

LIGHTNING FLEET 50 INVITES YOU TO THE

2009 Doc Gilbert Memorial Potomac Cup Regatta May 2-3, 2009

On the famous Potomac River at Leesylvania State Park, just outside of Washington DC where the Potomac is 3 miles wide!

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EVENT

This is a family event, with lots of sights to see in nearby Washington, DC. Leesylvania State Park has hiking trails, playground equipment, picnic facilities, showers, indoor restrooms, and sandy beaches for sunning. Tent camping is also available. Of course there are all the sights of DC just up I95. Check the website for more details, like pictures and results:

<http://www.lightningclass.org/fleet50/PotomacCup/PC2009/index.htm>

NOTICE OF REGATTA

These races will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*. The races are open to all Lightnings, Hamptons, Albacores, and Jet-14s. All races are scored.

FRIDAY, May 1

If you have the luxury of taking Friday off and can come early, you'll be able to set up your boat and go for a sail. A few Fleet 50 skippers will do the same and will be arriving on Friday afternoon (before 3:30 p.m. to avoid the rush hour). They will welcome you with hotdogs and beer and will give you the lay of the land. If you plan to camp at the park on Friday night, be forewarned that the park closes at dusk. If you would like to arrive after dark that day, let us know and we'll make arrangements to meet you and let you in.

SATURDAY, May 2

Registration from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., \$95.00, includes park entry and launch fees; lunches and dinner for 3; bagels/donuts & coffee. (Park entry fee is for one car; each additional car is \$5.00, payable to the State Park. You may arrive Friday, setup, and go sailing. Or you may drop off your Lightning anytime before park closing at dusk.)

Skipper's meeting on Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

Warning gun at **12:00 Noon Saturday**, 3 planned races.

Following the races on Saturday is Happy Hour with **MICHELOB ULTRA** and other fine Anheuser-Busch products and a better-than-ever dinner with gourmet menu (entree, vegetables, salads, deserts), covered picnic area, and that beverage of choice: **MICHELOB ULTRA**.

Extra tickets for Happy Hour with **MICHELOB ULTRA** & gourmet dinner \$10.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Warning gun at **10:00 a.m.**; 2 planned races & awards ceremony with hot dogs and **MICHELOB ULTRA** beer following.

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The 2009 Doc Gilbert Memorial Cup Regatta, May 2-3 2009, at Leesylvania State Park, Virginia

DIRECTIONS: To Leesylvania State Park take I-95 south to Exit 156 – Route 784 East (approx. 13 miles south of I-95/495/395 interchange aka the mixing bowl). Early signs are for Dale City. Once on the exit service road, look for Route 784 East and “Rippon Landing/Northern Virginia Community College.” Follow the signs to Leesylvania State Park (right on Route 638; 1.5 miles; right on Route 1 for a short distance and left onto Neabasco Creek Road; 1.5 miles, right into park). Once in the park and after passing under the railroad bridge, look for the second parking lot with the cranes and just north of the park store.

WHO'S COMING?

If you are even thinking about coming, please contact David Thompson, the Regatta Chair, (Dthomp01@aol.com) and let him know. THANKS!

ACCOMMODATIONS: Lodging—Fleet 50 members cordially offer space and breakfast. For details contact Frank Gallagher at 703-560-6863h or gallagherf99@msn.com. On-site tent camping at Leesylvania State Park is also available with nearby showers and portable toilets. Motels; Camping: Prince William Forest Park has RV hook-ups (703) 221-2474; Pohick Park – tents & RV (703) 339-6100.

NEED CREW?

Every year we have been successful in helping to line up crew for skippers who are short of crew. We have a long list of people interested in crewing. So if you'd like to come to the regatta but possibly are short of crew, call our Director of Crew Matching, [Frank Gallagher \(Fgallagher@geico.com\)](mailto:Fgallagher@geico.com), 703-560-6863-home, 703-599-0144-cell, 301-986-3217-work Please call early so that we can lock these crew people in.

Potomac Cup 2009 Early Intentions Form

If you are at all interested in coming to the Potomac Cup, please provide us with some contact information so that we can communicate with you.

Name: _____ Boat # _____ Fleet # or home port: _____

Email: _____ Phone number: _____

Return to: David Thompson, Regatta Chair
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