

NOTICE OF RACE

The Little America's Cup Regatta

October 18-19
Muscle Shoals Sailing Club
Lake Wilson
Mile 271.5 on the Tennessee River

<http://home.hiwaay.net/~mssc/>

CONDITIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2004 (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.

1.2 The regatta is classified as a Category "A" event in accordance with RRS Appendix 1 - ISAF Advertising Code.

1.3 Yachts must have sail numbers or identification on their mainsails.

2. ELIGIBILITY - The regatta is open to all sailboats for which the Race Committee can determine a handicap.

3. FLEETS AND HANDICAP SYSTEM

3.1 Fleets: Cruiser Spinnaker, Cruiser Non-Spinnaker, Dinghy, and One Design fleets will be accommodated if there are four or more boats (Buccaneer 18s are anticipated.)

3.2 All fleets except any One Design fleets will be handicapped by the USSA Portsmouth Yardstick method.

4. ENTRIES AND FEES - Entries shall be submitted on the official Registration Form. Registration fee \$15. Make checks payable to: *Muscle Shoals Sailing Club*

5. REGISTRATION - Each skipper or his representative must report to Muscle Shoals Sailing Club between 0930 and 1030 Saturday, October 18, to register.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be available during Registration on October 18. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at Muscle Shoals Sailing Club, by 0830

daily, and it is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or other notices.

7. RACING - The regatta will consist of as many as five races.

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

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, October 18
0930-1030 Registration
1100 Skipper's Meeting
1300 Warning Signal for first race; subsequent race(s) to follow
1700 Social followed by dinner

Sunday, October 19
0800 Complimentary continental breakfast
0930 Warning Signal for next race; subsequent race(s) to follow if necessary. No race will be started after 1230 on Sunday. Awards presentation as soon as possible after last race.

10. SCORING - The series will be scored as provided for in Appendix A of the racing rules using the Low Point System.

11. PRIZES - Trophies to be determined considering the number of registrants.

12. LAUNCHING, HAULING, AND BERTHING

12.1 MSSC has a steep but shallow ramp for launching and hauling dinghies and small shoal draft cruisers (J-24's have marginally launched and hauled on this ramp). Larger boats should launch at the large ramp on Wheeler Lake at Joe Wheeler State Park and lock through to Wilson Lake. This trip takes 1.5 hours if there is no delay at the lock. Another state launch ramp is downstream on Wilson Lake near river mile marker 265 on the north shore. There are no hoists available at the club or ramps.

12.2 Deep water moorings are available in front of the club. Boats drawing less than six feet may raft alongside the docks.

13. LODGING

Camping is permitted on the east end of MSSC grounds. Showers are available in the club restrooms.

Joe Wheeler State Park, Rogersville :
Lodge 800-544-JOEW
Campground 256-247-1184
Cabins 256-247-0145

Super 8 Hwy. 72 at Shoal Creek, Florence, (256) 757-2167

Economy Inn, Hwy. 72, Rogersville 256-247-5416.

14. MEALS AND PROVISIONS - MSSC will host a dinner Saturday evening. The price is expected to be \$10 or less. A complimentary continental breakfast will be served on Sunday morning. Killen (~7 miles west) has a grocery store.

15. DIRECTIONS - By car, take highway 72 to Center Star (about 5 miles east of Killen, about 2 miles west of hwy. 101 at Elgin). Turn south on Lauderdale County Road 33. Follow it 2.2 miles to a sharp bend to the left. Follow left with the bend another .4 mile. Turn right on to the first road on the right (a small MSSC sign points to the right). Follow the road to the first gravel road on the right. Follow this gravel road to its end at MSSC. By water, the mouth of the club's harbor is located at Mile Marker 271.5 on the north shore (described on the TVA chart as "Old Lock 4"), about 3.5 miles downstream of Wheeler Dam.

16. CONTACT AND INFORMATION

Contact Brett Wood, 256-767-5316, or Gar Bouse, 256-461-6943

MSSC web page: <http://home.hiwaay.net/~mssc/>