

**Teams Attending the John Jackson Memorial Regatta March 12-13 –**  
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. I may decide to use 6 z420's in the rotation. So be prepared to sail both types of boats.

We will shoot for a double round robin with a final 4/ bottom 4. If time allows we will also do a consolation round.

Below is the normal info I send out for Georgetown Regattas.

#1 - Skippers meeting will occur on the lawn between rows A and B 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 laser frostbite series races on Sunday so we will need to keep clear of lasers careening into 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.

**#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 one year old FJ's with filled rails and brand one year old z420's. Sails are 1 semester old. Our boats are now kept on dollies in dry slips scattered around the marina. We will do our best to bring the boats out of their slips at the beginning of the day. This is a wet launching site so be prepared. At the end of the day you will be given a slip location (also marked on the stern of each boat) consisting of a row letter and slip number (C17, K12 etc...) by the Georgetown Sailors where you must return your boat.

Please make sure you put your boat in the right spot!  
If a team fails to return their boat to the correct spot there will be consequences. Don't be the team that just puts a boat in the first open spot they see.

#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 umpires and are expected to keep the sailing clean. If you are not comfortable umpiring your own team then you can stay on shore. If protests can't be decided by coaches during the race then yellow flag it and we will have another coach hear the protest. Coaches will not witness for protests

#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 – the marina has a very nice restaurant which is suitable for parents and friends as well as a nice snack bar. There is also a new Harris

Teeter supermarket nearby. Please don't eat any food in the snack bar that was not purchased in the snack bar. Also please don't camp out in the snack bar – it's a restaurant not a boathouse.

#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 – Judges –we will have coaches act as judges. If you don't want to be an umpire then let me know and we can figure something out.

#12 - Courses - we will run the Digital N. The length of the reach legs will be determined by the direction of the wind.

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