks (Check SIs for specific start times) Skippers check-in prior to 11:30 start via VHF Radio No skipper's meeting for PHRF fleet
No races to start after 3:30 PM	
After racing	Regatta Party and awards @ Little Havana DSC dock space available for PHRF boats (see below for more info)

Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019 - Accessible Sailing Regatta:

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Registration

Access Dinghy Course

12:00 PM Access Dinghy Racing begins

Sonar and J22 Long Distance Course

12:00 PM Sonar/J22 Skipper's Meeting

12:40 PM Sonar/J22 Start

Access-ability Post-race party

1:30 - 3:00 pm Post-race Party @ BMI pavilion: lunch, music, awards

Social: Saturday, Sept. 21 Regatta Party will be family friendly but there will be on-site alcohol. Saturday, Sept. 28 Post-race Party will be alcohol-free and family friendly, with food and refreshments included.

Slip Reservations: Docking options are available for non-DSC PHRF or One Design boats competing. Please contact John O’Riordan prior to the regatta to make a post-race dock reservation. john@downtownsailing.org.

Trophies:

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

Accessible Competitor’s Awards: Accessible awards to be presented to the first place finisher for each heat of racing, as well as the top finisher in the Sonar division.

Fleet racing and PHRF Awards: Prizes to be presented to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place One Design racing teams as well as the 1st, 2nd place finishers of the PHRF spin class, and 1st, 2nd place finishers of the non-spin class PHRF race.

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

Volunteers are needed to assist with:

- Registration (Saturday/Sunday)
- Race Committee (Saturday/Sunday)
- Party set up/clean up (Sunday)
- Skippers and crew for Sunday’s Sonar Accessible Pursuit Race (Sunday)
- Sailing Buddies for the Access Dinghy course (Sunday)
- Transfer aides, Greeters, Escorts (Sunday)

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

Safety and Other Equipment:

PFDs will be supplied. You may bring your own PFD.

Competitors may bring personal equipment on board. This includes a stopwatch, sun protection, water. All personal items, as well as trash, must be removed when leaving the boat. Water will be available to competitors from Signal, Markset, and Safety boats on both days as well as under the pavilion for Saturday, Sept. 28 events.

Downtown Sailing is committed to sustainable environmental practices: Bring your own reusable water bottle and coffee mug!

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 Regatta, competitors 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.

Directions: The Downtown Sailing Center is located at 1425 Key Highway on the south side of Baltimore's Inner Harbor, adjacent to the Baltimore Museum of Industry on Key Highway, in Federal Hill.

From Downtown Baltimore:

Go south on Light Street.

At the split for Key Highway (near the Maryland Science Center) bear left onto Key Highway.

Follow Key Highway approximately 1 mile.

We are located on the left at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. The structure of an old crane marks the exit and the entrance is on the east side of the brick building just past the crane.

If you get to the Lawrence Street traffic light at Royal Farms, you have gone too far.

From I-95 Southbound:

Follow I-95 to the Ft. McHenry Tunnel - \$4 cash, \$3 ez-pass.

Go through the **tunnel furthest to the right.**

Immediately after exiting the tunnel, take the Key Highway (**EXIT 55**) exit.

Follow the ramp to the light and turn right onto Key Highway.

Follow Key Highway through two traffic lights. Royal Farms is on the left at the second light.

Turn right immediately after the second light into the parking lot of the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

From I-95 Northbound:

Follow I-95 to Key Highway (**EXIT 55**), which is the last exit before the Ft McHenry Tunnel (after the Hanover St. exit).

Follow the ramp down to the traffic light and bear left under I-95 onto Key Highway.

Follow Key Highway through two traffic lights. Royal Farms is on the left at the second light.

Turn right immediately after the second light into the parking lot of the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

Further Information: For further information, please contact the DSC office at 410-727-0722 or reach out to Lynn Handy, Executive Director, at lynn@downtownsailing.org

