



Thursday Night Racing Program, J/22 and Sonar Classes

Patapsco River, Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.

2021 NOTICE OF RACE

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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 the *Baltimore Museum of Industry* (BMI) and the use of DSC and BMI facilities and equipment. More information can be found on the DSC TNR webpage: <https://downtownsailing.org/tnrofficialnoticeboard>

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. See Sailing Instructions for details.
Spinnakers, sheets, and twings may be rented for an additional fee:
\$50 for Spinnaker; \$25 for a set of sheets/twings.
- 1.3** There shall be a maximum of 4 people per boat.
Boats with 2 people shall race with main and jib only.
J/22 class boats with 3 or 4 people may race with spinnaker.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY FOR J/22 SPINNAKER CLASS

- 2.1** The J/22 series are open to a maximum of 11 teams, consisting of members of the Downtown Sailing Center (DSC) with racing level memberships.
- 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) and satisfying the following requirements:
- Required DSC membership forms have been completed and are on file
 - 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](#)
 - Each skipper has sailed at least one night of the Practice Series
- 2.4 A team that has not met minimum size, or has not paid dues in full, by the first night of regular racing (5/06/21) may forfeit its spot to a team on the wait-list.
- 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 in good standing may helm a boat in the DSC Sonar Non-Spinnaker Class, provided that person has at least one additional crew member with them. No racing upgrade is needed.
- 3.2 Skippers are required to reserve their boats online in advance and must contact the DSC and/or Race Committee prior to their departure from the DSC docks for the evening of racing.
- 3.3 There are no racing fees or series fees for the Sonar Non-Spinnaker Class.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 Skippers' Meeting (Virtual): April 1st - 6:30pm
<https://downtownsailing.org/event-4223232>
- 4.2 Practice Series (Main and Jib only, non-scored): April 8, 15, 22, 29
- 4.3 Series 1: Thursday nights from 5/06 - 7/15
- 4.4 Series 2: Thursday nights from 7/22 - 9/30
- 4.5 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 1, 2021 and posted to <https://downtownsailing.org/tnrofficialnoticeboard>

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 pertinent information to competitors on VHF Channel 71.

8 PRIZES FOR J/22 SPINNAKER CLASS

8.1 Prizes will be given to the first three (3) finishing boats overall. 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.

8.2 Prizes will be given to boats that win a series but fall outside of the top three (3) overall finishing places.

8.3 A prize will be given to the winner of the Skipper High Point Series, scored over the course of the regular season. See SI's Attachment D for details.

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 or at 410-727-0722 x114