



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Equalizer Regatta for One-Design Cruisers

October 18, 19. 2025

Hamilton Creek Marina, Percy Priest Lake, Hermitage, TN
The organizing authority for this event is Percy Priest Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1
- 1.3 Some rule changes stated in the Notice or Race may not be repeated in the Sailing Instructions. Please refer to both documents
- 1.4 If a boat intends to protest another boat or request redress, it is requested that the boat notify the race committee of that intention after finishing

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes or amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be dated and posted online no later than midnight October 14, 2025, at <https://ppyc.clubexpress.com>. Click on the Equalizer Regatta in the Upcoming Events list.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by the PRO hailing competitors on VHF channel 68

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board on Regatta Network.
- 3.2 On the water, the Race Committee will communicate with the racers via VHF channel 68 regarding its intentions, postponements, flag and timing information, and potential weather/safety issues. Such broadcasts are as a courtesy only and in no way relieve competitors of their responsibilities to monitor and respond to Race Committee flags and signals.
- 3.3 Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, timing of a broadcast or failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 3.4 [NP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.5 Questions regarding the Sailing Instructions may be submitted in writing to the race committee. Questions and written responses will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP, NP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with reasonable requests from Race Officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RC Signal boat docked near the clubhouse.

5.2 When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, RRS Race Signals is changed to read "The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after removal unless the race is postponed again or abandoned"

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Saturday, October 18, 2025

1000 – Competitors' Meeting.

1100 – Warning signal for first race. Additional races follow.

Sunday, October 19, 2025

1000 – Warning signal for first race. Additional races follow.

No race will start after 1300

6.2 The race committee may run as many as 5 races per day.

6.3 After the first race each day, approximately one minute before the Warning Signal, the Race Committee will make an Attention Signal consisting of a series of short sounds. This is not a timed signal.

7. CLASS FLAGS/STARTING ORDER

7.1 Class flags will be designated and displayed at the Competitors' Meeting

7.2 The starting order will be S2–7.9 first, J22 second. Any other classes will follow the J22 class.

8. RACING AREA

8.1 Races will start within two miles of the entrance to the Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina cove

9. COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in Sailing Instructions Addendum A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs and the order in which marks are to be rounded or passed.

9.2 The course will be displayed from the Race Committee Signal vessel prior to the warning signal.

10. MARKS

10.1 Mark are described in Addendum A.

11. THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.

11.2 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified; the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast her sail number. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1.(a).

(11. THE START continued)

11.4 A boat that does not start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The new mark may be any shape and color. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by the original mark.

12.2 The angle of the gate may be adjusted without making any signals. This changes RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark.

13.2 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today'.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty"

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

15.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit, Race Time Limit (see RRS 35), and the Finishing Window are shown in the table below.

| Mark 1 Time Limit | Race Time Limit | Finishing Window |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| <i>30 minutes</i> | <i>2 hours</i> | <i>30 minutes</i> |

15.1 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.

15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course. Boats starting but failing to sail the course within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the finishing place of the last boat that sailed the course within the Finishing Window and was not penalized under RRS 30.3 or 30.4. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the Race Committee signal vessel docks and will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The Signal vessel will sound a horn upon docking to start the 45minute clock.

16.2 Hearing Request forms are available at the clubhouse (ask RC member).

(16. HEARING REQUESTS continued)

16.3 Hearing Request forms will be delivered to the Protest Desk in the clubhouse

16.4 Notices will be posted not on the Official Notice Board no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

16.5 Protests will be heard in the approximate order of receipt at the clubhouse.

16.6 After the scores are posted, competitors who disagree with the posted score may submit a Scoring Inquiry. Scoring Inquiry forms will be available at the Protest Desk. Scoring Inquiries shall be submitted to the Protest Desk no later than the end of the protest time limit or 30 minutes after the scores are posted, whichever is later.

16.7 After the Race Committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, NSC, UFD, or BFD on the Official Notice Board, a Scoring Inquiry based on such a posted score may be submitted to the Protest Desk no later than the end of the protest time limit or 30 minutes after posting, whichever is later.

16.8 A Request for Redress based on a Scoring Inquiry must be submitted no later than 30 minutes after the Scoring Inquiry has been answered. This changes RRS 61.2.

16.9 A list of boats that have been penalized for breaking RRS 42 under Appendix P will be posted.

17. SCORING

17.1 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 A2.1

17.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 Scoring rule A5.3 will apply with the following changes:

17.3a A boat scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) will, without a hearing, be scored one (point more than the number of boats in her fleet who sailed the course properly and finished within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A4, A5.1, A5.2, A5.3 and A10.

17.3b 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, A5.1, and A5.2, and A5.3.

17.4 For the S2 7.9 class, ISAF Regulation 22, [ISAF Sailor Classification Code](#), will apply for purposes of awarding trophies. Classes 2 & 3 constitute the "PRO" class and will not compete for the Top Amateur trophy(s).

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 [DP,NP] Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day, each boat shall check in by sailing by the race committee signal vessel and hailing its sail number until acknowledged by the race committee.

18.2 [DP,NP] A boat that retires from or stops racing during a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the PPYC Race Director.

19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the PPYC Race Director. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions 20.2

20.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

21. OFFICIAL VESSELS

21.1 The Race Committee Signal Vessel will display a blue RC flag

21.2 Other vessels on or near the race course displaying any RRS signal flag(s) shall be considered an RC vessel

22. Awards as stated in the NoR

23. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

26. INSURANCE

26.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability.