

Bucctoberfest 2019

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Southern Maryland Sailing Association's Buccaneer 18 fleet

ARGH! Further proof that experience doesn't always come with wisdom!

Buccaneer owners, crew, friends, potential friends, and people we haven't irritated too much yet. If you've got a little pirate at heart ye'all are welcome to this year's regatta to celebrate all things fun and sailing

Where: Southern Maryland Sailing Association, Solomons Island, MD

Formalities:

1. **Decision to Race** All boats participating in this event are doing so for the joy of sailing, and fully accept responsibility for their own crew and vessel.

2. **Fees & Sanctioning** This is a non-sanctioned sailing event...we're just doing this for fun...there is no prize money...and no trophies there is a \$20/boat (\$5/junior boat) registration fee to cover gas money for RC and party favors like snacks...If you don't have \$20, just come and sail. Cheapskates are welcome too, but be prepared to be taunted appropriately. Have fun.

3. **Trophies...**(see Formalities # 2).. Your name will go up in lights. Very small lights. With all the brilliance of modern wonder. You will forever be immortalized until someone scrolls down the page. You know, we'll post it on the internet. So don't anger the RC we want to say nice things about you.

4. **Party** The post race party is at SMSA, we're partnering with friends from Sail Solomons (who are sponsoring some beer and grub for us so be nice to them) ...so get bring some grub to share (if you can).

5. **Errors** in this document are errors...(an numerous) so deal with it.

6. **Rules:** The organizing authority may..and probably will change any portion of this document or rules (except coast guard regulations) at will. Suck it up...ARRGHH!

7. **Protests** must be submitted to the race committee within 15 minutes of RC returning to the dock. [The official protest form for this event is a 6.14" x 2.61" linen print \(actually an engraving I believe\) of founding father Benjamin Franklin in green ink.](#) Protests will only be heard if the appropriate paperwork is used. Counter protests are encouraged.....

Schedule of events:

Skippers Meeting: High Noon at the SMSA Crane

Fist Warning: Immediately following the skippers meeting

No races will start after 3:00pm

Dinner @ SMSA after 5, Sail Solomons is coming with a crowd of sailors to share stories of misadventure.

General Sailing Instructions

Starting Area: First race will begin at the SMSA dock, subsequent race location and format will be at the discretion of the RC.

Finish line: Finish line will be announced before the start of each race by the RC, all communication will be verbal. Barb just bought a megaphone for the Jr. Program, (and Doug gave us a second one!) and we might borrow that for the day, so prepare to be annoyed.

Scoring: We will be using a High point scoring system...the winner will be the boat with the MOST POINTS at the end of the regatta.

Ways to earn points:

1. Beat another boat (very traditional, every boat behind you at the finish line is worth 1 point)
2. Bring a friend. Every person you bring is worth points. (only one of the following will be applied per friend, unless they are really cute, PRO will have the final call on this one). Friends points are only awarded for races in which they actually participate.
 - a. regular crew 1 point
 - b. new to buccaneers 2 points
 - c. never been sailing: 4 points
 - d. never raced: 3 points
 - e. under age 10: 5 points
 - f. Furry or cute: +1 to other category
3. New skipper: 10 points
4. Read these SI's and let the RC know you read them by singing happy birthday to Doug at the skippers meeting (+1 point) (+1 point if you get all the way through and he asks why you sang happy birthday)
4. Attend the party: (same scoring as above section 2)
5. As it should be, the RC accepts bribes, gifts, etc... and may be reflected in your final scores.

Ways to lose points:

1. Be an unfriendly person. Nobody likes unfriendly people, and if you're having a bad day, figure out how to smile at the RC folks..they're volunteers, and may have candy.
2. Win another regatta in the mid atlantic region this season. - 1 pt for each regatta you won. Hey..we gotta level the playing field somehow...the holes we drilled in your boat didn't seem to work.
3. Sail a white, blue or green boat. That's -1 for the day. Sorry, I'm just feeling that way today.

***Additional important info: a handicap ranking system will be in place. The organizing authority will seed the participants at the beginning of the regatta. Your seed position will be added to your score. So the top seeded boat will receive 1 point, and the 12th seeded boat will receive 12 points.

If this seems complicated then we have been successful, The RC must earn their keep to attend the party.

Bottom line is this regatta is for FUN. **Win, Lose or Draw** remember, we're all Buccaneers and we just want to party!