

**TENNESSEE VALLEY CHALLENGE CUP**  
**Browns Creek Sailing Association**  
**September 20 & 21, 2008**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**Updated August 31, 2008**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the “rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 All entries must be monohull sail boats whose skipper is one of the TVCC member clubs.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Ships Store at Joe Wheeler State Park & Marina and will be available at registration.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 11:00 AM on the Saturday, September 20, and 8:00 AM on Sunday, September 21.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat at the Dock.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 30 minutes” in race signal AP.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Racing is scheduled as follows for all classes

Saturday September 20, 2008

- Race # 1 1200 Warning Signal.
- Race # 2 To follow as soon as possible after Race # 1
- Race # 3 To follow as soon as possible after Race # 2

Sunday September 21, 2008

- Race # 1 1000 Warning Signal
- Race # 2 To follow as soon as possible after Race # 1

There will be no starts after 1230 on Sunday September 21, 2008.

**6 CLASS FLAGS**

The Class Flags will be:

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|---------------|---------------------------|
| Spinnaker     | Red Flag with a White A   |
| Dinghies      | White Flag with a Blue B  |
| Non Spinnaker | Green Flag with a White C |

**7 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be on Wheeler Lake in the vicinity of First Creek, the entrance to Joe Wheeler State Park Marina.

8 **THE COURSES**

- 8.1 The course will be a modified windward-leeward. The number of laps will be displayed on the side of the race committee boat as “1”, “2”, or “3”. The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The race committee MAY designate a windward offset mark and/or a leeward gate at its discretion.
- 8.3 The start/finish line will be CLOSED. Boats crossing the line will be disqualified unless they are starting or finishing.

9 **MARKS**

All marks will be inflatable pyramid marks

10 **THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 of the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark.
- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.4 The order of starts will be as follows:
1. Spinnaker
  2. Dinghies
  3. Non Spinnaker

11 **CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK**

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration.

12 **THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and the finishing mark.

13 **TIME LIMIT**

There will be a 90-minute time limit for the 1<sup>st</sup> boat in each class for each race. The race committee may, at its discretion, abandon any race in progress or assign a finishing time to any boat still on the course and not finished.

14 **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1 Protest forms are available at the Ships Store of the Joe Wheeler State Park Marina.
- 14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee boat has docked after the last race of the day. [The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2]
- 14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the PYC clubhouse as soon as possible after protest time limit
- 14.4 Notices of protests by the protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1

15 **SCORING**

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

16 **HANDICAPPING**

- 16.1 All fleets will be handicapped using the U. S. Sailing Portsmouth Yardstick.

17 **SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18 **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded according to the following schedule based on the expected number of entries.

Spinnaker –	First Place Second Place Third Place	Dinghies –	First Place Second Place Third Place
Non Spinnaker -	First Place Second Place Third Place	Overall Club Winner -	First Place

19 **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to race. The organizing authority or member clubs will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

# Attachment A

