

NOTICE OF RACE

Annual Punchbowl Regatta

April 13 & 14, 2024

The Dixie Sailing Club and Catalina 22 Fleet 96 are pleased to invite you to compete in the **Annual Punchbowl Regatta** at Lake Martin, Alabama.

1. Rules:

The races will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, the relevant class association rules for the competing boats, and the Sailing Instructions. Sailing Instructions will be distributed to registered boats.

2. Eligibility and Entry:

Punchbowl competitors may be any class of sailboat. The entry form is included with this Notice of Race.

3. Anticipated/Proposed Classes:

Based on the registrations received, the fleets will be confirmed on 13 Mar 2024.

Catalina 22 Gold Fleet:

If three or more C22s enter the regatta in the C22 Gold Fleet, they will race as the C22 Gold Fleet.

Catalina 22 Silver Fleet:

If three or more C22s enter the regatta in the C22 Silver Fleet, they will race as the C22 Silver Fleet.

1. This fleet is open to skippers without a C22 Gold Fleet first-place trophy in a Catalina 22 State, Regional, or National Championship regatta.
2. If less than three C22s enter the C22 Silver Fleet, then those C22s will race in the C22 Gold Fleet.

MC Scow Fleet:

If three or more MC Scows enter the regatta, they will race as the MC Scow Fleet.

Open/Handicap Fleet:

If three or more boats not in other fleets enter the regatta, they will race as the Handicap Fleet. This fleet will be scored using the Portsmouth handicapping system.

Multi-Hull Fleet:

If three or more multi-hull boats enter the regatta, they will race as the Multi-Hull Fleet. This fleet will be scored using the PHRF handicapping system.

4. Races:

Five races are planned, with three on Saturday and two on Sunday. Weather conditions may dictate otherwise. One race constitutes a regatta.

5. Scoring:

The Low Point System, RRS A4, will apply with all races counting towards the fleet finishing results. No score will be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

6. Awards:

Trophies will be awarded to each fleet's first, second, and third-place finishers.

7. The Courses:

The courses will be windward/leeward with an offset mark and leeward finish for all fleets except the multi-hull fleet, which will run a triangle course with an offset mark leeward finish. All fleets will use the same start and finish line designated by the Race Committee Chairman.

8. Schedule of Events:

All times given below are preliminary. Check at registration for any updates. All times are for the Central Time Zone.

- Friday, 12 Apr 24
 - At Noon, the DSC gate will open for early arrivals. Earlier arrival may be arranged.
 - 1630 – 1900 Informal greetings at the pavilion, BYOB
- Saturday, 14 Apr 24
 - 0800 – 1000 Registration and launch boats
 - 1000 – Welcome and skipper's meeting at Pavilion
 - 1130 – Warning signal for the first race of the day. No race starts after 1600.
 - 1700 - 1900 Post-race dinner and party, BYOB.

- Sunday, 15 Apr 24
 - 0700 – 0900 Continental breakfast
 - 0930 – Warning signal for first race of the day. Weather permitting, more than one race may be held.
 - Approximately 1300 - Awards presentation

9. Cost Information:

Entry Fee: \$75

The fee includes the skipper's Saturday breakfast, buffet dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Dixie Sailing Club is a USSA member club. USSA members may show their current membership card and receive a \$5 entry fee discount.

Dinners: \$15

Covers each additional crew or friend's dinner. The breakfast for the skipper and crew on both days is included in the entry fee.

SWAG: \$25 each

Pre-orders before March 15th are recommended.

10. Venue:

The regatta will be held at the Dixie Sailing Club, 767 New Hope Church Road, Alexander City, AL 35010. Go to www.dixiesailingclub.com or any map application for directions.

1. Food:

- a. Lunches will NOT be provided explicitly on Saturday or Sunday.
- b. Sunday Morning - A continental breakfast will be provided.
- c. Saturday Night – Dinner will be provided at the Pavilion.

The food headcount will be based on registrations before 1 Apr, so please register early. OUR GOAL IS TO ENSURE WE HAVE THE NEEDED FOOD! So, keep in touch!

2. Lodging:

- The club is about eight miles SSE of Alexander City, AL.
- Local motels include the
 - Baymont Inn & Suites (256-234-7099),
 - Days Inn (256-234-6311),
 - Hampton Inn (256-234-2244), and
 - Quality Inn (256-234-5900).
- Camping

- Full hook-up camping is available at nearby Wind Creek State Park. Office: 256-329-0845.
- Glamping is even available at Wind Creek State Park. Information and reservations at <https://lakemartin.tlglamping.com/>
- Limited camping is available on the club grounds. We have restrooms but no utilities at the campsites. Reservations are required, so include a note on the registration.

3. **Registration:**

Registration this year may be accomplished in any of four ways, with NO money required to be sent before checking in at the club.

1. Mail the filled-out form to the address below.
2. Send the information via email to the address shown below.
3. Send the information by text to the phone number listed below.
4. Call me at 205-903-0874 any day before 9 PM CDT if you have any questions.

4. **Radio Communications:**

1. The Race Committee may communicate with competitors on the water via VHF radio on Channel 72.
2. Radio communications may include a countdown sequence for starts and other information for the convenience of competitors who choose to monitor the VHF. It is NOT the responsibility of the race committee to ensure all competitors hear a countdown.
3. Failure to hear or understand communications from the race committee will NOT be grounds for redress.

5. **Questions – Further Information**

For any further information, please get in touch with the Regatta Chairman.

Dave Hilgendorf, Regatta Chairman
2110 Vinson Rd
Birmingham, AL 35235

Dave Hilgendorf, Regatta Chairman
text to cell 205-903-0874 or
rhilgendorf@bellsouth.net

Dixie Sailing Club Registration Form

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Registration Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Club Affiliation: _____

Fleet: _____ Sail Number: _____

Cost Information

Regatta Fee: \$75 includes meals for the skipper _____

Current USSA member discount: -\$5 _____

Additional Crew/Friends Dinners: \$15 each _____

SWAG: \$25 each _____

Total Enclosed: _____

This Agreement contains a Release and Waiver And Covenant Not to Sue

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. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or injury to any competitor, including death sustained due to participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If entering by mail, send the completed form **and check**, made out to **Dixie Sailing Club** to:

Dave Hilgendorf, Regatta Chair
2110 Vinson Rd
Birmingham, AL 35235