

## Teams Attending the Robert P. Arrigan Memorial Regatta April 22-23, 2017

– here are a few things you should know The Regatta is set up on tech score. Take a look at the rotation and enter RP info when you are ready to do so. This is a combined division regatta so both divisions will be competing together. There will be no boat rotations. We will shoot for 18 races total. Below is the normal info I send out for Georgetown Regattas.

#1 - Skippers meeting will occur on the lawn between rows D and E near the Georgetown Sailing Shed exactly at 9:15AM. The marina opens at 9AM. If you want to arrive earlier that's fine but don't expect \*ANYTHING\* (inner parking lot, bathrooms) to be open. The Potomac River Sailing Association is running their spring series races on Sunday so we will need to keep clear of lightnings, albacores and other boats on the docks.

#2 - RP forms will all be done online. Simply fill it out on tech score.

#3 Parking - you should park in the main lot and not inside the marina gates. It may be a busy weekend so please pay attention to the parking rules. Only Georgetown, GW and American are allowed to park inside.

#4 Changing - the Park Service has received complaints about college sailors changing outside. If you are changing, please do so in your van or in the bathroom. Do not change out in public! No towels around the waist changing either. Change in your car/van or in the bathrooms. Also, do not throw your bag behind your van in the parking lot and therefore prevent cars from passing or make a spectacle hanging your sailing gear all over your car. The most important thing to remember is that \*we do not own our site\*. We are guests and you are our guests - we do not make all the rules we follow, however, we follow all the rules we are given. You are expected to do the same and if you/your team cannot, you may have to be dismissed from the property. Please use common sense and remember that it is a national park and families will undoubtedly be using the marina this weekend. Also don't pee off the boats since there is a restaurant with people watching the races and the last thing we need is someone whipping it out in view of the brunch crowd.

#5 Boats - we have two year old FJ's with filled rails. Sails are 3 semesters old. Our boats are now kept on dollies. This is a wet launching site so be prepared. At the end of the day you will put your boats back in numerical order.

#6 Sailing Area – if you have never sailed at Georgetown before you are probably in for a surprise! My suggestion is to look at our site on google earth – The Washington Sailing Marina address is 1 Marina Drive Alexandria, VA. We have two possible sailing locations – in our lagoon or out in the river. We practice out in the river but generally sail regattas in our lagoon due to spectating and ease of rotation. The choice of location for races this weekend will depend on 1. Wind direction and 2. Water levels. The lagoon is deeper than the river and at low tide the river near the marina is too shallow to sail. We will run the longest races we can but I don't expect that we will be able to run anything more than 15 minutes so we should be perfect for team racing. Coaches will undoubtedly have suggestions about where we can run races. Feel free to tell me your suggestions but also understand that we won't run races in areas that people will run aground. Inside the lagoon is shifty. In the river there can be waves and current and airplanes are a factor.

#7 – Coaching/ Umpiring– Coaches will serve as protest committee.

#8 – Rotations – we will rotate on the Washington Sailing Marina docks. The quicker we rotate the more races we can get in. I will let teams know what docks we will rotate from.

#9 – Food –There is a new Harris Teeter supermarket nearby. We won't plan on a lunch break. If we have to run the regatta in the river we may have teams bring snacks out with them.

#10 - Forecast – When you look at forecasts you can plan on the following: Our best directions are E, NE, N, S, SE. Our worst directions are anything with a W (in order from worst to ok – W,SW, WNW, NW. If the wind is W the races will be short and extremely shifty – SW to NW. If the wind is NW we can sail both inside or out and the choice of where to sail will be based on water level. We will try our best to run fair races. There will most likely be a lot of down time. During that time please be good neighbors to the rest of the people at the marina and do not play around in the parking lot. Sit on the deck and read a book. Hopefully you will enjoy the scenery.

#11 – Extras – If we go out on the river we will load up our four motorboats with extras and coaches. If we have too many extras then we will put extras on our z420's and have them sail out.

#12 - Courses - we will run normal courses. Most likely Windward Leewards with offsets and gates.

Please let me know if you have any questions. My cell number is 202-446- 3735 . Call with any issues. Janel Zarkowsky will be running the race committee and coaching. Please forward to your team members and team parents so they are aware of the rules.