

## NOTICE OF RACE

### The Vice Commodore's Regatta

Muscle Shoals Sailing Club  
September 25th and 26th 2010  
Wilson Lake, Alabama

1. **RULES** The regatta will be governed by the 2009 – 2012 U.S. Sailing Rules (RRS), the prescriptions of U.S. 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.

1.2 The regatta is classified as a Category "A" event in accordance with Regulation 20, Advertising and Event Categories.

1.3 Rule 50.3, Use of Outriggers, shall not apply to the permanently installed bowsprit in the "sports boats" competing, so long as only the spinnaker and no other sail is tacked to the pole.

2. **ELIGIBILITY** - The regatta is open to all dinghies, multi-hulls, keelboats and offshore sailboats. Boat owners and/or helmsmen do not have to be a member of a yacht or sailing club to be eligible, however an entry fee discount is available US Sailing members.

3. **FLEETS AND HANDICAP SYSTEM**

3.1 At least three fleets will be recognized; Four Handicap Fleets; Cruiser Spinnaker, Cruiser Non-Spinnaker, Dinghy, Multi-hull may be rated as "Fleets". There must be at least three boats registered to constitute a fleet. Otherwise, fleets will be combined at the discretion of the Race Committee. The U. S. Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick with option for using Wind Dependent Handicap factors will be used for scoring.

3.2 One-design Classes: Five or more boats of the same one-design class ranking as starters shall constitute a one-design class and will be scored separately.

4. **ENTRIES AND FEES** - Entries may be submitted on the official Registration Form. Completed and signed Registration Forms, with the registration fee, shall be mailed to: Muscle Shoals Sailing Club, c/o Nolan Richards, 117 Kingswood Drive, Florence, AL 35630 or e-mail [HYPERLINK "nolanrich@aol.com"](mailto:nolanrich@aol.com)

Early pre-registration by mail, telephone or e-mail before September 19th would be very much appreciated. Registration fee: \$15.00. \$2 discount for US Sailing Membership in US Sailing or advance registration for the V- C. Regatta only.

Make checks payable to: Muscle Shoals Sailing Club

5. **REGISTRATION** - Each skipper or his representative, even if pre-registered by phone, mail or e-mail, must report to Muscle Shoals Sailing Club, between 0930 and 1100 Saturday, September 25th, to verify or complete registration details.

6. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** will be available during Registration on September 25th. Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at MSSC. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board inside the clubhouse for any amendments or other notices.

7. **RACING** -The regatta will consist of as many as five races. One race may constitute the series.

8. COURSES - Courses will be sailed on Wilson Lake in the vicinity of MSSC. Courses will be modified Olympic or windward-leeward, or variations thereof and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday 24th September:

The club will be open for early arrivals, launching or setting up camp.

Saturday, September 25th :  
0930- 1100 Final Registration  
1100- Lunch, BYO

1130- Skipper's meeting  
1225 Preparatory Signal for first race; others to follow  
1800 Hors d'ourvres and dinner in clubhouse, \$15

Sunday, September 26th  
0800 Complementary coffee and pastry  
0925 Preparatory signal for next race, others may follow

No race will be started after 1200 on Sunday

Awards presentation as soon as possible after last race.

10. SCORING -- The Low Point Scoring System, RRS A4.1 will apply. Each yacht's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races, and there will be no throw outs. Unresolved ties will be determined in accordance with the RRS A8.

11. PRIZES -- Trophies will be awarded in each fleet or class as follows (based upon pre-registration): 2-3 boats, 1 trophy; 4-5 boats, 2 trophies; 6-10 boats, 3 trophies; 11+ boats, at least 4 trophies.

12. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES - The Two Turns penalty, RRS, 44.1 will apply for all fleets.

13. LAUNCHING, HAULING, AND BERTHING

13.1 Launching and hauling may be done on the rebuilt club ramp. No hoist is available. Deep draft boats can now be managed at the new ramp.

13.2 Boats may be berthed alongside the MSSC docks on a space available basis (but not blocking the launching dock) or may be moored to the four MSSC mooring buoys in front of the club to/from which a shuttle can be provided.

14. LODGING - Camping area and showers available at the club.

Joe Wheeler State Park, Rogersville: Lodge, 800-544-JOEW

Days Inn, Florence, AL

Quality Inn, 1250 Etta Gray Dr., Florence, 256-740-0444

Economy Inn, Hwy. 72, Rogersville

Super 8 Motel, Killen, AL 256-247-5416

Hampton Inn, Florence, AL 256-764-8888

Residence Inn by Marriott, 1000 Sweetwater Ave., Florence, 256-718-0055

15. MEALS - Lauderdale County is dry; BYOB. Saturday dinner is \$15 per person. On Sunday, a continental breakfast will be available (with voluntary donation) from MSSC. No lunches will be provided either Saturday or Sunday although on Sunday there may be "leftovers"!

16. DIRECTIONS -- By car, take Hwy. 72 to Center Star, AL. Near mile marker 48 at Center Star, turn south on to County 33 (a pale green metal building and flea market is on the southwest corner of the intersection). Follow 33 as it makes a sharp left curve. Turn right on the first paved road after the curve. Follow county road 33 and 411 to its end to at MSSC. By water, the club is located on the north shore of Wilson Lake near mile 271.4. It is known on the TVA chart as "Old Lock Four".

17. CONTACTS AND INFORMATION  
Commodore: Rick McAdams, 256 767-6610  
Fleet Captain: Bill Parkhurst, 256 3838791  
RC, PRO: Nolan Richards, 256-766-1813

## MUSCLE SHOALS SAILING CLUB

Entry to 2010 Vice Commodore's Regatta

Name:

Address:

Tel./e-mail:

U.S.Sailing No:

Class of Sailboat:

Sail Number:

Meals required:

Any special needs: