

SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE 2018

July 21st, 22nd and 23rd, 2018

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority of the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge 2018 is the Southern Maryland Sailing Association, Inc. (SMSA). Event & Race management will be conducted by the Screwpile Challenge 2017 Race Committee, Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Inc. Racing will be held at the mouth of the Patuxent River.

1. RULES: The regatta shall be governed by the 'rules' as defined in 2017 - 2020 The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as modified by the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race.

2. ELIGIBILITY: Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge 2018 is open to mono-hull boats racing under PHRF, or One-Design class rules. All PHRF boats shall submit a valid 2018 PHRF Chesapeake rating certificate. One-Design competitors must be members of their respective class associations. Entries will only be accepted from an Owner or Skipper who is a current member of US Sailing; to join call 1-800-877-2451.

3. CLASSES: The regatta is open to boats in the following handicap divisions or classes: PHRF classes: A1, A2, B, C, the J/105, J/80, and J/70 classes are invited. Other handicap divisions or classes may be added at the discretion of the organizing authority if six (6) or more boats register for that division or class. A special Cruising Fleet will be offered. The Cruising Fleet will race on Saturday and Sunday only.

4. ENTRY PROCEDURES: Boats wishing to enter the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge regatta shall register on line at: <http://www.screwpile.net> then select "Registration" (*note this will redirect you to the registration page at YachtScoring.com*). To be considered a valid entry in the Screwpile Challenge 2018 Regatta, complete all registration steps and pay all fees. Deadline for entries is Wednesday July 11, 2018. Entries received after that time must include a late fee of \$50.00. No entries will be accepted after Wednesday July 18, 2018. The entry fees for PHRF/OD classes is \$200.00 (3 days of racing) and for the Cruising Class is \$100.00 (2 days of racing).

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available on or about May 1, 2018 on the official web page <http://www.spic.us> or <http://www.screwpile.net>. The official printed hard copy will be available at registration.

6. EVENT HEADQUARTERS: Event headquarters will be located at the Holiday Inn Solomons at 155 Holiday Drive in Solomons, Maryland. Post-race parties and awards ceremonies will be under the regatta tent located at the Holiday Inn Solomons. All skippers/boats must check in during registration to receive skipper's packet, and sailing instructions. Registration will be Friday, July 20 in the Patuxent Concourse inside the Holiday Inn. All boats should register between 1600 and 2100 hours. A welcome reception will be held at the Holiday Inn patio area starting around 1800.

7. RACING AND COURSES: Racing will be conducted on July 21, 22 and 23, 2018. For PHRF and One-Design classes Saturday through Monday's racing will consist of multiple windward / leeward races. The warning signal for the first race on Saturday, Sunday and Monday is scheduled for 1030. The Cruising Class will race on Saturday and Sunday only with their own start location and course.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM: Boats may take either a Two-Turn Penalty or the Scoring Penalty. The minimum will be 2 places. This changes RRS 44.1 and 44.3.

9. SCORING:

- 9.1 The Low point Scoring System of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply, as modified. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. There shall be no throw outs. One race constitutes a series.
- 9.2 Boats still racing that do not finish within 45 minutes of the first boat finishing in their class will be scored "Time Limit Expired (TLE)" which is the number of finishers plus two. Others will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish). This changes RRS 35, A4.1, A4.2 and A5

10. ARBITRATION: For protests involving the rules of Part 2 an arbitration hearing may be held prior to the protest hearing.

11. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS: All boats must be wet sailed during the Regatta. Requests to be hauled out during the series shall be submitted IN WRITING to the Race Chairman.

12. AWARDS: Daily awards will be awarded in each class for each day of racing. For multiple race days, class awards will be presented on combined scores for the day. Overall class series awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be presented on the last day of the regatta as well as the Best Overall Boat of the Regatta. For the purposes of ordering trophies, classes will be determined based upon entries received as of 1 June 2018. Any class qualifying for a separate class after that date will receive their trophies after the event is concluded.

13. MEDIA RIGHTS: Competitors give permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media. Commercial video or photographs must be licensed and approved by the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Committee 2018.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.

15. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information please contact:

L.G. Raley, Event/ Race Chairman at 301-862-3100 or chairman@screwpile.net.

Information is also available online at <http://www.screwpile.net> or <http://www.spic.us>