



NOTICE OF RACE
2016 Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup
September 17-18, 2016
Hosted By Muscle Shoals Sailing Club
Killen, AL

1. RULES - This regatta will be governed by rules as defined by: The Racing Rules of Sailing; 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. 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. ENTRIES AND FEES - \$45.00 per boat, \$40 for US Sailing members. Make checks payable to: *Muscle Shoals Sailing Club*.

4. FLEETS AND HANDICAP SYSTEM – There will be three Fleets: Cruiser Spinnaker, Cruiser Non-Spinnaker, Dinghy. 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. REGISTRATION - All yachts shall register, or verify advanced registration, at the clubhouse Friday evening September 16th or Saturday September 17th, 0900-1030. For advanced registration: complete the attached form and mail to:

Tommy Glenn, 1909 Lynnbrook Dr., Huntsville, AL 35803

or email to tbglenn@gmail.com.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - will be available at registration. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at MSSC 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 five races, conditions permitting. One race shall constitute a series.

8. COURSES - Courses will be sailed on Wilson Lake. Courses will be triangular or windward-leeward or variations thereof and will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – Note that MSSC is in the Central Time Zone.

Friday, September 16

Afternoon Club Grounds Open for early arrivals
Evening Advance Registration & Welcome Party

Saturday, September 17

0900-1030 Final Registration
1100 Skipper's Meeting followed by lunch
1230 Warning Signal for first race; subsequent race(s) to follow
1700 Happy Hour
1800 Dinner and Social

Sunday, September 18

0800 Complimentary Breakfast
0930 Warning Signal for next race; subsequent race(s) to follow if necessary. No race will be started after 1200 on Sunday. Lunch and awards presentation as soon as possible after last race.

10. SCORING – For Individual Scoring: Low Point System with no scores excluded. This modified RRS Appendix A2. 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.

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 for each fleet and a keeper trophy for the winning club.

12. WAIVER OF LIABILITY - At registration, each competitor will be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage, or injury to persons or property incurred in connection with the Regatta, or on the property of Muscle Shoals Sailing Club that occurs as a result of a competitor's actions. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, or any other organization or official) will not be held responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participating in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

13. LODGING – Tent camping is available on the club grounds. Other lodging options include the campground and lodge at Joe Wheeler State Park, Rogersville (approximately 20 minutes from MSSC). For reservations call 800-ALA-PARK or go to <http://www.alapark.com/>.

Other lodging options are available in Rogersville and Florence.

14. MEALS AND PROVISIONS - Happy hour and dinner are planned for Saturday evening (\$15 per person, \$5 for children 10 and under). Saturday and Sunday lunches are available for \$5. Complimentary breakfast will be available Sunday morning. Rogersville has a grocery store and small restaurants. Lauderdale County is dry except for Florence and Rogersville.

15. DIRECTIONS - <http://www.mssclub.org/visit-us>

16. CONTACTS AND INFORMATION -

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

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