



Notice of Race

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Nashville Vanguard 15, Fleet 77 and Percy Priest Yacht Club

Vanguard 15 Nationals 2014

October 4th & 5th, 2014

1. **INVITATION**—Nashville Vanguard 15, Fleet 77 and Percy Priest Yacht Club cordially invite you and your crew to attend the **Vanguard 15 Nationals** on **October 4th & 5th, 2014**.
2. **SITE**--The regatta will be held on J. Percy Priest Lake in Nashville, Tennessee. Land based activities will be held at [Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina](#).
3. **RULES**
 - 3.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
 - 3.2. Changes will be made to the following RRS:
29.1 (Individual Recalls), 33 (Changing the Next Leg of the Course), 35 (Time Limit and Scores), 44.1 (Taking a Penalty), 61 (Protest Requirements), 62.1(a) (Redress), A2 (Series Scores), A4 (Low Point System), A5 (Scores Determined by the Race Committee), A11 (Scoring Abbreviations), and Race Signal AP (Postponement).
 - 3.3. Appendix P, Special Procedures for RRS 42 (Propulsion) will apply.
 - 3.4. US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60.1 (Redress Participation) and 63.2 (Redress Notification) and 63.4 (Interested Party) will not apply.
 - 3.5. Class Rule 4.2 is amended to permit the use of non-builder sails; however boats must declare their use at registration and will not be eligible for the 1st Place Prize and recognition as the Class National Champion, which will pass sequentially in the order of finishes to the next eligible boat. All other Class Rules will apply. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules.
 - 3.6. All rule changes appear in full in the Sailing Instructions or in this Notice of Race.
4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 4.1. The regatta will be all Vanguard 15 one-design boats properly registered for the event.
 - 4.2. Participants may enter the race by registering and paying the entry fees by credit or debit card.
 - 4.3. A [Waiver and Release of Liability and Emergency Contact Form](#) signed by the owner/skipper and each crew member must be submitted at final registration and check in. No boat will be fully registered until submitting this completed form. In the event of a crew member substitution during the regatta (see NOR 11), the new crew member must submit a signed waiver of liability to the Regatta Committee prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid.
 - 4.4. Participants are required to display unique sail and bow numbers (bow numbers provided at registration).
5. **FEES**--The regatta entry fee includes registration; breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday; breakfast and a cookout on Sunday; and two regatta t-shirts:

Early Online Registration and Fee: Register before Friday, September 14, 2014 .	\$120.00 <i>before discounts</i>
(or) Late Online Registration and Fee: Register between midnight, Friday, September 14, 2014 and midnight. Tuesday, September 30, 2014	\$140.00 <i>before discounts</i>
(or) Final Registration and Fee: Register at the venue on Saturday, October 4, 2014	\$160.00 <i>before discounts</i>
A \$5.00 discount is available for US Sailing and Canadian Yachting Association members.	
Vanguard Membership dues if applicable. Each skipper is required to be a member of the Vanguard 15 National Class Association (www.v15.org).	\$15.00

6. SCHEDULE

The regatta schedule will include, social, racing and National Class Meetings (as required by the Class Rules)

Friday, October 3, 2014	
1400	Practice Starts and Practice Races (weather permitting)
2000	Social event in Nashville
Saturday, October 4, 2014	
0800	Continental Breakfast
0800-0930	Final Registration and Check in Turn in Waiver and Release & Emergency Contact Information form Pick up bow numbers IMPORTANT--Final Registration ends at 0930 sharp!
1000	Skippers' Meeting
1100	Warning Signal, first race. Subsequent races will follow.
TBD	Lunch on water for racers (provided by local Sea Scouts)
After Racing	Social Time and Cookout
1800	Class Meeting
2000	Possible event (TBA)
Sunday, October 5, 2014	
0800-0900	Continental Breakfast
1000	Warning Signal. Subsequent races may follow.
1430	No race will be started after this time.
After Racing	Social Time, Cookout, Awards presentation

7. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**--The Sailing Instructions will be available at final registration. A draft of the sailing instructions may be available for review on the Nashville Vanguard 15 Fleet 77 web site and the PPYC website. Sailing instructions on the web sites are for information purposes only and are subject to change prior to the regatta. Only sailing instructions distributed during final registration are valid.

8. RACING

- 8.1. The regatta will consist of as many as fourteen (14) buoy course races.
- 8.2. One race will constitute a series.
- 8.3. No race will be started after 1430 on Sunday.

9. ALTERNATE PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1. A1 PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF THE 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 a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."
- 9.2. A2 PENALTIES TAKEN AFTER A RACE - (a) After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Scoring Penalty. Rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply when such a penalty is taken. Rules 44.3(a) and (b) are deleted and replaced by: "A boat takes a Scoring Penalty by informing the race committee in writing, identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred." (b) If taken before the protest time limit, the penalty shall be a 20-percent Scoring Penalty. If taken after the protest time limit but before the start of a hearing of a protest involving the incident, the penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty. The penalty shall be calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c).

10. SCORING

- 10.1. When fewer than seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When between seven and thirteen races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When fourteen or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. This changes RRS A2.

- 10.2. A boat that did not finish within the required time after the first boat finished and that was still racing when the time limit expired and not thereafter retiring, being penalized or given redress, will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats that finished the race and not later retired or disqualified. The scoring abbreviation for such boats will be TLX (did not finish due to time limit expiring). This changes RRS A4, A5, and A11.
- 10.3. A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS, and OCS), did not finish (DNF) for any reason other than that in Sailing Instruction 10.2 or retires after finishing (RAF) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats that entered the regatta.
- 10.4. A boat that was disqualified (BFD, DSQ, DNE, and DGM) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to two more than the number of boats that entered the regatta. This changes RRS A4.2.
- 10.5. All other boats will be scored in accordance with RRS A4.1, A4.2, and A5.
- 11. REPLACEMENT AND CHANGES OF CREW**--Substitution of or a change in the number of crew after final registration will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 12. LAUNCHING, DOCKING AND HAULING**--Launching, docking and hauling may be done at Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina and Hamilton Creek Park free of charge.
- 13. COMMUNICATIONS, COURTESY BROADCASTS**--The race committee may make periodic courtesy broadcasts by loud-hailer. Information reported is provided as a courtesy to the competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the race committee's visual signals. Errors or omissions during these courtesy broadcasts will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14. PRIZES**--Trophies will be awarded for the top five (5) finishers in the regatta. The top finisher will be recognized as the Class National Champion
- 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER**--Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Nashville Vanguard 15, Fleet 77 and Percy Priest Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. 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 he has obtained this same release of the race organizers by each crew member.
- 16. INSURANCE**--Each participating boat shall be insured by its owner with valid third-party liability insurance.
- 17. FURTHER INFORMATION**--For further information please contact:
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| Regatta Chair | Joseph Groszek | V15nationals@nashvillev15.org | (440) 241-8856 |
| Race Officer | Robert Mattix | robertm@nashvillev15.org | (615) 308-4700 |
| Rear Commodore | Iain Montgomery | | (615) 202-8998 |
| Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina | | | (615) 862-8472 |
- 18. DIRECTIONS**--On I-40, east of Nashville, exit at Stewarts Ferry Pike / J. Percy Priest Dam (Exit 219). Go south for approximately 3.4 miles. Turn left into Hamilton Creek Park. Turn left at the first road on the left into the sailboat marina. A [map and driving directions](#) are available on the PPYC web site.
- 19. LODGING**--There are several hotels and motels within six miles Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina. A [list of lodging near Percy Priest Lake](#) is available on the PPYC web site.