



**Notice of Race**  
**2021 Buccaneer 18 North American**  
**Championship**



September 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>

Southern Maryland Sailing Association

*N38° 19' 22" W076° 27' 30"*

*14490 Solomons Island Rd, Solomons, MD*

*PO Box 262, Solomons, MD*

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the current Buccaneer Class Association (BCA) Racing Rules.
- 1.2. The BCA Racing Rules, in effect at the time of the regatta, will apply and will prevail if there is a conflict with this Notice, unless modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.3. All boats shall carry a floating tow line, minimum 40 feet in length and at least ¼ inch in diameter.

**2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The BCA & Fleet 69 in cooperation with the Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA) is organizing this regatta.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Buccaneer 18 class entered by a current member of the BCA.
- 3.2. All Buccaneer 18 sailboats manufactured by licensed builders shall be entitled to compete in this regatta. Boats must be configured in accordance with the BCA Racing Rules.
- 3.3. Registration can be completed at [www.smsa.com/BNAC2021](http://www.smsa.com/BNAC2021) and must be received by 4:30PM on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**4. FEES**

\$235 – Before June 15th, 11:00PM EST

\$260 – After June 15th, 11:00PM EST

\$275 – After Aug 15<sup>th</sup>, 11:00PM EST

**5. FLEETS**

- 5.1. This North American Championship regatta may include 'A' and 'B' fleets, contingent upon the number of competitors. Competitors will select whether to compete in the 'A' or 'B' fleet when they register.
- 5.2. Skippers can revise their fleet designation up until 4:30 PM on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, by notifying the registration desk.
- 5.3. No previous winner of a Buccaneer 18 class sanctioned regatta will be permitted to compete in B Fleet.

## **6. VENUE**

SMSA will host the event on the Patuxent River between the Governor Thomas Johnson Bridge and the mouth of the Patuxent River. The specific location for racing will be based on weather and anticipated traffic in the area. Announcements will be made at the daily skippers meeting.

## **7. SCHEDULE**

### **7.1. Onsite Registration, Boat & Sail Measurement, and Practice Races**

Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:00AM – 4:30PM. Practice races are intended to begin on the water at 2pm with no races to be started after 3:30 PM.

### **7.2. Dates of Racing:**

September 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>. On the 19<sup>th</sup>, no races to be started after 2:00 PM. Warning signals will be at 11:00 AM each day unless otherwise noted on the Event Notification Board.

### **7.3. Number of Races:**

The number of races run each day shall be at the discretion of the PRO, there will be no predetermined limit on any given day or for the series. The target number of races each day will be four (4), except the last day when the target number of races will be three (3) or less.

## **8. SCORING**

8.1. Three (3) races shall constitute a Regatta.

8.2. Scoring will be in accordance with the low point scoring system (Appendix A) and rule 90.3.

8.3. If 6 or more races are held, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If twelve (12) or more races are held, a boat's score shall be the total of her races excluding her two worst scores.

## **9. PRIZES**

9.1. Prizes will be awarded according to the number of entrants registered by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **10. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

10.1. Use of hand-held VHF radios is encouraged to receive communications from the Race Committee. Race information will be communicated over the radio whenever possible.

10.2. The Race Committee will use VHF radio channel 68 to communicate with the fleets.

## **11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing instruction will be available on the SMSA website by July 15<sup>th</sup> and posted on the official 2021 BNAC notice board in the front window of the clubhouse.

## **12. STORAGE/LAUNCHING**

The SMSA facility uses a jib crane/hoist to launch boats. Lifting straps and lines are not provided.

Boats shall be kept in their assigned spots which are subject to change by the direction of the BNAC Race Chair. Boats requiring a ramp launch may use the public launch area under the nearby Gov. Thomas Johnson Bridge.

## **13. ADVERTISING**

13.1. Advertising will be restricted to Category A.

13.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

#### **14. MEDIA RIGHTS**

Competitors give absolute right and permission to the BCA and SMSA for any media rights of persons, boats, and shore activities during the event, to be published in any media worldwide whatsoever for any editorial, promotional, and advertising purposes and to be used in press information.

#### **15. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Each competitor is required to have Liability Insurance with a minimum coverage in the amount of \$100,000 USD that is valid for the period of the regatta.

#### **16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. (See Rule 4, Decision to Race). The BCA, the SMSA, and all sponsors and volunteers 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. The safety of the boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew.

The Skipper shall be responsible for his own conduct and that of his crew. (See Rule 69, Misconduct) Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat by a committee member in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property, or failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Event Committee member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damaged and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the regatta, and further sanctioning by the event Protest Committee.

#### **17. REGATTA CONTACTS**

For further information please contact Nichole Doub, [nicholedoub@smsa.com](mailto:nicholedoub@smsa.com).