



# NOTICE OF RACE

## 2025 Firecracker Regatta July 4-6<sup>th</sup>

*PERRY YACHT CLUB*

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### 1. RULES

- 1.1. This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. [DP] Each participating boat will have onboard equipment as required by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and their class rules. See Kansas Department of Wildlife Boating:  
<http://ksoutdoors.com/Boating/Boating-Legally/Requirements>
- 1.3. RRS 90.3 (e) shall apply, “24 hours” is replaced by “72 hours”.

### 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing instructions will be available on or before June 29th, 2025, on the Fire Cracker Regatta Network web page.
- 2.2. Competitors are responsible for accessing the sailing instructions.

### 3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board will be located at the northwest corner of the PYC pavilion.
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee (RC) will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 69.
  - 3.2.1. The RC will report all visual signals displayed by the RC and report OCS boats after the start on the courtesy channel or by using a loud hailer. Information reported by the RC is provided as a courtesy to competitors, failure to hail her number, failure to hear such a hail or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for redress or request. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
  - 3.2.2. This information is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter their responsibility to observe the Race Committee’s visual signals which govern the conduct of the race. Errors or omissions involving such courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.
- 3.3. Participants are highly encouraged to have an operating VHF radio on board.

- 3.4. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or to notify the Race Committee that it is retiring from racing or a safety issue has been observed, a boat will neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phone communication.

#### **4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 4.1. The Firecracker regatta is open to all sailboats of all classes such as Symmetrical Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Keel Boats, Asymmetrical Sport Boats, Centerboards, and Catamarans.
- 4.2. Boats with fewer than four (4) in a class will sail in a designated PHRF fleet.
- 4.3. All boats shall have a current PHRF rating as prescribed by PYC.
- 4.3.1. If no US Sailing 2025 PHRF Affiliated Fleet Handicaps ratings are available, PYC may provide a provisional rating for the event.
- 4.4. Eligible boats may be entered by completing an on-line registration found at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=29786](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=29786)  
Last minute, on-site registration MUST still be completed online.

#### **5. FEES**

- 5.1. The entry fee is \$40 for the Firecracker Regatta.

#### **6. SCHEDULE**

Date	Number of Races	Time of 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning Signal
7/05/2025	Up to 5	1100 hrs
7/06/2025	Up to 3	1000 hrs

- 6.1. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1330 hrs.

#### **7. VENUE**

- 7.1. The racing area will be on the waters of Lake Perry. Generally, just east of and viewable from the Perry Yacht Club clubhouse.

#### **8. COURSES**

- 8.1. Windward/Leeward courses will be sailed for this event.

#### **9. THE START**

- 9.1. Races will be started using RRS 26 with the **warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.**

#### **10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 10.1. US Sailing prescription V1 shall apply.

#### **11. SCORING**

- 11.1. A maximum of eight (8) races are scheduled for the Firecracker Regatta.
- 11.2. A minimum of two (2) races must be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3. When two (2) to five (5) races are scored, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This is in accordance with RRS A2.1.

## **12. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS, TRAILER STORAGE, AND DOCKAGE**

- 12.1. [DP] Boats without retractable keels shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the organizing authority.
- 12.2. Participants are invited to use PYC marked unassigned slips and dry storage spots for the duration of the regatta. Empty slips and dry storage spots are allocated on a first come basis.
- 12.3. Boat Trailers may be stored in the PYC lower parking lot.
- 12.4. If you wish to extend your stay to the day before and/or the day after, you must coordinate with the Dockmaster for a slip or Buildings & Grounds for a dry sail spot.

## **13. LAUNCHING AND RETRIEVING**

- 13.1. When launching and retrieving your boat, follow the Dockmaster's or his assigned person's direction on when and where to launch.

## **14. RISK STATEMENT**

- 14.1. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against the Perry Yacht Club and its officers, directors, members, committees, and employees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

## **15. INSURANCE**

- 15.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$100,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **16. PRIZES**

- 16.1. For the Firecracker regatta, Trophies shall be awarded to the overall winner as well as trophies for second and third place overall.
- 16.2. Trophies will also be awarded for first through third place finishers in each fleet of five (5) or more. First and second for fleets of four (4), first for fleets of three (3).
- 16.3. The trophy presentation will be held on the PYC Patio after the racing on Sunday July 3rd .

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Regatta Chairperson and PRO: Kenny Gall,  
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### **Come All Sailors to Perry Yacht Club's 2025 Firecracker Regatta!**

**This is an open regatta for anyone with a sailboat who would like to race. Keelboats, Centerboarders, Multihulls all welcome. Please forward this invitation to anyone with a sailboat.**

#### **Friday night 7/4:**

**5pm -7pm registration & camping setup**

#### **Saturday 7/5:**

**9am - registration**

**10am - skippers meeting 11am - 3-4 races**

**8pm YouTube Karaoke with DJ DOGMEAT**

#### **Sunday 7/6 –**

**9am skippers meeting**

**10am - 2 or 3 races Trophies/Awards to follow**

**Regatta fee \$40/ boat.**

**Included in fee:**

**Camping Friday and Saturday night on PYC's hill\* Trophies**

**Beer (PYC members can enjoy beer without regatta fee)**

**Limited edition Regatta Posters and T-shirts will be available at the event.**

**No meals provided but PYC has a full kitchen and charcoal BBQs available. Come enjoy the America's birthday PYC style!!**

**PYC facilities will be available including:**

- Mast stepping pole**
- Deep water launch ramp with courtesy dock**
- Overnight docking for racers\*\***
- Showers/restrooms**
- Kitchen facility**
- Charcoal BBQS (bring own charcoal)**
- Picnic tables/shelter**

**\*Camping is on a first come first serve basis. Please note that as per Corp of Engineers Policy, NO FIREWORKS are allowed to be discharged on the property.**