

St. Mary's College 46th Annual Governor's Cup Yacht Race Sets Sail August

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Sailors: Online Registration Open

St. Mary's City, Md. — St. Mary's College of Maryland's highly anticipated Governor's Cup Yacht Race, scheduled for August 2 - 4, is open for registration.

This year marks the 46th running of the oldest and longest overnight race on the Chesapeake Bay. The race starts from Maryland's current capital city in Annapolis to its first capital city in St. Mary's City. Simultaneously, Potomac Leg sailors start at Dahlgren and Southern Leg sailors start at Fishing Bay to sail to St. Mary's City.

New for 2019, a fourth and fifth race has been added. The new Solomons course has sailors starting off the pier near Southern Maryland Sailing Association on Solomons Island. Plus, a small boat challenge will be held, starting near the Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship in Piney Point, both setting sail to St. Mary's City. These additions to the event add all types of racing sailboats, keeping the St. Mary's College Governor's Cup Yacht Race as one of the biggest celebrations of sailing around.

At the finish line, College faculty, staff, alumni and other members of the campus community will greet race participants to shore for a weekend-long celebration including a Waterfront Crab Feast & Barbecue, Governor's Cup Awards Ceremony, and live music.

Qualified sailors interested in participating in the race can register online at the official Gov' Cup website, www.smcm.edu/events/govcup. Submit a completed entry along with a \$120 entry fee no later than July 30 at 5 p.m.

For information about the event, visit www.smcm.edu/events/govcup or email govcup@smcm.edu.

St. Mary's College of Maryland is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education through 2024-2025. St. Mary's College, designated the Maryland state honors college in 1992, is ranked one of the best public liberal arts schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report. Approximately 1,600 students attend the college, nestled on the St. Mary's River in Southern Maryland.

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