



Sailing Instructions

Wednesday Night Series April 1–September 30, 2026

Divided into 2 series for scoring. April through June (**Spring Series**)
.July through September (**Summer Series**).

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 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"
- 1.3 Races will be sailed with pursuit starts. No race committee boats, visual or sound signals will be used. This changes rule 26.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the pertinent PPYC web page (<https://ppyc.clubexpress.com>).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by the race director or his designee by hailing competitors on VHF channel 68 and the WNR Skippers & Scoring group on WhatsApp before the first boat starts. This is in accordance rule 90.2c.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 No signals will be made ashore

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Schedule of races will be as described in the Notice of Race.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 No class flags or visual signals will be used

7. Race Management Policies

- 7.1 No race will be started if the water level as reported on the TVALakeinfo app. is less than 486 ft above sea level at noon the day of the race. If the data is not available for noon then use the last reported water level from that site or the most recent data available on the Army Corp of Engineers website (https://www.lrn-wc.usace.army.mil/basin_projects.shtml).
- 7.2 No race will be started in wind speed less than 3 knots or greater than 20 knots as reported using the real time wind data from BNA @ 615-236-5115 at approximately 5:45PM and again at 5:55PM. The Race Director or his designee will signal abandonment on VHF channel 68 and the WNR Skippers & Scoring group on WhatsApp.
- 7.3 If lightening or wind gusts over 24 knots are in the race area, or are forecast to be in the area on the day of a race between 5:30PM and 7:30PM, the race director or his designee may abandon racing. (BNA @ 615-236-5115, <https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=36.1805&lon=-86.6>).
- 7.4 No race will be started if the heat index is 100° or higher as reported at 4:53PM (1653 hrs) by the NWS at BNA (<https://forecast.weather.gov/data/obhistory/KBNA.html>)
- 7.5 Race committee decisions to abandon races based on criteria SI 7.1 through 7.4 will be final and not subject to redress.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 The course will be a distance course using government marks and islands as described in the sailing instructions Addendum A Courses.
- 8.2. Course descriptions and diagrams will be posted on the official notice board. .
- 8.3 There are 2 possible courses– 1) The regular Wednesday Night Course and 2) The Wednesday Night Short Course for use in wind conditions under 5 knots
- 8.4 Course determination will be made by using the real time wind data from BNA @ 615-236-5115 The Race Director or his designee will check this number at approximately 5:45PM and again at 5:55PM. If both calls have windspeed under 5kts the short course will be signaled on VHF channel 68 and the WNR Skippers & Scoring group on WhatsApp. If both calls have windspeeds under 3 kts then racing may be abandoned.

If there is a technical issue with the BNA site, the Race Director or his designee will decide and communicate the course to be sailed on VHF channel 68 and the Wednesday Night Race group on WhatsApp.
- 8.5 If a government mark is missing, sail the course around the remaining marks and islands leaving all to port.

9. MARKS

9.1 Government marks and islands will be used. A description of each one, will be included in Addendum A "Courses"

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using the pursuit start times in Addendum B

10.2 The starting line will be between the 2 most southerly no wake buoys at the entrance to the cove that includes Hamilton Creek Marina.

10.3 At time zero (6PM) no boats should be on the course side of the starting line, so as to not interfere with the early starting boats. Please keep the line clear until you are in the final 3 minutes of your starting sequence.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line is the same as the starting line.

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 If the first boat does not pass the first mark (rock can east of Stone Island) by 7PM the race is abandoned. This applies to both courses

12.2 If no boat sails and finishes the course by 8PM the race is abandoned. This applies to both courses

13. Penalty System

13.1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT– 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.'

14. Scoring

14.1 RRS Appendix A will apply with the following changes: A2.1 is changed from "Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score" to. "Each boat's series score shall, subject to rule 90.3(b), be the total of her race scores minus one score for every 4 races scored in the series" (one throw out for every 4 races scored). The final score for the Spring Series will be added the final score of the Summer Series for the overall WNR series champion in each class.

- 14.2 Rule A5.2, is replaced with "A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS), did not finish (DNF) or retires RET will be scored one point more than the number of boats that started that race.
- 14.3 A boat that was disqualified (DSQ, DNE) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats in the class that have registered for the series, as of the date of the race in question. This changes A5.1 and A5.2 (These scores can only be assigned by the protest committee)
- 14.4 Any boat with a "novice" crew member on board will have their finishing place improved by 1 point per "novice" for up to 2 novices. A novice is defined as a person who has been on a sailboat for 6 or fewer races (not just PPYC Wed night series). No score can be better than first place. Novices must be named when the boat's finishing position is reported in order to receive this scoring improvement.
- 14.5 As each boat crosses the finish line it should record the boat finishing immediately in front and behind. This information should be reported on the Wednesday Night Racing WhatsApp along with the names and number of novices on board.
- 14.6 Time Adjustments – In a race with 5 or more starting boats in the class, competitors who win first place shall have their PHRF number decreased by 3 seconds per mile for subsequent races during this series. This time adjustment is CUMULATIVE, meaning that you subtract an additional 3 seconds from the PHRF number for each additional first place score. The new start times will be posted on the official notice board as revised Addendum B prior to the next race. This time adjustment only applies to boats scoring a first place without the "novice" adjustment. **Each boat will be allowed one first place score without this time adjustment** (maybe you did sail a perfect race). Therefore, the adjustment will apply starting with your second first place finish. The adjusted times will be frozen at the end of the Spring Series. No further adjustments will be made for the Summer Series.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Hearing request forms are available on the PPYC website. The Race Director or his designee shall be notified of intent to protest no later than 9PM on the night of the race via text message directly or in the Wednesday Night Racing WhatsApp. The parties will be notified and the hearing will take place the following Wednesday night after that night's race or another time and place if agreed to by the committee and all the involved parties. **The Wednesday night series is primarily a fun event, so protests are discouraged. Please settle it on the water if at all possible.**