

Notice of Race

Percy Priest Yacht Club



Rookie Race

Saturday, September 9, 2023

- 1. INVITATION**--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, **Regatta Prep for The Rookie Race**. We are teaming a club race with training so that participants can put into practice skills learned at the training event.

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 other items the race chair might dig up. We will not follow the traditional 1st, 2nd, 3rd finishes. But it is all guaranteed to be in the spirit of great fun!

All are welcome, but those who attend the Regatta Prep Class on September 8th are especially encouraged to participate and put into practice what you learned. We will race some short races then head back to the docks when we all get hungry. Each participant please bring your own lunch and something extra to share.

[Use this link to sign up for the training day on Sept. 2nd.](#)

- 2. SITE**--The race will be held on J. Percy Priest Lake in Nashville, Tennessee. Land based activities will be held on the deck 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 may enter the race by registering online.
 - 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 as scheduled in section 7. 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:

First Time Racers and cruisers	All boats of first time racers are encouraged to participate. This race is especially for you!
	If you are a cruiser, please join in and consider bringing people “new to sailing” or “new to racing” to join us and catch the bug.
Racers with Rookie Crew at the helm	Coach your rookie crew to success on your boat.

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:

Online Registration Fee:	\$0.00
Final Registration Fee: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Saturday, the day of the race.	\$0.00
Meal: Picnic lunch on the deck after racing. There will be no food provided for this race. Please eat some breakfast before coming out and pack a picnic lunch for you and your crew. Skippers, please make sure all your crew know the food arrangements.	\$0.00 per person

7. SCHEDULE

Saturday, the day of the race	
0830-0930	Final Registration, turn in Waiver and Release & Emergency Contact Information form Pay Registration Fees (if not already paid online) IMPORTANT--Final Registration ends at 0930 sharp!
1000	Skippers Meeting
1100	Warning Signal for Race
1300	No new races started after 1300
After Race	Picnic lunch and awards on the deck.

8. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**--The Sailing Instructions will be available on the PPYC website. Check the PPYC website before the race to see if there are any addendums to the SI. Changes will also be posted on the Clubhouse window that is used as the Notice Board.

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 1st, 2nd, 3rd 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 Co. Chairs	Fred Bartrom
	Chris Dupont
	Michaela Bland
	Kate Atanian
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.