

Notice of Race

Percy Priest Yacht Club



Force Five Regatta

Saturday, March 25, 2023

1. **INVITATION**--Percy Priest Yacht Club cordially invites you and your crew to attend the **Fall Off Regatta**.
 - 1.1. If weather for any reason does not allow the regatta to happen on Saturday, we have scheduled Sunday March 26, 2023 as the backup regatta date.
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 COVID-19 Policies](http://www.PPYC.org) posted on www.PPYC.org website shall be adhered to by all participants.
 - 3.2. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
 - 3.3. Changes will be made to the following RRS for this regatta: 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).
4. **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 4.1. The regatta will be open to all cruiser or racer/cruiser boats properly registered with PPYC for the regatta.
 - 4.2. Registrations can be done online from WWW.PPYC.ORG including payment of regatta fees. In person registration will be available the morning of the regatta. Pre-Registration is encouraged and discounted!
 - 4.3. A Waiver and Release of Liability and Emergency Contact form signed by the owner/skipper and each crew member must be turned in to registration prior to 0930. No boat will be fully registered nor scored 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. Waiver forms can be printed from the Race Documents found on www.PPYC.org.
 - 4.4. Each boat sailing in a PHRF handicap class must have a PHRF rating that has been assigned by PPYC. If your boat is not listed on the PPYC PHRF Ratings List, **you must submit a PPYC 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	PHRF boats racing without a spinnaker	- Pursuit Start
Spinnaker	PHRF boats racing with a spinnaker	- Pursuit Start
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5.2. The Regatta Committee may combine, split or assign boats to classes at its sole discretion.

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

Early Registration Fee:	\$40.00
Early Registration Discount: Register by midnight, Tuesday, March 21, 2023	-\$10.00
Registration Fee – Final registration is 8:00 AM to 9:30 PM, Saturday March 25	\$50.00
A \$5.00 discount is available for US Sailing members. Proof of membership is required for discount.	
Meal Fee - Pre Race Continental Breakfast	Included

7. SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 25, 2023	
0800	Continental Breakfast.
0800-0930	Final Registration (if not registered on line) Waiver Turn In (Waiver and Release Form) at registration table. Important – Registration ends at 0930 Sharp!
1000	Skippers' Meeting on the Deck Outside the Marina Office.
1100	Warning Signal for Race, Subsequent races may follow.
After Race	After the racing, there will be an awards ceremony.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. This Notice Of Race (NOR) & the Sailing Instructions (SI) and any changes or amendments will be dated and posted online at WWW.PPYC.ORG. Click on the "Force Five Regatta" in the "Upcoming Events" list.
- 8.2. The SI dated no later than the Tuesday before the regatta will be the final SI posted online. That SI may be modified only by posts on the regatta bulletin board.
- 8.3. The classes start order will be One Design, Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, then Bee Fleet.
- 8.4. **BULLETIN BOARD:** A copy of amendments to the SI and/or other notices will be taped to each window pane on the deck side of the marina building.

9. **RACING**--The regatta will consist of as many as three distance course races. Races will start near the entrance to the Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina cove. Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker and B Fleet start will be a pursuit start based on adjusted PPYC PHRF ratings. Each boat will start according to its time shown on the starting times sheet. **One design classes will have a separate start.**

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The courses will be distance courses. Course descriptions and diagrams will be posted on the official notice board or attached to the Sailing Instructions as an addendum. A windward mark may be set at the discretion of the race committee.
- 10.2. Actual courses and course length will be determined by the Race Committee based on the sailing conditions.

11. SCORING-- The pursuit / one design format will be used. The first boat in each class to finish is first, the second boat in each class to finish is second, etc.

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--Awards will be given for all classes as follows: 2-3 boats = 1 award; 4-5 boats = 2 awards; 6+ boats = 3 awards.

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	George Heintz
Regatta Chair	Alicia Noble
Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina	

Email links to regatta contacts are available on the PPYC website.

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. 906