



## **Thursday Night Racing 2023**

The Downtown Sailing Center  
Baltimore, MD

### **Notice of Race (NOR)**

***TNR MISSION: The Thursday Night Racing (TNR) Program promotes core Downtown Sailing Center (DSC) values of diversity, camaraderie, sportsmanship, and education through the sport of sailing.***

The *Thursday Night Racing Program*, hereafter referred to as TNR, is organized by the Downtown Sailing Center, 1425 Key Hwy, Baltimore Maryland 21230. All TNR participants agree to be bound by all policies and rules explicit and implicit for the DSC, including but not limited to the [Skipper Statement of Responsibility and Liability](#), the DSC [Release of Liability](#), and all other documents pertaining to use of DSC and BMI facilities and equipment. More information can be found on the DSC Racing webpage: <https://downtownsailing.org/racing/>

Fleets are limited to the DSC J/22 Spinnaker Class and the DSC Sonar Non-Spinnaker Class.

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Boats are provided by the DSC. A limited number of spinnakers will be available to rent on a first-come, first-served basis. Teams will need to provide their own spinnaker sheets and twings. All other gear, sails, and rigging will be provided by the DSC. See Sailing Instructions for more details.
- 1.3 There shall be a maximum of 4 people per boat.

#### **2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FOR J/22 SPINNAKER CLASS**

- 2.1 The J/22 series are open to a maximum of 12 teams, consisting of members of the Downtown Sailing Center (DSC) with Racing Level membership upgrades.
- 2.2 Each team shall consist of a minimum of 6 racing members, including at least 2 skippers.

- 2.3** Teams may enter by sending a complete team roster to the DSC ([john@downtownsailing.org](mailto:john@downtownsailing.org)) and satisfying the following requirements:
- Required DSC membership forms have been completed and are on file
  - At least 2 team members have sent a copy of their Maryland Safe Boater certificate to the DSC
  - Membership dues, including racing upgrades, have been paid in full by all skippers and crew
  - Each skipper has passed (score 85% or higher) the current [Race Skipper Quiz](#)
- 2.4** The deadline to meet the above requirements is 5:00 p.m. on March 31st, 2023. Any team with outstanding entry requirements at this time may forfeit its spot to a team on the waitlist.
- 2.5** Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the DSC, and any of the above requirements may be waived by the DSC only.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FOR DSC SONAR NON-SPINNAKER CLASS**

- 3.1** Any DSC Skipper Member in good standing may helm a boat in the DSC Sonar Non-Spinnaker Class. No racing upgrade is needed for skippers or crew.
- 3.2** Skippers are required to reserve their boats online in advance and must notify the Race Committee of their intention to race.
- 3.3** There are no racing fees or series fees for the Sonar Non-Spinnaker Class.

### **4 SCHEDULE**

- 4.1** Tentative schedule:  
Series 1: Thursdays, April 27 through July 13, 2023  
Series 2: Thursdays, July 20 through October 5, 2023
- 4.2** Final schedule will be announced by March 31, 2023.
- 4.3** The first warning signal each night will be at 6 p.m..
- 4.4** Registration is open on a weekly basis for Sonar Non-Spinnaker Class until boat reservations have been exhausted.

### **5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.1** The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before March 31, 2023 and posted to <https://downtownsailing.org/racing/>

### **6 VENUE**

- 6.1** The venue will be the Patapsco River, Baltimore Harbor, and Patapsco River

Northwest Branch. Consult NOAA Chart 12281 for detailed chart information.

**7 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**7.1** Race Committee will broadcast information to competitors on VHF Channel 71.

**8 PRIZES FOR J/22 SPINNAKER CLASS**

**8.1** Prizes will be given to teams finishing first, second, and third in the season. A boat's overall season score shall be calculated on the basis of her finishing place in each regular season series treated as if it were a single race. The Low Point System will apply.

**9 PRIZES FOR SONAR NON-SPINNAKER CLASS**

**9.1** There are no prizes for the Sonar Non-Spinnaker Class.

**10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**10.1** Competitors participate in TNR entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The DSC, as the organizing authority, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**11 FURTHER INFORMATION**

**11.1** For further information please contact John O’Riordan via [john@downtownsailing.org](mailto:john@downtownsailing.org) or Race Council chair Laura Ladenheim via [laura@downtownsailing.org](mailto:laura@downtownsailing.org)