

Old Dominion Boat Club Cup Invitational Regatta



Notice of Race

Regatta Date: September 23, 2023

Registration Fee: \$25

Entry Due: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 by 1700

General: The Old Dominion Boat Club (ODBC), located at 200 Strand Street, Alexandria, Virginia, will host a one-day regatta on the upper Potomac River in the waters near Alexandria, VA and Washington, DC. The invitational event will feature an international fleet and a non-spinnaker PHRF fleet.

Contact: Principle Race Officer Karl Hobart at 703-347-5777 or regatta@olddominionboatclub.com

Eligibility: All entries to the ODBC Cup Invitational Regatta must be received by Wednesday, September 20, 2023 by 1700. No entries will be accepted after this time. Register at: www.olddominionboatclub.com/event-5408834. Skippers intending to enter must declare their intent to race by sending an email to Karl Hobart at regatta@olddominionboatclub.com.

All boats entering this regatta must have a valid 2023 PHRF of the Chesapeake certificate. At a minimum, all boats must qualify for a US Near-shore (5P & 6P) PHRF rating. In addition:

- Motor must meet the requirement for 4P in Section 2.7.2 of the US Safety Equipment Requirements as adopted by PHRF of the Chesapeake
- Boats must have lifelines, if the boat was originally equipped with them. For boats that do not have lifelines, all crew must wear approved Type III or Type V Personal Flotation Devices while racing.

Sailing Instructions (SIs) for this regatta will be provided to registered participants by email in advance of the regatta and will be posted on the ODBC website (<http://www.olddominionboatclub.com> under 'Events').

Radio: Boats should monitor VHF 69 for communications from the Race Committee (RC).

Rules: This regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 (RRS). RRS 63.7, Conflict between Rules, is replaced by, "*If there is a conflict between the Event Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the findings of the PRO will determine the outcome.*"

Format: The regatta will consist of several races, conditions permitting, with no race starting after 1230.

- Start:** The first start will be at 1000. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the ODBC Prince Street Dock A and the temporary mark at the pin end on the east side of the Potomac River channel.
- Signals:** The RRS 26 Starting System will be used.
- Course:** Government marks will be used. The course(s) will be determined the day of the regatta. Code letters will be posted on the Race Committee dock. A description of all marks and their code letter designations will be available in the Sailing Instructions.
- Finish:** Between the staff displaying an orange flag on the ODBC Prince Street Dock A and the temporary mark at the pin end on the east side of the Potomac River channel.
- Time Limit:** 1.5 hours per race. No races will start after 1500. A boat in a fleet must finish within the time limit and all other boats must finish within 45 minutes thereafter. However, the RC can use their discretion to lengthen the course time depending on weather conditions and cannot be a reason for requesting redress.
- Scoring:** The low point scoring system will be used. One race will constitute a regatta.
- Protests:** The Race Committee must be informed of the intent to protest upon finishing or retiring. The time limit for submitting the protest form in writing will be 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last race.
- Awards:** First, Second and Third place trophies will be presented in the International and Non-spinnaker Fleets at an awards ceremony and cookout following the last race of the day.
- Other:** Boats participate in this regatta entirely of their own volition (see RRS 4, Decision to Race). ODBC will not accept liability for damage or injury resulting from an incident arising before, during, or after the regatta. All participants must sign a waiver of liability prior to the start of the regatta.
- Shore Amenities: Three 1-ton cranes and two launch ramps are available for launch and recovery at the Washington Sailing Marina, 1 Marina Drive, Alexandria, VA on a first come basis.