

# Notice of Race

## Percy Priest Yacht Club



# Equalizer Regatta for One-Design Cruisers

October 15 & 16, 2011

1. **INVITATION**--Percy Priest Yacht Club cordially invites you and your crew to attend the **Equalizer Regatta for One-Design Cruisers** on **October 15 & 16, 2011**.
2. **SITE**--The regatta will be held on J. Percy Priest Lake in Nashville, Tennessee. Land based activities will be held at Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina.
3. **RULES**
  - 3.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
  - 3.2. All class rules, including measurement and weight rules, will apply.
  - 3.3. Changes will be made to the following RRS: 29.1 (Individual Recalls); 33 (Changing the Next Leg of the Course); 35 (Time Limit and Scores); 44.1 (Taking a Penalty); 61 (Protest Requirements); 62.1(a) (Redress); A2 (Series Scores); A4 (Low Point and Bonus Point Systems); A5 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee); A11 (Scoring Abbreviations); and Race Signal AP (Postponement).
  - 3.4. All changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions or in this notice of race.
4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
  - 4.1. The regatta will be open to all one-design cruiser or racer/cruiser boats properly registered with PPYC.
  - 4.2. Participants may enter the race by registering online and then paying the entry fee and meal fees at the regatta, or by registering on the day of the regatta at the final registration table in the Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina building. We encourage all participants to register in advance online to help us plan for the regatta. If you register online, you will save \$10.00. Just bring a check to the regatta to pay your entry fee and meal fees during the final registration period.
  - 4.3. A [Waiver and Release of Liability and Emergency Contact Form](#) signed by the owner/skipper and each crew member must be submitted at final registration. No boat will be fully registered without submitting this completed form. In the event of a crew member substitution during the regatta, the new crew member must submit a signed waiver of liability to the Regatta Committee prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid.
5. **CLASSES**
  - 5.1. Five or more boats of the same one-design class are required for a class to participate.
  - 5.2. The following classes are anticipated for this event:
    - Northstar 500
    - S2 7.9

**6. FEES--** The regatta entry fee and other fees are as follows:

<b>Online Registration Fee:</b> Register by 6:00 p.m., Thursday, October 13, 2011	<b>\$55.00</b> <i>before discounts</i>
<b>Late Registration Fee:</b> 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Saturday, October 15, 2011	<b>\$65.00</b> <i>before discounts</i>
<p>A <b>\$20.00 discount</b> is available to members of a yacht club or sailing club. Like many sailing clubs, PPYC relies on member volunteers to run regattas and subsidizes its regattas from member dues. PPYC believes that members of a yacht club or sailing club should receive a discount on regatta entry fees. If you are not a member of a sailing club, we encourage you to join your local sailing club to help support the sport of sailboat racing. It's the right thing to do! Without member supported sailing clubs, there would be no regattas to race in.</p> <p>The <b>primary helmsperson</b> or the <b>boat owner if aboard</b> but not helming must be a member to receive the discount. A "<b>yacht club or sailing club</b>" for purposes of the discount is defined as a membership based sailing organization that holds open regattas or races for its local members and members of other sailing clubs. A one-design class association or fleet, a national or regional sailing association or an online sailing club is <b>not</b> a club for purposes of the discount. A "<b>member</b>" is an active dues paying member in good standing with such a yacht club or sailing club.</p> <p>A <b>\$5.00 discount</b> is available for US SAILING and Canadian Yachting Association members. Proof of membership is required for discount.</p>	
<p><b>Meal Fee:</b> <u>Please note that the meal fee is not optional.</u> It is separately stated for sales tax purposes only. To participate in the regatta, you must purchase a meal package for each person on your boat. The meal package is <u>per person</u> and includes continental breakfast and dinner. <i>Each Meal Fee includes sales tax of \$0.42.</i></p>	<b>\$5.00</b> per person
Lunches will not be available through PPYC. Please arrange for your own lunches.	

**7. SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday, October 15, 2011</b>	
<b>0800</b>	Continental Breakfast
<b>0800-0930</b>	Final Registration and Payment of Online Registration Fees (Please register in advance online.) <b>IMPORTANT--Final Registration ends at 0930 sharp!</b>
<b>1000</b>	Skippers' Meeting
<b>1100</b>	Warning Signal, first race. Subsequent races will follow.
<b>After Race</b>	Social Time on the Deck and Dinner
<b>Sunday, October 16, 2011</b>	
<b>0800</b>	Continental Breakfast
<b>1000</b>	Warning Signal. Subsequent races may follow.
<b>1300</b>	No race will be started after this time.
<b>After Race</b>	Awards presentation as soon as possible after last race

**8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS--**The Sailing Instructions will be available at final registration. A draft of the sailing instructions may be available for review on the PPYC web site. Sailing instructions on the PPYC web site are for information purposes only and are subject to change prior to the regatta. Only sailing instructions distributed during final registration are valid.

**9. RACING**

- 9.1. The regatta will consist of as many as eight buoy course races as defined in the sailing instructions.
- 9.2. One race will constitute a series.
- 9.3. No race will be started after 1300 on Sunday.

## 10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. For classes other than the S2 7.9 class, RRS 44.1 will apply.

10.2. For the S2 7.9 class only, RRS 44.1 is replaced in its entirety with the following:

A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while *racing*, or any time when she may have broken rule 31, except where:

- (a) she may have broken a rule of Part 2 resulting in contact between boats; or
- (b) she may have broken a rule of Part 2 when at least one boat is in the *zone*; or
- (c) she may have broken a rule of Part 2 prior to her starting signal.

In cases (a), (b) and (c) above, a boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken a rule.

However,

- (1) When a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31; or
- (2) If the boat caused injury or serious damage or gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.

## 11. SCORING

11.1. When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.

11.2. A boat that did not finish within the required time after the first boat in her class finished and that was still racing when the time limit expired and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats in the class that finished the race and not later retired or disqualified. The scoring abbreviation for such boats will be TLX (did not finish due to time limit expiring). This changes RRS A4, A5 and A11.

11.3. A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS and OCS), did not finish (DNF) for any reason other than that in Sailing Instruction 11.2 or retires after finishing (RAF) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats in the class that entered the regatta.

11.4. A boat that was disqualified (BFD, DSQ, DNE and DGM) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to two more than the number of boats in the class that entered the regatta. This changes RRS A4.2.

11.5. All other boats will be scored in accordance with RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

**12. LAUNCHING, DOCKING AND HAULING**-- Launching, docking and hauling may be done at Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina and Hamilton Creek Park free of charge. Two ramps are available for trailer launching. No boat hoist is available.

## 13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, COURTESY BROADCASTS & RECALLS

13.1. **All boats are strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio and monitor it during the regatta.**

13.2. The race committee may make periodic courtesy broadcasts by VHF radio on Channel 68.

Information reported is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the race committee's visual signals. Errors or omissions during these courtesy broadcasts will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13.3. When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of the recalled boats only by VHF radio on Channel 68. Such a hail is a courtesy hail only. Failure of the race committee to hail, failure of a boat to hear the hail for any reason, or the method, order or timing of the hail will not relieve the boat of its obligation to start correctly and will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).

**14. PRIZES**--Trophies will be awarded for all classes as follows:

5-10 boats = 3 trophies; 11+ boats = 4 trophies

**15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER**--Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Percy Priest Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. Competitors agree that 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 the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. As an inducement to the race organizers to produce the regatta, each competitor agrees that by participating in this event each competitor is deemed to have waived all claims against and released the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law and is deemed to have warranted that he has obtained this same release of the race organizers by each crew member.

**16. INSURANCE**--Each participating boat shall be insured by its owner with valid third-party liability insurance.

**17. FURTHER INFORMATION**--For further information please contact:

Regatta Chair	Paul Latour	(615) 336-7900 <i>Cell</i> (615) 771-1195 <i>Home</i>
Race Director	Bob Keim	(615) 390-5800
Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina		(615) 862-8472

E-mail links are available on the PPYC web site at <http://www.ppyc.org/racing/regattas.htm#Equalizer> .

**18. DIRECTIONS**--On I-40, east of Nashville, exit at Stewarts Ferry Pike / J. Percy Priest Dam (Exit 219). Go south for approximately 3.4 miles. Turn left into Hamilton Creek Park. Turn left at the first road on the left into the sailboat marina. A [map and driving directions](#) are on the PPYC web site.

**19. LODGING**--There are six motels approximately 3.4 miles from Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina at the Stewarts Ferry Pike / J. Percy Priest Dam exit on I-40 (Exit 219). A [list of motels](#) is on the PPYC web site.