

# Notice of Race

## Percy Priest Yacht Club



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# Rookie Race

Saturday, September 11, 2021

## 1. INVITATION

- 1.1 Percy Priest Yacht Club cordially invites you and your crew to attend the **Rookie Race**. This fun low-key race is a follow-up to this year's fall training on September 4th, **Regatta Prep for The Rookie Race**. Like previous years we are preceding this club race with training so that participants can put into practice skills learned at the training event.
- 1.2 All wanting to try out racing in a low key, learning environment are welcome and encouraged to enter your boat. Those who attend the Regatta Prep Class on September 4th are especially encouraged to participate and put into practice what you learned.
- 1.3 We will go through the paces of a Regatta day with this fun club race. There is no charge for this race and prizes will be a rehash of awards left over from previous regattas and will not follow the traditional 1st, 2nd, 3rd finishes. But it is all guaranteed to be in the spirit of great fun and learning!
- 1.4 All participants will need to provide their own breakfast, lunch and refreshments for this no-cost event. There will not be any food service provided.

- 2. SITE**--The race 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 race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) except for the anticipated changes noted in this section.
- 3.2 Competitors may receive outside help in the form of coaching during racing. This changes RRS 41.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The race will be open to all cruiser or racer/cruiser boats properly registered. Participants must register for the race online at [www.ppyc.org](http://www.ppyc.org).
- 4.2. 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. No boat will be fully registered without submitting this completed form. In the event of a crew member substitution during the race, the new crew member must submit a signed waiver of liability to the Race Committee prior to racing for that boat's entry to remain valid.

## 5. CLASSES

5.1. The following classes are anticipated for this event:

<b>New to Sailboat Racing</b>	If you have been sailing for a long time or a short time and want to try out racing, this is your chance.
<b>Bee Fleet</b>	PPYC's Bee Fleet is made up of boats whose Class is designated as NS-B in our PHRF ratings list.
<b>All other boats are encouraged to participate</b>	If you are a regular racer, please consider bringing your crew who are "new to sailing" or "new to racing" to skipper for you. This will be a jib and main race. We are keeping it simple, so no spinnakers.

5.2. There are no separate one-design classes for this race.

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

6. **FEES**-- The race entry fees are as follows:

<b>Online Registration Fee:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Meal:</b> There will be no food provided for this race. Please eat some breakfast before coming out and pack a picnic for lunch. Skippers, please make sure all your crew know the food arrangements.	<b>\$0.00 per person</b>

## 7. SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, the day of the race</b>	
<b>0900-1000</b>	Turn in your completed Waiver and Release & Emergency Contact Information. <b>IMPORTANT—A waiver for all participants and crew must be turned in by the Skipper's Meeting!</b>
<b>1000</b>	Skippers Meeting
<b>1100</b>	Warning Signal for Race
<b>1300</b>	No new races started after 1300
<b>After Race</b>	Picnic lunch and Non-traditional awards on the deck at the Marina.

8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**--The Sailing Instructions will be available at final registration. A draft of the sailing instructions may be available for review on the PPYC web site. Sailing instructions on the PPYC web site are for information purposes only and are subject to change prior to the race. Only sailing instructions distributed during final registration are valid.

## 9. RACING

9.1 The race will consist of as many as six races for buoy courses.

9.2 Races will start in the area near the Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina cove. The start will be a traditional race start using the system described in RRS 26.

9.3 Competitors may receive outside help in the form of coaching during racing. This changes RRS 41.

9.4 One race will constitute a series. No races will be started in less than three (3) knots of sustained wind as determined by the race committee.

- 10. COURSES** - Course descriptions and diagrams will be posted on the official notice board or attached to the Sailing Instructions as an addendum.
- 11. SCORING**—Traditional handicap scoring will not be used.
- 12. 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.
- 13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS, COURTESY BROADCASTS & RECALLS**
- 13.1. **All boats are strongly encouraged to carry a VHF radio and monitor it during the race.**
- 13.2. The race committee may make periodic courtesy broadcasts by VHF radio on Channel 68. 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).
- 13.3. When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee may at its discretion attempt to hail the sail numbers of the recalled boats. The hail may be by VHF radio on Channel 68, or by loud hailer or bullhorn. Such a hail is a courtesy hail only. Failure of the race committee to hail, failure of a boat to hear the hail for any reason, or the method, order or timing of the hail will not relieve the boat of its obligation to start correctly and will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 29.1 and 62.1(a).
- 14. Non-Traditional Prizes** will be awarded for all classes. They will not follow the traditional 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> places.
- 15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER**--Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. 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 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 race, 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:

Race Chair	Fred Bartrom
PRO	
Hamilton Creek Sailboat Marina	

Email links to race contacts are available on the PPYC website.

- 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 on the PPYC web site.