



Notice of Race Force Five Regatta

March 14, 2026

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 (RRS).
- 1.2 Class One Design rules will apply except
 - 1.2a Crew weight restrictions will not apply to one design entries.
 - 1.2b For Catalina 22 boats Class Rules L1–3 (requirement for skipper to own the boat) This will allow the use of Club boats.
- 1.3 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, **and** did not see, the incident, or
- 1.4 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.”
- 1.5 For Distance courses only– RRS 32.2 is changed “If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sounds...) 32.2b is changed to “ the finishing line may be between a staff displaying flag “S” (shortened course signal flag) on a race committee boat end and the new finishing mark at the other end; or” This new finish line will be within a leg of the existing course.
- 1.6 The notation ‘[NP]’ in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.7 Further rule changes pertaining to the management of the individual races will be described in the final Sailing Instructions. In the event of a disagreement between this Notice of Race and the final Sailing Instructions, the final Sailing Instructions will be considered the controlling document

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing Instructions (SI) and any changes or amendments will be dated and posted online no later than midnight March 10, 2026, at <https://ppyc.clubexpress.com>. Click on the Force Five Regatta in the Upcoming Events list. Copies of this NoR and the SI (including any final

changes) for this regatta will be posted on the official notice board no later than 0900, March 14, 2026.

2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by the PRO hailing competitors on VHF channel 68

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board is located on the club house windows overlooking the docks at Hamilton Creek Marina (North side of building).

3.2 [NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio.

3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 68. Failure to hear or understand a broadcast will not be grounds for redress.

3.4[NP] [While racing] 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The regatta will be open to all cruiser or racer/cruiser boats properly registered with PPYC. Each boat must have a PPYC assigned PHRF handicap rating to be considered fully registered.

4.2 **Classes** are defined as follows:

Non-Spinnaker– PHRF boats that have a PPYC assigned non-spinnaker PHRF rating

Spinnaker– PHRF boats that have a PPYC assigned spinnaker PHRF rating.

4.3 The Regatta Committee may combine, split or assign boats to classes at its sole discretion.

4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form and submitting it, together with the required fee, by 0800, March 14,2026 There will be no onsite registration.

4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. This includes the required DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER. Waiver forms can be printed from the Race Documents found on www.PPYC.org. The forms will also be available at the check in desk on the morning of the event.

5. FEES-- The regatta entry fees are as follows:

Registration Fee:	\$35.00
Early Registration Discount: Register by midnight, March 10, 2026	-\$10.00
A \$5.00 discount is available for US Sailing members. Proof of membership is required for discount.	-\$5.00

6. SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 14, 2026	
0800	All registrations are now required online via the PPYC web site, by 0800.
0800-1000	Light breakfast served in club house
0930	Place Waiver and Release & Emergency Contact Information form into the designated box or the check in desk. Waivers are required by 0930. If incomplete, the boat will not be scored.
1000	Competitor's' Meeting will be conducted on club house deck
1055	Warning Signal First Race
Awards	Awards presentation will be as soon as practical after last race on the club house deck

7. COURSES

- 7.1. The regatta will consist of as many as 3 distance races as described in the Sl's.
- 7.2. Races will start within two miles of the entrance to the Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina cove.

7.3. Course descriptions and diagrams will be posted on the official notice board and/or attached to the Sailing Instructions as an addendum.

7.4. Actual courses and course length will be determined by the Race Committee based on the sailing conditions.

8. 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.

9. Scoring

9.1 RRS Appendix A will apply but no scores will be excluded as allowed in A2.1.

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

9.3 Boats failing to finish by 15:00 hours and not thereafter retiring, being penalized, or given redress, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points. No score shall be greater than DSQ. (This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10)

10. Awards

10.1 A class with 5 or fewer early registered entries will receive 1st and 2nd place trophies

10.2 A class with greater than 5 early registered entries will receive 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies

11. Disclaimer of Liability. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or to, during, or after the regatta.

12. Further Information

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