

The Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup Regatta



NOTICE OF RACE

October 9 and 10, 2010

**Muscle Shoals Sailing Club,
Lock Four, Wilson Lake
1350 County Road 411, Killen, AL 35645**



On behalf of the associated Tennessee Valley clubs, Muscle Shoals Sailing Club (MSSC) is the 2010 Host Club and will provide race management.

1. RULES.

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the appropriate class rules (except as they are modified by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments thereto), this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions. Yachts must have sail numbers or unique identifiers on their mainsails.

2 ADVERTISING.

Advertising will be restricted to Category "A".

3. ELIGIBILITY.

The regatta is open to all monohull sailboats skippered by a member in good standing of at least one of the associated organizations (Brown's Creek Sailing Association, Lake Guntersville Sailing Club, Muscle Shoals Sailing Club, Pickwick Sailing and Cruising Association, Privateer Yacht Club, Wheeler Yacht Club). Eligible boats may participate by completing the attached Entry Form and submitting, before 5th October, it to:

MSSC c/o Nolan Richards, 117 Kingswood Dr, Florence, AL 35630

OR, register at MSSC before 1000 hrs on October 9th.

4. FLEETS AND HANDICAP SYSTEM.

4.1 Three Fleets: Cruiser Spinnaker, Cruiser Non-Spinnaker, Dinghy.

4.2 The fleets will be handicapped by the most recent US SAILING's Portsmouth Yardstick with Wind Handicap Factors. Dinghies are those boats listed in the Portsmouth Yardstick Centerboard Classes listing. All other boats are cruisers (Offshore Classes or Keelboats). Boats not listed in the Portsmouth Yardstick may be assigned a derived number at the discretion of the Race Committee.

5. ENTRIES AND FEES.

Entries shall be submitted on the official Registration Form. Completed and signed Registration Forms, with the registration fee, shall be mailed to:

MSSC, c/o Nolan Richards, 117 Kingswood Dr, Florence, AL 35630

Registration fee: \$35 but if the skipper is a member of US SAILING, a \$5 discount is available when the member's number is included on the registration form. Make checks payable to: Muscle Shoals Sailing Club.

6. REGISTRATION.

Each skipper or his representative must report to the registrar at MSSC either between 1700 and 1900 Friday, October 8th, or between 0900 and 1000 Saturday, October 9th, to ensure completion of registration details.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

Sailing Instructions will be available during Registration periods on October 8th and 9th. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official bulletin board at MSSC by 1100 on Saturday and 0830 Sunday. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or other notices.

8. RACING.

The regatta will consist of as many as five races. In the extreme case, a single race shall constitute the series.

9. COURSES.

Courses will be sailed on Wilson Lake in the vicinity of Lock Four (mile 271). Courses will be Olympic, windward-leeward or variations/combinations thereof and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.

Friday, October 8th

1700-1900: Registration at the MSSC Clubhouse

1900: Welcome Party and Cookout

Saturday, October 9th

0900-1000: Final Registration

1030: Skipper's Meeting

1200: Warning Signal for First Race; subsequent race(s) to follow

1800: Social Hour and Dinner

Sunday, October 10th

0930: Warning Signal for Racing; subsequent race(s) to follow if necessary.

No race will be started after 1200 on Sunday.

Awards presentation will occur as soon as possible after last race.

11. SCORING.

11.1 For *Individual Trophies*: The series will be scored as provided for in Appendix A4 of the RRS using the Low Point System.

For the perpetual *Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup Trophy*: For each race, each club is scored its best three Low Point System finishing places, one of which must belong to a cruiser from either the spinnaker or non-spinnaker fleet. The club with the lowest sum of scores over the two-day event is the winner of the Challenge Trophy. In the event of a tie, the club that beat the other club(s) the most times over the whole series in all fleets is the winner. In the event that there is still a tie, the club that beat the other club(s) most in the last race across all three fleets will be the winner. If the tie remains unbroken by those methods, then high points scoring will be used for the final race.

12. RADIO COMMUNICATION.

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to other boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to race.

The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14. PRIZES.

The perpetual *Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup* trophy will be awarded to the winning club to enjoy until the next annual TVCC regatta. There will be three individual trophies (first, second, and third places) for each fleet.

15. LAUNCHING, HAULING, AND BERTHING.

15.1 The ramp at MSSC is adequate for launching dinghies, retractable keel cruisers and deeper keel cruisers. MSSC has installed a new ramp less steep than the old one. There is 7 feet

of water at the end. There is a ramp at the Killen launch site located near River Mile 263, should our ramp still prove impractical. There are no hoists at MSSC.

Apart from the fixed docks at MSSC, some deep water mooring buoys are available in front of the clubhouse to which a shuttle service can be provided.

16. LODGING.

Joe Wheeler State Park, Rogersville:
Lodge: 800-544-JOEW
Campground: 256-247-1184
Cabins: 256-247-0145
<http://www.joewheelerstatepark.com>

Quality Inn, 1250 Etta Gray Dr, Florence, 256-740-0444
Economy Inn, Hwy. 72, Rogersville, 256-247-5416
Hampton Inn, Hwy 72, Florence, 256-764-8888
Residence Inn by Marriott, 1000 Sweetwater Ave, Florence, 256-718-0055

17. MEALS AND PROVISIONS.

MSSC will host a cookout reception on Friday evening at 7 PM.
A dinner, including refreshments, is planned for Saturday evening (\$15 per person) at the MSSC clubhouse. Lauderdale County is dry except for Florence.

18. DIRECTIONS.

A map and directions can be found at <http://www.mssclub.org/>

Directions are:

By car, take Highway 72 (East or West depending on your departure location) to the intersection of County Road 33 in the Center Star community. Take Route 33 to the south. Proceed south and about 400 yards past a sharp curve to the east, take County Road 411 to the right. Follow that and continue past the other end of CR 33 (a sealed road) and follow a gravel road to its end and there will be MSSC.

19. CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.

MSSC web page: <http://www.mssclub.org>

Contacts:

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