

## **SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE 2017 NOTICE OF RACE JULY 14 - 16, 2017**

The Organizing Authority of the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge 2017 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.

1.1 All boats must be wet sailed during the Regatta. Request to be hauled out during the series shall be submitted IN WRITING to the Race Chairman.

**2. ELIGIBILITY:** Screwpile Challenge 2017 is open to mono-hull boats racing under PHRF, or One-design class rules. All PHRF boats shall submit a valid PHRF Chesapeake rating certificate. One-design competitors must be members of their respective class associations. Entries will be accepted from 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, 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. For more information Contact the Race Chairman L.G. Raley, at:

301-862-3100 or email; chairman@screwpile.net

**4. ENTRY PROCEDURES:** Entries shall be made online on the official web site or submitted on the official Screwpile Challenge 2017 Entry Form, be accompanied with the appropriate entry fee payment. Deadline for entries is Wednesday July 5, 2017. Entries received after that time must include a late fee of \$50.00. No entries will be accepted after Wednesday July 12, 2017.

The entry fee for PHRF/OD classes is \$200.00 (3 days of racing) and for the Cruising Class is \$100.00 (2 days of racing).

If paying with a check, make the check payable to and mail to:

SCREWPILE CHALLENGE 2017 P.O. BOX 66, HOLLYWOOD MD 20636

**5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** The preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available on or about May 1, 2017 on the official web page [www.splc.us](http://www.splc.us) or [www.screwpile.net](http://www.screwpile.net). The official printed hard copy will be available at registration.

**6. EVENT HEADQUARTERS:** Event headquarters will be Holiday Inn Solomons at the end of 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 Thursday, July 13 in the Patuxent Concourse inside the Holiday Inn. All boats should register between 1600 and 2100 hours. A welcome reception will be held at SMSA on Main Street in Solomons on Thursday evening starting about 1900.

**7. RACING AND COURSES:** Racing will be conducted on July 14, 15 and 16, 2017. Friday - Sunday's racing will consist of multiple windward / leeward races. The warning signal for the first race on Friday, Saturday and Sunday is scheduled for 1030. The Cruising Class will race on Saturday and Sunday on their own 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. 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. AWARDS:** Three 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 Best Overall Boat of the Regatta. For the purposes of ordering trophies, classes will be determined based upon entries received as of 1 June 2017, any class qualifying for a separate class after that date will receive their trophies after the event is concluded.

**12. 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 2017.

**13. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Contact L.G. Raley, Event/ Race Chairman at 301-862-3100 or email chairman@screwpile.net. Information available on [www.screwpile.net](http://www.screwpile.net) or [www.splc.us](http://www.splc.us)