



Notice of Race

BLUEGRASS CUP

April 10 - 11, 2026

Hosted By

Green Turtle Bay Resort & Marina
&
Bluegrass Sailing Club

INVITATION - Green Turtle Bay Resort & Marina and the Bluegrass Sailing Club cordially invites you and your crew to attend the Bluegrass Cup on Friday and Saturday, April 10 - 11, 2026 at Green Turtle Bay Resort & Marina 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 Bluegrass Sailing Club. Participants are strongly encouraged to register online in advance at Regatta Network - <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30782>.

2.2. Each boat sailing must have an established PHRF rating that has been assigned by the Bluegrass Sailing Club (BSC) - PHRF Committee. If your boat is not listed on the BSC Ratings List, please contact Doug Cotton in advance of the event at doug cotton63@gmail.com to obtain a BSC PHRF rating.

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.
- 3.5. The Race Committee may combine or split classes at its sole discretion.
JAM PHRF split subject to change.

4. FEES – \$100 prior to March 28 at 5:00 PM - \$135 After March 28, 2026 at 5:00 PM

5. SCHEDULE

Friday, April 10, 2026

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

Saturday, April 11, 2026

- 7:55 AM - Warning Signal
- 6:30 PM - Race Ends
- 7:30 PM - Awards Presentation

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - The Sailing Instructions will be available on Regatta Network <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30782> . Print copies will be available at registration and the skippers' meeting.

7. RACING

7.1. The racing will consist of an approximately 40 mile course with one lap from the starting / finish line between Kentucky Dam Marina and Sledd Creek to the yellow inflatable mark (Approx. Mile 43) and back.
Taking the **mark** to port.

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 will be the site of all shore-side activities.

8.2. The racing area is between mile 23 and mile 43 on Kentucky Lake. The course will be one lap and will begin at a starting line near mile 23 MM just south of Kentucky Dam, turn around at the inflatable mark at mile 43 just south of Kenlake, and return to the finish line near mile 23. The course will be further described and may be modified in the Sailing Instructions.

Coordinates for the inflatable mark at Kenlake per Navionics:

36° 45.34' N * 88° 7.21' W

Due to submerged navigational hazards in several areas along the west side of the lake which includes this race course, it is strongly recommended that you monitor your navigation charts and instruments carefully.

All boats must pass to the east of Star Lime red nun buoy throughout the course due to underwater hazards west of this area.

Approximate Coordinates from Navionics:

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

8.3. 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

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

9.2 Each boat sailing must have an established PHRF rating that has been assigned by the BSC - PHRF Committee. If your boat is not listed on the BSC Ratings List, please contact Doug Cotton in advance of the event at doug cotton63@gmail.com to obtain a BSC PHRF rating

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 3, 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; both are free of charge.

15. BSC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

- The Bluegrass Sailing Club recommends everyone wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD) to participate in club races and any on-the-water events.
- All competitors in the Bluegrass Cup Regatta must comply with all U.S. Coast Guard requirements for the boat they are on.
- All boats racing in the Bluegrass Cup must have an auxiliary motor, in safe operating condition onboard or obtain prior approval from the race committee.

FURTHER INFORMATION - For further information please contact Bluegrass Cup organizers:

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