

NOTICE OF RACE

The Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup Regatta

September 12-13
Wheeler Yacht Club
Lake Wheeler
Joe Wheeler State Park
Rogersville, AL

<http://wheeleryachtclub.org/>

On behalf of the associated Tennessee Valley clubs, Wheeler Yacht Club is the 2009 Host Club and will provide race management.

CONDITIONS

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).

3. FLEETS AND HANDICAP SYSTEM

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

3.2 The fleets will be handicapped by the U.S. Sailing Association's Portsmouth Yardstick with Wind Handicap Factors, 2008. Dinghies are those boats listed in the Portsmouth Yardstick Centerboard Classes listing. All other boats are cruisers. Boats not listed in the Portsmouth Yardstick may be assigned a derived number at the discretion of the Race Committee.

4. 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: WYC, c/o Gar Bouse, 490 Sussex Drive, Huntsville, AL 35824

Early Registration fee (postmarked before September 1) \$30
Registration fee \$40
Make checks payable to: *Wheeler Yacht Club*

5. REGISTRATION Each skipper or his representative must report to Wheeler Yacht Club either between 1700 to 1900 Friday, September 11, or between 0900 and 1030 Saturday, September 12, to complete registration details.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS will be available during Registration periods on September 11 and 12. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at Wheeler Yacht Club by 1100 on Saturday and 0830 Sunday, 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 Wheeler Lake in the vicinity of First Creek. Courses will be Olympic or windward-leeward or variations thereof and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 11
1700-1900 Registration at Marina Store
1900 Welcome party and cookout

Saturday, September 12
0900-1030 Final Registration
1030 Skipper's Meeting
1200 Warning Signal for first race; subsequent race(s) to follow
1800 Social and dinner

Sunday, September 13
0930 Warning Signal for next race; subsequent race(s) to follow if necessary. No race will be started after 1200 on Sunday. Awards presentation as soon as possible after last race.

10. SCORING

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

10.2 For the perpetual Challenge 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 award. 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 there is still a tie, the club that beat the other club(s) 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.

11. 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.

12. LAUNCHING, HAULING, AND BERTHING

12.1 The Joe Wheeler State Park launching ramp is located up First Creek on the park entrance road off of Highway 72 in Rogersville. It is about ½ mile by water from the marina. There are no hoists or ramps at the marina.

12.2 Deep water docks are available in front of the lodge. Contact the marina for information, (256) 247-6971.
<http://www.joewheelerstatepark.com/marina.htm>

13. LODGING

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

* WYC has reserved a block of rooms at the lodge until August 12, 2009.
<http://www.joewheelerstatepark.com/>

Economy Inn, Hwy. 72, Rogersville 256-247-5416.
Hampton Inn, Hwy 72, Florence, 256-764-8888.
Other motels are located in Athens at Interstate 65.

14. MEALS AND PROVISIONS WYC will host a cookout reception on Friday evening at 7PM. A dinner and refreshments are planned for Saturday evening (\$18 per person) at the Joe Wheeler Lodge overlooking the marina.

Rogersville has a grocery store and small restaurants. Lauderdale County is dry except for Florence.

15. DIRECTIONS By car, take highway 72 to Rogersville. The park entrance is about 1 mile west of the light in Rogersville. The entrance is on the south side of 72. Follow the road to its end at the marina. By water, the mouth of First Creek is located at Mile Marker 277 on the north shore approximately two miles upstream from Wheeler Lock. The marina is less than one mile up First Creek and is obscured by the bend at the mouth of First Creek.

16. CONTACT AND INFORMATION

WYC web page: <http://wheeleryachtclub.org/>

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