



## **Thursday Night Racing Program Mission, Values, and Structure**

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### **Mission**

*The Thursday Night Racing (TNR) Program promotes core Downtown Sailing Center (DSC) values through sport. In line with the DSC's overarching Mission and Vision, TNR is committed to excellence through diversity, camaraderie, sportsmanship, and sailing education.*

### **TNR Member Values**

*Members of the TNR Program are committed to:*

- *ensuring highest standards of safety:*
  - *physical, emotional, and mental safety of all program participants*
  - *integrity of the DSC property*
- *advancing the quality of sailboat racing during weekly interactions among members.*
  - *Members strive to embody the corinthian spirit and its high standards of sportsmanship*
  - *Members treat each other with respect and courtesy at all times, and recognize the value each member has to the success of the TNR program as a whole*
- *advancing the spirit and values of the [Racing Rules of Sailing](#) and [World Sailing](#), which include:*
  - *adhering to the fundamentals and foundations of Sportsmanship as outlined in the Racing Rules of Sailing*
  - *educating oneself in, and promoting among others, the Racing Rules of Sailing and World Sailing's overarching values*
  - *ongoing individual and team education and practice*
  - *sharing of knowledge between teams*
  - *attention to detail*
  - *acts of kindness and demonstrations of civility on and off the racecourse*
  - *a commitment to the success of the TNR Program which may supersede individual ambitions.*
- *supporting excellence, quality, and accuracy in our weekly race management*
- *protecting the environment in all sailing-related activities and competitions*
  - *reduction of single-use beverage and food containers, plastics, styrofoams, and single use coffee cups for competitors and events*

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- *furthering the support of racing in the broader community.*
  - *by virtue of membership, Members are looked to as ambassadors for DSC at DSC sailing events, Baltimore area sailing events, and beyond.*

### **Scope of Race Council**

*To encourage and facilitate the TNR mission & culture, provide leadership and coordination for TNR program and members, and serve as conduit between TNR members and DSC office staff.*

### **2019 TNR Season Race Council Roster**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Role and Responsibilities</b>	<b>RC Member</b>
RC Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Plan and lead race council meetings</li><li>● Provide direction and advice on TNR policies</li><li>● Work with office to maintain TNR schedule</li><li>● Oversee RC communications as needed,</li><li>● Liaise with RC members on AIs as needed</li></ul>	Rachael Boicourt
Social Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Help find innovative ways to grow membership</li><li>● Plan and promote social events with the objective of fostering camaraderie within the TNR community</li><li>● Establish and lead planning committees as needed</li><li>● Liaise with RC chair on social communications</li></ul>	Rich Tate
Education Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Foster a culture of on-the-water safety</li><li>● Work with office and RC chair to manage rules test</li><li>● Plan education events (safety, rules, race mgmt, etc) in coordination with office and social chair</li></ul>	Laura Ryan
Volunteer Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Grow TNR presence in greater DSC community</li><li>● Rally TNR members to attend other DSC events</li><li>● Rally TNR crews around work parties</li><li>● Liaise with office staff on work party planning, task list and volunteer recruitment and management</li></ul>	John DiMino
Race Mgmt Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Maintain sailing instructions</li><li>● Recruit and manage a scoring official</li><li>● Liaise with office, PRO, weekly race committees and scoring official during TNR season</li><li>● Communicate and maintain race committee safety check and on-the-water emergency safety</li></ul>	Kevin Petrikas, Tim King

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Member at-large	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Work across focus areas</li><li>● Contribute help on action items as needed</li></ul>	Ryan Ganser
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### **DSC Office (Organizing Authority) Responsibilities**

- Providing Safety Guidelines and recommendations for TNR program
- Organizing and collaborating with the Race Council
  - En lieu of a functional Race Council, the DSC will organize a ***TNR Working Party*** to guide decision-making and to form a new Race Council.
- Maintaining control of all safety-related guidelines, prescriptions, and practices
- Supporting the formation, maintenance, and growth of the Race Council
- Serving as the Organizing Authority, managing all current and future published racing documents (including but not limited to):
  - Notice of Race
  - Sailing Instructions
  - Skipper Requirements
- Providing guidance and support for the formation of racing teams - though not the actual formation of teams, including but not limited to:
  - Assisting in the formation of teams by connecting co-skippers
  - Assisting in the formation of teams by managing and connecting free-agent crew with skippers
  - Assisting in the formation of teams by connecting potential free-agent skippers with crew
- Managing the roster of paid and unpaid skippers and crew
- Managing the roster of skippers and crew in good standing/out-standing
- Promoting full enrollment of the TNR program
- Providing guidance and support for teams with regard to team management/conflict
- Providing education opportunities
  - With assistance from Race Council
- Providing appropriate TNR equipment in good working order, including but not limited to:
  - Flags
  - Powerboat support (including fuel and maintenance for)
  - Marks
  - Ollie and other sound system devices
  - Boat equipment on an equal basis

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The Organizing Authority consists of Full Time Employees of the Downtown Sailing Center and/or their agents

### **Race Council Responsibilities [as proposed by the Organizing Authority, modified (see above section) by the Race Council]**

DSC proposes the Race Council be responsible for the following:

- Reviewing the *Mission* and *Vision* of the TNR Program on an annual basis
  - Making recommendations for change as necessary
  - Collaborating with the DSC on this process
- Reviewing the Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race, and other race documents on an annual basis
  - Collaborating with the DSC on race dates and the NOR
  - Collaborating with the DSC on the SI's
  - Soliciting feedback from the TNR program members to garner support for changes to NOR, SI's, and other documents
- Collecting evening scores & forms and submit to the office in a timely manner.  
Reviewing scores as posted by the office to ensure accuracy
  - An alternative would be to collate and then submit results to the office.
  - Collaborating with the DSC on submitting and managing scores, including transparency and a provided paper trail, is critical to this endeavor.
- Providing a support person to check in with RC for the night at the docks -- The liaison will be responsible for making a course recommendation each night
  - The liaison will work with the DSC to establish a recommended course for the night
  - The liaison will work with the RC for the night to make sure they have appropriate and adequate materials for the day's racing
- Providing a support person to handle on-water suggestions from other sailors each night and convey that information to the RC.
  - This person's role would be "fleet captain" or his/her designee, and their responsibility would be to make sure the quality of the racecourse is appropriate for racing by soliciting feedback from other competitors as appropriate
- Providing consistent volunteer support for protest hearings. The DSC will provide 2 persons for each protest hearing, with the two year goal (2020) of reducing the number to 1 representative from DSC, with 2 volunteers serving as standing protest committee members
- Providing support persons to manage and promote aspects of Ya Gotta Regatta
  - Providing Race Committee support for the event

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- Promoting engagement in the Regatta from outside networks
- Collaborating with the DSC on preseason meetings, structures, work parties, educational opportunities, and other opportunities
- Collaborating with the DSC on skipper requirements, quizzes, etc.
- Providing guidance and support to Race Management
  - Encourage and support Race Management knowledge through ...
- Identifying and leveraging race leaders to share their knowledge and skills with other teams.
- Making recommendations for material support for the TNR Program
- Maintaining TNR Program equipment in good working order

**Term Limits:** *as of November 20, 2018, the Race Council operates under the historic precedent that members shall not serve more than three years on the race council at a time, with the third year serving only in an advisory role as a past member. (To be ratified by the 2019 Race Council prior to April 2019)*

The Race Council membership is recommended by the previous Race Council and the DSC. En Lieu of a functional Race Council, the Race Council members will be recommended by a “Working Party” developed under the discretion and leadership of the DSC staff. Persons are also welcome to ask to join the Race Council, either by asking to join through the DSC office or by contacting a Race Council member.

### **Basic TNR Racing Structure**

- Spinnaker racing in DSC supplied J/22s with teams rotating boats on a weekly basis
  - 10 or 11 race teams
    - Each team comprised of a minimum of six (6) members
      - Two (2) or more skippers
      - Four (4) or more crew
        - Or: Three (3) skippers and a minimum of three (3) additional crew
      - Teams failing to supply the required team numbers may pay an additional fee
    - Each team performs Race Committee responsibilities on a rotating basis
      - Traditionally, teams share Race Committee responsibilities with another team throughout the season
        - Teams may switch nights but are still required to perform RC duty the appropriate number of times

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- Alternatively, Race Council or the Organizing Authority may set up Race Committee so teams fulfill all RC duties and are granted redress for their evening's (missed) scores
    - Spinnaker Racing should be competed on windward-leeward courses, with the majority of races featuring a leeward mark (or multiple leeward marks, such as a "gate")
- Non-spinnaker racing in DSC owned Sonars, with teams reserving boats on an individual "private reservation basis"
  - Non-spinnaker racing may be extended to other DSC classes if demand arises
  - Non-spinnaker racing is, at this time, set up with provisional scoring
    - TNR is set up to absorb a non-spinnaker fleet into actual standings and results if demand arises
  - Spinnaker Racing should be competed on simple windward leeward and/or distance courses, with fewer leeward mark roundings than spinnaker class races