

Notice of Race

Percy Priest Yacht Club



Touch of Class Regatta

Saturday, May 21, 2011

1. **INVITATION**--Percy Priest Yacht Club cordially invites lady skippers and their crew to participate in the **Touch of Class Regatta** on **Saturday, May 21, 2011**. The Touch of Class Regatta is a one-day, distance race regatta for lady skippers and their crews which may be co-ed.
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. **SPONSOR**--Special thanks to Dana and Paul Latour for their generous support as the regatta sponsor.
4. **RULES**--The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
5. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 5.1. 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 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 during the final registration period.
 - 5.2. 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.
 - 5.3. Each boat 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.

6. CLASSES

- 6.1. The following classes are anticipated for this event:

Non-Spinnaker	Boats that have declared non-spinnaker for the year and have not used a spinnaker in a prior regatta
Spinnaker A	Spinnaker boats with Portsmouth rating below 88.0
Spinnaker B	Spinnaker boats with Portsmouth rating of 88.0 or above

- 6.2. One-design cruisers will sail in the appropriate Portsmouth class based on ratings. There are no separate one-design classes for this regatta.
- 6.3. The Regatta Committee may combine, split or assign boats to classes at its sole discretion.

7. FEES-- The regatta entry fees are as follows:

Online Registration Fee: Register by 6:00 p.m., Thursday, May 19, 2011	\$40.00 <i>before discounts</i>
Late Registration Fee: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 21, 2011	\$50.00 <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>The primary helmsperson or the boat owner if aboard but not helming must be a member to receive the discount. 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>	
Continental Breakfast is provided courtesy of our sponsors.	No charge
Lunches will not be available through PPYC. Please arrange for your own lunches.	

8. SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 21, 2011	
0930	Continental Breakfast
0930-1030	Final Registration and Payment of Online Registration Fees (Please Register in Advance Online) IMPORTANT--Final Registration ends at 1030 sharp!
1100	Skippers Meeting
1200	Warning Signal for Race
After Race	Social Time on the Deck and Commodore's Reception

9. 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.

10. RACING--The regatta will consist of no more than two distance course races starting near the entrance to the Hamilton Creek Marina cove. The start will be a traditional regatta start using the system described in RRS 26.

11. COURSES

- 11.1. The regatta will consist of no more than two distance races.
- 11.2. Distance course descriptions and diagrams will be posted on the official notice board or attached to the Sailing Instructions as an addendum.
- 11.3. Inflatable marks may be used as rounding marks instead of the islands indicated in the course descriptions in the sailing instructions. If marks are used, they will be placed near the islands. Any marks used will be described at the Skippers Meeting.
- 11.4. Actual courses and course length will be determined by the Race Committee based on the sailing conditions.

- 12. SCORING**--Wind dependent Portsmouth handicaps assigned by PPYC will be used for scoring.
- 13. 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.
- 14. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, COURTESY BROADCASTS & RECALLS**
- 14.1. **All boats are strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio and monitor it during the regatta.**
- 14.2. 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).
- 14.3. 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).
- 15. PRIZES**--Trophies will be awarded for all classes as follows:
2-3 boats = 1 trophy; 4-5 boats = 2 trophies; 6+ boats = 3 trophies **AND** trophies for the first two highest placing all female crews, irrespective of class.
- 16. 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.
- 17. INSURANCE**--Each participating boat shall be insured by its owner with valid third-party liability insurance.
- 18. FURTHER INFORMATION**--For further information please contact:

Regatta Chair	Marc Fortune	(615) 260-7405
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#TouchofClass>

- 19. 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.