

NOTICE OF REGATTA

2009 Lightning Class Dixie District Championship Regatta
Southern Maryland Sailing Association and Fleet 508
Solomons, MD
June 13th – 14th, 2009

LOCATION:

The regatta is to be held on the Patuxent River and is sponsored by the Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA) and Lightning Fleet 508.

SMSA, located in Solomons, Maryland, is approximately one hour South of Annapolis and Washington.

NOTICE OF REGATTA:

These races will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012*. The races are open to all Lightnings registered with the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA). For Dixie District members, this regatta will serve as a qualifying regatta for the Lightning North American Championships to be held at Sodus Bay, NY, August 8-14th, 2009. Skippers and crew must be members of the International Lightning Class Association. Additional rules governing eligibility and participation shall be as defined in the ILCA Rules Governing All Lightning Class District Championships. All boats will be required to have matching sail numbers on all main and spinnaker sails used in the regatta.

The Dixie District Championship is scheduled as a six race series. One race will constitute a series. If six races are completed, a single throwout will be granted. As a qualifying regatta under the RRS 70.5(a), scoring will be final and decisions of the protest committee will not be subject to appeal. Scoring will be conducted according to the Class rules governing Championship regattas.

Radio Communication. Use of hand held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel to be identified in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or to receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress. Other use of any communication devise is prohibited and such use shall require withdrawal from the race unless determined by the Race Committee to have been for emergency purposes.

REGISTRATION:

Fee: \$100 Includes: Breakfast Saturday and Sunday. Saturday evening snacks, dinner and awards for the top five finishers. Payment by cash or check only. Checks payable to: David Meiser

Extra Dinners are available for \$12 per person.

LUNCHES ARE NOT PROVIDED.

SCHEDULE:

Friday, June 12th

5:30pm – 8:00pm Registration and Measurement

Saturday, June 13th

8:00 am – 9:30am Registration/ Measurement/Launching/ Breakfast

9:30am Skippers Meeting

11:30am 1st Warning Signal for Day 1

6:30pm Dinner

Sunday, June 14th

8:00am – 9:00am Breakfast/Launching

10:30am 1st Warning Signal for Day 2

On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 2:30

Awards following last race at the SMSA Clubhouse.

DIRECTIONS:

Address: 14490 Solomons Island Road South, Solomons, MD 20688

Directions from Points North - Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia

Take I-95/495 to MD Route 4 (Pennsylvania Ave. extended) exit heading south (towards Upper Marlboro). Proceed south on Route 4 approximately 45 miles. Just prior to the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge (Patuxent River Scenic Bridge), bear right onto MD Route 2 South towards Solomons Island. This will take you under the bridge and into the area of the Calvert County Visitors Center. Turn right towards Solomons Island. The SMSA Clubhouse is located approximately 3/4 of a mile on the left side of Main Street, across from the Gazebo on the boardwalk. Public parking is provided on the boardwalk side of the street.

Directions from Points North via MD Route 50/US 301 and Annapolis

Over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge West to MD Route 2 (Annapolis). Exit at Route 2 South and follow Route 2 South (Solomons Island Road) out of Annapolis. Route 2 will merge with MD Route 4 and continue south to Solomons Island area (approx. 60 miles from Annapolis). Just prior to the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge (Patuxent River Scenic Bridge), bear right onto MD Route 2 South towards Solomons Island. Travel under the bridge and into the area of the Calvert County Visitors Center. Turn right towards Solomons Island. The SMSA Clubhouse is located approximately 3/4 of a mile on the left side of Main Street, across from the Gazebo on the boardwalk. Public parking is provided on the boardwalk side of the street.

Directions from Points South (via I-95):

Take I-95 North to VA Route 207 northeast. Turn off Route 207 onto US 301 north; proceed on US 301 into Maryland via the Harry W. Nice - Potomac River Bridge. Note that this is a toll bridge, free as you enter MD, but there is a toll on your return to VA. In Maryland, make a right turn off US 301 onto MD Route 234. Follow Route 234 approximately 19 miles to MD Route 5 in Leonardtown, MD. Follow MD Route 5 south to MD Route 4. Make a left turn onto MD Rte 4 (north/east). Proceed on Route 4, crossing over MD Route 235 and then over the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge (Patuxent River Scenic Bridge) to Solomons. Once over the bridge make an immediate right onto MD Route 2 South (Main Street, Solomons). The SMSA Clubhouse is located approximately 3/4 of a mile on the left side of

Main Street, across from the Gazebo on the boardwalk. Public parking is provided on the boardwalk side of the street.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Holiday Inn Select Solomons - (1 mile) 410-326-6311

Comfort Inn Solomons – (1 mile) 410-326-6303

Hilton Garden Inn Solomons - (2 miles) 410-326-0303

Local B&Bs and other Solomons Information - <http://www.sba.solomons.md.us/>

CONTACTS:

Regatta Chair and Fleet 508 Captain: David Meiser - meiser@comcast.net 410-326-1114

2009 Lightning Dixie District Championship Entry Form

Sail #: _____ Boat Name: _____

Competitor's Name: _____ ILCA # _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone# _____

(Crew Names and ILCA #'s may be completed at the regatta)

Crew Name: _____ ILCA# _____

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I agree to be bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing and by all other rules that govern this event. In consideration of being permitted to enter this event, being knowledgeable of the risks of competitive sailing and knowing that it is my sole responsibility to decide whether to enter or continue any race, I voluntarily assume the risk of participation in this event and release the Host Club, The Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA) and the people conducting the event from all liability in connection with any injury or damage that may occur.

Signature of Competitor _____ Date: _____

Entry Fee			
(Includes 3 Dinners)		\$100.00	\$ _____
Extra Dinners	Advanced Purchase *	\$12.00/ea	
	After 6/4/09	\$15.00/ ea X _____ =	\$ _____
	Total		\$ _____
Checks Payable to:	David Meiser		
Mail Entry to:	David Meiser		
	P.O. Box 651		
	Solomons, MD 20688		
			* Postmarked by 6/4/09