

Notice of Race

Percy Priest Yacht Club



Grand Ole Open Regatta

May 14 & 15, 2011

1. **INVITATION**--Percy Priest Yacht Club cordially invites you and your crew to attend the **Grand Ole Open Regatta** on **May 14 & 15, 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. Changes will be made to the following RRS for distance course classes:
29.1 (Individual Recalls); 32.2 (Shortening of Course after the Start); 35 (Time Limit and Scores); 61 (Protest Requirements); 62.1(a) (Redress); A2 (Series Score); A4 (Low Point and Bonus Point Systems); A5 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee); A8.2 (Scoring – Series Ties); A11 (Scoring Abbreviations); and Race Signal AP (Postponement).
 - 3.3. Changes will be made to the following RRS for buoy course classes:
28 (Sailing the Course); 29.1 (Individual Recalls); 33 (Changing the Next Leg of the Course); 35 (Time Limit and Scores); 44 (Penalties at the Time of an Incident); 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 class rules, including measurement and weight rules, will apply.
 - 3.5. All rule changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.
4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 4.1. The regatta will be open to all cruiser or racer/cruiser boats properly registered with PPYC. 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.
 - 4.2. 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.
 - 4.3. Each boat sailing in a Portsmouth handicap class must have a Portsmouth rating that has been assigned by PPYC. If your boat is not listed on the [PPYC Regatta Portsmouth Ratings List](#), you must submit a [PPYC Portsmouth Rating Application](#) prior to the regatta. Ratings will not be assigned at the regatta.
5. **CLASSES**
 - 5.1. Four (4) or more boats of the same one-design class will constitute a separate class and will be scored as such. All handicap classes must have a minimum of two (2) boats to be considered a separate class.
 - 5.2. The Regatta Committee may combine or split classes or assign boats to distance or buoy courses at its sole discretion.
 - 5.3. All classes may choose to sail either buoy races or distance races. Buoy races will be assumed for one-design classes and distance races will be assumed for handicap classes unless a class representative notifies the Race Committee before the end of the final registration period that the class has chosen to sail the other course instead.

5.4. The following classes are anticipated for this event:

Portsmouth--Spinnaker	Spinnaker boats not sailing in a one-design class
Portsmouth--Non-Spinnaker	Boats that have declared non-spinnaker for the year and have not used a spinnaker in a prior regatta
Catalina 22	If 4 or more class boats
J/22	If 4 or more class boats
Northstar 500	If 4 or more class boats
S2 7.9	If 4 or more class boats

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

Online Registration Fee: Register by 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 12, 2011	\$55.00 <i>before discounts</i>
Late Registration Fee: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 14, 2011	\$65.00 <i>before discounts</i>
<p>A \$20.00 discount 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 PPYC or 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><u>The primary helmsperson or the boat owner if aboard but not helming must be a member to receive the discount.</u> A "yacht club or sailing club" 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 not a club for purposes of the discount. A "member" is an active dues paying member in good standing with such a yacht club or sailing club.</p> <p>A \$5.00 discount is available for US SAILING members. Membership card is required for discount.</p>	
Meal Fee: Please note that the meal fee is not optional. 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>	\$5.00 per person
Lunches will not be available through PPYC. Please arrange for your own lunches.	

7. **SCHEDULE**

Saturday, May 14, 2011	
0800	Pancake Breakfast
0800-0930	Final Registration and Payment of Online Registration Fees (Please Register in Advance Online) IMPORTANT--Final Registration ends at 0930 sharp!
1000	Skippers Meeting
1100	Warning Signal, first race. Subsequent races may follow.
After Race	Social Time on the Deck and Dinner
Sunday, May 15, 2011	
0800	Continental Breakfast
1000	Warning Signal. Subsequent races may follow.
1300	No race will be started after this time.
After Race	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 five (5) races for distance course boats and eight (8) races for buoy course boats.
- 9.2. One race will constitute a series for distance course boats. Two races will constitute a series for buoy course boats.
- 9.3. No races will be started in less than three (3) knots of sustained wind as determined by the race committee.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. Distance course descriptions and diagrams will be posted on the official notice board or attached to the Sailing Instructions as an addendum.
- 10.2. Buoy courses will be windward-leeward or a variation thereof as indicated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.3. Actual courses and course length will be determined by the Race Committee based on the sailing conditions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. For distance course classes, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. This changes RRS A2.
- 11.2. For distance course classes, if a tie still remains after applying the series tie breaking procedures of RRS A8.1, the tie will be broken in favor of the boat with the lowest sum of corrected times for handicap boats or elapsed times for one-design boats, for all races. This changes RRS A8.2.
- 11.3. For buoy course classes, 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.
- 11.4. For handicap classes, wind dependent Portsmouth handicaps assigned by PPYC will be used for scoring.
- 11.5. 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 is not later disqualified 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 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.
- 11.6. A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS and OCS), did not finish (DNF) for any reason other than that in 11.5 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.
- 11.7. 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.
- 11.8. 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 free of charge. A ramp is 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 may at its discretion attempt to hail the sail numbers of the recalled boats. The hail may be by VHF radio on Channel 68, or by loud hailer or bullhorn. 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: 2-3 boats = 1 trophy; 4-5 boats = 2 trophies; 6+ boats = 3 trophies. Trophies are ordered in advance based on recent participation by each class at prior regattas. If a class has more boats than anticipated, additional trophies may be awarded after the regatta.

- 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	Mike Miller	(615) 331-5921
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#GrandOleOpen> .

- 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.