



NOTICE OF RACE

May 4, 2019

Ft. Monroe National Park

Hampton, VA

1. General Administrative Information

- 1.1 The organizing authority for this event is the Southern Region Area 7 Sea Scouts, BSA
- 1.2 The 2019 SR7 Commodore's Cup Regatta serves as a qualifier for the 2020 William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup. It is also an opportunity for Sea Scouts wanting to learn more about small sailboat racing strategies.
- 1.3 The SR7 Commodore's Cup Regatta is organized by Area 7 Sea Scout Quarterdeck with support from Sea Scout Ships 244 and 1590 of Occoneechee Council with additional support from Scouting 244 and other sponsoring organizations.
- 1.4 Youth Sailing Virginia, Inc. will provide the boats, racing marks, race committee and committee boat. Youthsailingva.org.
- 1.5 The primary racing area will take place on the Hampton River and as finally determined by the Race Committee and the days' weather. The number of races will be determined as time and weather allows. One race constitutes a regatta.
- 1.6 The SR7 Commodore's Cup Regatta will be held in conjunction with Sea Scout Academy organized by Ship 1610 of Colonial Virginia Council. Camping will be in the campgrounds located on the Fort Monroe Peninsula. No campfires permitted and no electrical power available. Water, restrooms and showers are available. [Sea Scout Academy at Fort Monroe](#)
- 1.7 Any changes to the Race, Registration and Event information will be available on Facebook page [Sea Scouts - Southern Region Area 7](#) and [Sea Scout Academy at Fort Monroe](#)

2. Schedule (Subject to change)

Saturday, May 4, 2018

0830 Practice session

1200 Bag lunches delivered to scouts location

1300 Race Teams convene for competitors meeting

1700 No race will start after this time

3. Eligibility

3.1 The Event is open to registered BSA Sea Scouts only. Scouts must have previous experience in small boat sailing and the ability to make the boat go in the desired direction.

3.2 A team shall consist of two Sea Scouts. A team may be members of different Ships.

4. Advanced Registration

4.1 Teams shall register in advance as part of the Sea Scout Academy registration. [Sea Scout Academy at Fort Monroe](#)

5. Rules and Regulations

5.1 Governance. This Regatta will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020; The BSA Guide to Safe Scouting; Participant's Rules of Conduct, Appearance and Comportment; Sailing Instructions; and this Official Notice of Race

5.2 Vessels. The races will be conducted in FJ sailboats provided by the Youth Sailing Virginia

5.3 The provisions of The Guide to Safe Scouting Article XII, Transportation, Boats, Section 6. to have on-board oars and rowlocks, fire extinguishers and lights are waived for the competing vessels only.

5.4 Certain rules may be changed; changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions

5.5 The sailing instructions will be available-at registration and at the competitors meeting.

6. Safety

6.1 Coast Guard-approved Type III PFDs will be provided by Bow to Stern Boating Center. A PFD shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when sailing. Failure to comply with this rule can result in disqualification as deemed appropriate by the protest committee. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, at the Race Table immediately after arrival ashore

6.2 Public Safety and Healthcare. This event is physically demanding. Temperatures may range from 60° to 90° or more with winds of 15 knots or higher. Water temperature can be between 55° - 70° F. Sailors should "Be Prepared" for all weather eventualities.

6.3 Competitors must be accompanied by registered BSA adult leaders as required by BSA Guide to Safe Scouting, Youth Protection Requirements.

6.4 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race

7. Scoring

7.1 A maximum of eight races are scheduled, of which one completed race shall constitute a series. If six or more races are sailed, a boat's worst score shall be discarded.

7.2 The regatta will be scored using the Low Point system, except as modified by the sailing instructions.

7.3 . Protests hearings, if any, will take place 30 minutes after the race committee boat returns to the launching platform

7.4 At the option of the race officer, the race may be split into ability groups or may be split off to a secondary competition

7.5 The crew with the lowest series point score in the fleet shall win the SR7 Commodore's Cup Regatta and their names be submitted for the Koch Cup Regatta in 2020.