



# Notice of Race

## Commonwealth Cup Hosted By Commonwealth Yacht Club September 26 - 27, 2025

**INVITATION** - The Commonwealth Yacht Club (CYC) cordially invites you and your crew to attend the Commonwealth Cup September 26 - 27, 2025 at Green Turtle Bay Resort in Grand Rivers, KY.

### 1. RULES

1.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028 (RRS).

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. The regatta will be open to all cruiser or racer/cruiser boats properly registered with CYC. Participants are strongly encouraged to register online in advance at [Regatta Network](#).

2.2. Each boat sailing in a handicap class must have an established PHRF rating that has been assigned by the Bluegrass Sailing Club - PHRF Committee.

### 3. CLASSES - The following classes are anticipated for this event.

- 3.1. Spinnaker: Any boat that plans to run spinnaker for any portion of the race.
- 3.2. JAM A: Jib and Main only, PHRF 179 and below.
- 3.3. JAM B: Jib and Main only, PHRF 180 and above.
- 3.4. The Race Committee may combine or split classes at its sole discretion. JAM PHRF split subject to change.

### 4. FEES – \$125 in advance, \$150 after Monday, September 15, 2025, 1:00 PM

### 5. SCHEDULE

#### Friday, September 26, 2025

- 5:00 PM - Registration / Check In
- 6:00 PM - Appetizers
- 6:30 PM - Skippers' Meeting

**Saturday, September 27, 2025**

- 6:30 AM - Grab-N-Go Breakfast
- 9:00 AM - Warning Signal
- 4:00 PM - Finish time limit
- 6:00 PM - Approx - Dinner and Trophy presentation after racing at the Pier 32 Restaurant

**6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The Sailing Instructions will be available at [Regatta Network](#).

Print copies will be available at registration and the skippers' meeting.

**7. RACING**

7.1. The PHRF racing will consist of an approximately 20 mile course from just south of Ky. Dam, on the west side, to a mark near Duncan Bay and back. Approximately between MM 24 and MM 34

7.2. Race will not be started in less than three (3) knots of sustained wind as determined by the Race Committee.

**8. THE SITE, RACING AREA, AND COURSE**

8.1. Green Turtle Bay Resort & Marina will be the location for all on-site events and meetings.

8.2. The racing area is between mile 24 and mile 34 on Kentucky Lake. The Distance Course will begin at a starting line near mile 24 just north of the entrance to Sledd Creek, sail Southeasterly and round the mark to port near the south side of Duncan Bay, and return to a finish line near mile 24.

**All boats must pass to the east of each red nun buoy throughout the course. (The two red nun buoys are Star Lime Red Nun and the red nun approximately 1.9 NM SSE of Star Lime).**

**Approximate Coordinates from Navionics:**

**Coordinates of Star Lime Red Nun = 36° 56.352 N - 88° 11.731 W**

**Coordinates for Red Nun SSE of Star Lime = 36° 54.612 N - 88° 10.803 W**

8.3. The marks for the course will be an inflatable mark near Duncan Bay. Round mark to port.

8.4. The course, set on Kentucky Lake, may intersect the navigational channel. Commercial traffic (barges) and deep-draft craft in the channel have right-of-way over sailboats and must be treated with utmost respect. When a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, the rules of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) are replaced by the Inland Navigation Rules. Any boat impeding the

passage of a right-of-way vessel is subject to protest by the race committee or the protest committee. Shallow water and underwater structures, particularly on the west side of Kentucky Lake, should be avoided. The use of up-to-date charts and/or Navionics should be used for navigation.

## **9. SCORING**

PHRF Scoring

9.1. Wind dependent BSC PHRF handicaps and Time-on-Time adjustment factors will be used.

9.2. Time Correction Formula (TCF) =  $650/(f+PHRF)$  where  $f = 650$  for light air, 550 for moderate air, and 450 for heavy air as assessed by the Race Committee.

9.3 Any boats that do not finish before 4:00 PM will be considered DNF.

**10. ON-THE-WATER COMMUNICATIONS** – VHF radio channel 72 will be used by the Race Committee for warnings and communications to the competitors while on the water. VHF Radios are required. Any boats dropping out of the race must notify the Race Committee and receive confirmation of notification.

**11. PRIZES** - Trophies will be awarded to top finishers in each class.

**12. WAIVER** - Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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 they have obtained this same release of the race organizers by each crew member.

**13. INSURANCE** - Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

**14. LAUNCHING & ACCESS** - Launching, docking, and hauling may be done at Green Turtle Bay Marina, or Kentucky Dam Marina; and free of charge.

**15. CYC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- The Commonwealth Yacht Club recommends everyone to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD) to participate in club races and any on-the-water events.

**FURTHER INFORMATION** - For further information please contact Commonwealth Cup organizers:

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