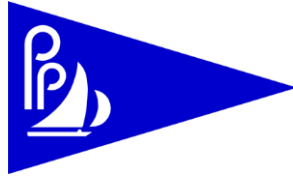


Notice of Race
Percy Priest Yacht Club



Grand Ole Open Regatta

Saturday, May 7, 2016

1. **INVITATION**--Percy Priest Yacht Club cordially invites you and your crew to attend the **Grand Ole Open Regatta** on **Saturday, May 7, 2016**.
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**--The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
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, 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 \$20.00. If you register online, you may pay your entry fees by credit or debit card.
 - 4.2. A [Waiver and Release of Liability and Emergency Contact Information](#) 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. 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
Family Fun Class	Any boat eligible for and registering in this class

- 5.2. Boats eligible for the Family Fun Class are those whose crew meet one or more of following criteria:
 - The registered skipper is a woman.
 - The registered skipper is a novice.
 - One or more children aged 16 or under are participating members of the crew.
 - One or more novices are participating members of the crew.
 - A "Novice" is defined as skipper or crew who has participated in 12 or fewer club races and/or regattas.
- 5.3. The Regatta Committee may combine, split or assign boats to classes at its sole discretion.

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

Online Registration Fee: Register by midnight, Wednesday, May 4, 2016	\$30.00
Final Registration Fee: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 7, 2016	\$50.00
A \$5.00 discount is available for US Sailing members. Proof of membership is required for discount.	
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 7, 2016	
0800	Continental Breakfast
0800-0930	Final Registration (if you do not register online) Turn in Waiver and Release & Emergency Contact Information form Pay Online Registration Fees (if not already paid online) IMPORTANT--Final Registration ends at 1030 sharp!
1000	Skippers Meeting
1100	Warning Signal for Race
After Race	Social Time on the Deck and Dinner (dinner will be served no later than 1700)

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--The regatta will consist of as many as five buoy races or three distance course races. Races will start near the entrance to the Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina cove. The start will be a traditional regatta start using the system described in RRS 26.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses will be buoy or distance courses. Course descriptions and diagrams will be posted on the official notice board or attached to the Sailing Instructions as an addendum.
- 10.2. Actual courses and course length will be determined by the Race Committee based on the sailing conditions.
- 10.3. All classes may choose either buoy or distance races. Buoy racing is assumed in the Spinnaker A, Spinnaker B, and Non-spinnaker classes unless a class representative notifies the Race Committee before the end of the final registration period that the class has chosen to sail distance races instead. Distance racing will be assumed in the Family Fun Class.

11. SCORING--Wind dependent Portsmouth handicaps assigned by PPYC will be used for scoring.

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 awarded will be based on the number of boats that pre-register online.

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:

Director of Racing & Regatta Chair	Mark Girone	(615) 973-1574
Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina		(615) 862-8472

An [email link to regatta contacts](#) is available on the PPYC regatta registration website.

18. DIRECTIONS

From I-40:

- Take Exit 219 on I-40 (Stewarts Ferry Pike South), east of downtown Nashville.
- Go South 3.3 miles on Bell Road.
- Leave Elm Hill Marina and Elm Hill Park to port.
- Turn to port at the Hamilton Creek Park sign (across from Ned Shelton Road). The street sign to port says "Hamilton Creek."

From I-24:

- Take Exit 59 on I-24 (Bell Road), southeast of downtown Nashville.
- Go North for approximately 4.9 miles on Bell Road.
- Turn to starboard at the Hamilton Creek Park sign (across from Ned Shelton Road). The street sign to starboard says "Hamilton Creek."

[A link to a map](#) is on the PPYC web site.