The boats battle for position at the halfway mark during last year's Rescue Regatta near Deltaville. The funds raised from the annual event go to support the Middlesex County Rescue Squad. (Photo by Paul Almany)

Rescue Regatta returns to D'ville on July 12, 13

The Middlesex County Volunteer Rescue Squad's (MCVRS) Rescue Regatta returns with racing, exhibits and two evenings of good food, and good music on July 12 and 13 and hosted by the Deltaville Maritime Museum (DMM). Organizers expect to surpass the 2023 success in funds raised and in fun had. Registration details can be found in the coming weeks at https://rescueRegatta.life.

The Deltaville Maritime Museum, well known by all in Middlesex and surrounding communities as a wonderful venue for nature walks, music in the park and celebration of the area's maritime culture and history, has graciously become a foundational sponsor of the Rescue Regatta. On July 12 doors open at 5 p.m. Registered Regatta captains can learn of any final race details, and other guests may wish to discover the beautiful museum grounds, from a stroll through the Holly Point Nature Park, to the historic F.D. Crockett buyboat or the many other exterior exhibits.

At 6 p.m. delicious fare lovingly prepared by the MCVRS Ladies Auxiliary will be served at the DMM's pavilion. Beer and wine will be offered along with the event's signature "Rescue Me" and "Dark n' Stormy" mixed drinks.

At 6:30 p.m., the Michael Clark Band, featuring Tracy Clark on vocals, will take the stage. They have the tunes and the chops to move you to and on the dance floor all night!

On July 13 at 9 a.m., the Rescue Regatta skippers and crew will take to the water to race. Fishing Bay Yacht Club, another of our foundational sponsors, designed the course and will officiate the race. Expect the Notice of Race and registration details to be posted in coming weeks at https://rescueRegatta.life/ and https://www.yc.net/.

Doors open at 6 p.m. on Saturday. At 6:30 p.m. Smokin' Joe Davenport will be at the pit in the pavilion serving up barbecue pork with all the right sides to start the celebration. Beer and wine will be offered along with our signature mixed drinks.

At 7 p.m., Ray Pittman with core members of The Revival will carry the evening. The band, known for its "old school rock and soul," will absolutely raise the roof.

During the evenings of the 12th and the 13th, bids can be placed on offerings from the Rescue Regatta 2024 silent auction. Items to be offered will be posted online in the coming weeks at https://rescueRegatta.life/.

For information, email Tina Mennet, committee co-chairman, at connect@rescueRegatta.life or call her at 804-313-9412.

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