

Notice of Race

Percy Priest Yacht Club



Force Five Regatta

March 28, 2020

1. **INVITATION**--Percy Priest Yacht Club cordially invites you and your crew to attend the **Force Five Regatta**.
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 System), A5 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee), A11 (Scoring Abbreviations), and Race Signal AP (Postponement).
 - 3.3. Changes will be made to the following RRS for buoy course classes:
29.1 (Individual Recalls), 33 (Changing the Next Leg of the Course), 35 (Time Limit and Scores), 61 (Protest Requirements), 62.1(a) (Redress), A2 (Series Scores), A4 (Low Point System), A5 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee), A11 (Scoring Abbreviations), and Race Signal AP (Postponement).
 - 3.4. US Sailing Prescriptions Rule 60 (redress hearing participation), Rule 63.2 (Time and Place of the Hearing), and Rule 63.4 (Interested Party) will not apply.
 - 3.5. All class rules, including measurement and weight rules, will apply.
 - 3.6. 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, 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 in advance, 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 PHRF handicap cruiser class must have a PHRF rating that has been assigned by PPYC. If your boat is not listed on the [PPYC Regatta PHRF Ratings List](#), you must submit a PPYC [PHRF 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 cruiser class will constitute a separate class and will be scored as such. All handicap cruiser 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 cruiser classes are anticipated for this event:

Spinnaker	Spinnaker boats not sailing in a one-design class
Non-Spinnaker	Boats that have declared non-spinnaker for the year and have not used a spinnaker in a prior regatta

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

Early Registration Fee (Online Registration Only): Discount ends midnight, Tuesday, March 24, 2020 <i>You may pay your entry fees by credit or debit card when you register online.</i>	\$25.00
Registration Fee: Final registration is 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Saturday, March 28, 2019	\$30.00
A \$5.00 discount is available for US Sailing members. Proof of membership is required for discount.	
Meal Fee: <u>Meal fee is required for captain and crew. This is not an optional fee.</u>	\$10.00 per person
Lunches will not be available through PPYC. Please arrange for your own lunches.	

7. SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 28, 2020	
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 0930 sharp!
1000	Skippers Meeting
1100	Warning Signal, first race. Subsequent races may follow.
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 regatta registration website. 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 three (3) races for distance course boats and six (6) 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 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.
- 11.2. For handicap classes, PHRF handicaps assigned by PPYC will be used for scoring.
- 11.3. 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.
- 11.4. A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS and OCS), did not finish (DNF) for any reason other than that in 11.4 or retires (RET) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats in the class that entered the regatta.
- 11.5. A boat that was disqualified (BFD, DSQ, DNE) 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.
- 11.6. 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 cruisers 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: (www.ppyc.org)

Director of Racing	Craig Dooley	(615) 545-8984
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 [map and driving directions](#) are available on the PPYC web site.

19. LODGING-- There are several hotels and motels within six miles Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina. A [list of lodging near Percy Priest Lake](#) is available on the PPYC web site.