



Notice of Race
September 26, 2020

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Host: The Downtown Sailing Center ("DSC") 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 26, 2020, benefitting The DSC's Community and Adaptive 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 underserved youth and people with disabilities each year.

The Downtown Sailing Center: 1425 Key Highway Suite 110, Baltimore, Maryland 21230
<http://www.downtownsailing.org/charmcitysyagottaregatta>

Regatta Format:

Saturday, September 26, 2020:

- One Design, in the vicinity of Fort McHenry: 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. The course is in the vicinity of Fort McHenry, towards Fort Carroll, and finishing in front of The DSC.

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

- Adaptive sailing participants will be competing in Hansa Access 303W dinghies, located off the docks, in separate heats, 2-4 short races each (depending on the wind conditions).
- Sonar and Freedom Independence 20s will compete in a distance racing format.

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 alike are eligible to participate. Non-DSC Members are invited to skipper a DSC boat in the J/22 fleet 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 to 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.

All One Design and PHRF teams are expected to fundraise for this annual fundraising event.

Sponsorship: Prospective corporate sponsors are encouraged to contact The DSC's Executive Director, Stuart Proctor. Contact information: info@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 2 drink tickets
- *Teams fundraising \$500+ 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 x2 drink tickets.
- Tee shirts and other regatta merchandise available for purchase at the Regatta Party

FREE for Adaptive sailors and their families

Race Schedule:

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020 - 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
11:30 AM One Design fleet racing start - 5 races scheduled
12:30 PM PHRF start in the vicinity of FM (Fort McHenry Split Channel mark)
(Check SIs for specific start times), course approximately 9 - 11 nautical miles
Skippers check-in prior to 12:30 PM start via VHF Radio
No skipper's meeting for PHRF fleet
No races to start after 4 PM
After racing Regatta Party and awards @ The DSC under the Pavilion
DSC dock space available for PHRF boats (see below for more info)

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020 - Adaptive Sailing Regatta:

12:00 PM - 1 PM Registration
Access Dinghy Course
1:30 PM Access Dinghy Racing begins
Sonar and Freedom Independence Long Distance Course
1:30 PM Sonar/Freedom Skipper's Meeting
2:00 PM Sonar/Freedom Start

Regatta Party to Follow Racing: The Regatta Party will be family friendly but there will be on-site alcohol. The post-racing party will begin at 5 PM.

The regatta party will include food and non-alcoholic beverages, available to all participants and their families. No cost for adaptive sailing participants and their families.

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.

Adaptive Regatta Awards: Adaptive Sailing awards to be presented to the first place finisher for each heat of racing, as well as the top finisher in the Sonar and the Freedom divisions.

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

- Registrations
- Race Committees
- Party set up/clean up
- Skippers and crew for the Adaptive Sailing: Hansa Access 303W, Sonars, & Freedom Independence 20s
- Transfer aides, Greeters, and Escorts for the Adaptive Sailing Regatta

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.

The Downtown Sailing Center asks for competitors and volunteers to bring and use reusable, non-single-use water bottles for all drinks. Water coolers will be available for all racing areas, as well as on land.

The Downtown Sailing Center 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 a green shipyard 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 three traffic lights. Royal Farms is on the left at the second & third lights.

Turn right immediately after the third 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 three traffic lights. Royal Farms is on the left at the second & third lights.

Turn right immediately after the third 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 Stuart Proctor, Executive Director, at info@downtownsailing.org