



President's Cup Regatta

Potomac River Sailing Association

September 19-20, 2026

Washington Sailing Marina, Alexandria, VA

Event website: <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2026PresidentsCup>

Notice of Race (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** The sailing instructions will be available before September 19 on the regatta website.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1** The official notice board is located at: <https://nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/1403/notices>
- 3.2** On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 3.3** While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** The event is open to all one-design, class-legal boats 20 feet or under in length. Classes with five or more entries will be started separately. Classes with fewer than five entries may be started with another class.
- 4.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, with the required fee <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/2026PresidentsCup> by Friday, September 18 at 23:59.
- 4.3** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5 FEES

- 5.1** Entry fees including Saturday dinner for skipper and crew are as follows:

Class	Standard Fee
<i>1-Person Boat</i>	<i>\$95</i>
<i>2-Person Boat</i>	<i>\$110</i>
<i>3-Person Boat</i>	<i>\$125</i>

A \$10 discount will be available for current [Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association \(CBYRA\)](#) Members.

5.2 Other fees:

A \$10 fee will be charged for boats not regularly stored at Washington Sailing Marina, to cover launch fees and overnight storage during the regatta.

Extra dinner tickets are available for \$15. Please purchase an extra ticket if your crew size exceeds that included in the entry fee.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Several races may be sailed on any day at the discretion of the race committee. The warning signal for the first race on each day is scheduled as indicated below.

Friday:

PRO safety assessment email: 18:00

Saturday:

Check-in between: 09:00 and 10:00

Competitors meeting: 10:00

First warning signal: 11:25

Dinner will start approx. 1hr after last boat finishes

Sunday:

First warning signal: 10:25

No warning signal after: 15:30

Awards will start approx. 1hr after last boat finishes

6.2 No race shall be held if an active Gale Warning is issued by NOAA for any part of the race course. The Race Committee will monitor forecasts the evening before and again prior to leaving the dock.

7 VENUE

7.1 The event will be hosted at Washington Sailing Marina at [1 Marina Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22314](#), just off of the George Washington Parkway about 1.5 miles south of Reagan National Airport and a similar distance north of Old Town Alexandria.

7.2 The racing area is located approximately 1.5 miles upriver from the marina between Haines Point and Reagan National Airport.

8 COURSES

8.1 Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions and will use dropped marks in windward/leeward and/or triangle configurations, depending on wind conditions.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10 BERTHING

10.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while in the boat park.

10.2 Registered participants who included boat storage in their registration and are bringing boats from outside the marina on Saturday morning will be provided a special gate code for the marina gate. This code will be emailed prior to Friday of the regatta. Boats shall be parked on the lawn to the left of the launching cranes unless otherwise directed by the organizing authority or marina staff.

11 RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**
- 12 **PRIZES**
- 12.1 Awards will be given to each member of the winning boats, varying from 1 to 3 boats per class according to the expected number of boats registered by September 7. Classes with 1-3 boats registered by September 7 may only be awarded 1st place trophies.
- 12.2 The Norman C. Schaller Memorial Trophy will be conferred upon the skipper with the fewest points in the largest fleet among fleets of 10 or more boats.
- 13 **SOCIAL MEDIA**
- 13.1 Competitors are invited to share photos from the event by emailing them to prsapictures@gmail.com or by posting on social media using #PRSAPresidentsCup25. Selected photos may be published on the PRSA website and Facebook page with appropriate photographer credit.
- 14 **SUSTAINABILITY**
- 14.1 PRSA has joined the race to restore the health of our waterways in partnership with the [Sailors for the Sea Clean Regattas Program](#). Protecting our natural resources (including National Parks such as Washington Sailing Marina) and our local waters (including the Potomac River) is very important to us. We ask for your help in this effort when racing with PRSA. In particular, we ask that you:
- Use reusable rather than single-use water bottles. Bottled water will not be provided.
 - Ensure that recycling and trash is separated properly before disposing of waste (please take note of the separate recycling bins for cans, bottles, paper, and cardboard in the dinner area; food waste should be placed in the trash).
 - Print one copy of the Sailing Instructions for yourself in advance using double-side printing if you wish to have a hard copy of the SIs.
 - Consider a water only washdown for your boat following the event.
- 15 **FURTHER INFORMATION**
- 15.1 For further information, visit <https://potomacriversailing.org/nors-sis/presidents-cup/>