

Notice of Race 2015 Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup September 18 – 20, 2015



Wheeler Yacht Club, Rogersville Alabama

Venue

The racing area will be on Wheeler Lake, Alabama, near Joe Wheeler State Park, Rogersville, Alabama.

Friday evening registration will be at the WYC clubhouse located above Joe Wheeler State Park Marina Store, followed by a social & cookout at the Pavilion in front of the Marina Store.

Saturday morning registration will be held at the Pavilion, with a continental breakfast at no cost. The Skippers Meeting will also be held at the Pavilion.

Following the racing on Saturday, WYC is hosting a dinner and party with live music on the 700 Dock. WYC members invite **you and your crew** to the dinner and to stay for live music if you so choose. The live music starts an hour after the dinner begins.

Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2013-2016 (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the applicable 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.

Eligibility

The regatta is open to all monohull sailboats skippered by a member in good standing of one of the following organizations: Brown's Creek Sailing Association, Concord Yacht Club, Lake Gunterville Sailing Club, Muscle Shoals Sailing Club, Pickwick Sailing and Cruising Association, Privateer Yacht Club, and Wheeler Yacht Club (WYC). Eligible boats may participate by completing the TVCC Entry Form.

Fleets and Handicaps

The fleets shall be: Cruiser-spinnaker, Cruiser-non-spinnaker and Dinghy. The fleets shall be handicapped by the most recent US Sailing 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. Assignment of a handicap by the Race Committee shall not be grounds for redress.

Entries and fees

Entries shall be submitted on the official Entry Form (distributed with this NOR). Completed Entry Forms shall be sent to the name/address below or may be completed at registration.

Wheeler Yacht Club
PO Box 588
Rogersville, AL 35652

The entry fee is \$50. If the skipper is a US Sailing member, a \$5 discount shall be applied when the member number is included on the entry form. Make checks payable to: Wheeler Yacht Club or WYC. Refer to the Entry Form for additional information.



Registration

Each skipper or a designated representative must report to the Registrar at the WYC clubhouse located above Joe Wheeler State Park Marina Store between 1700 & 1900 on Friday (September 18th) or between 0800 & 1000 Saturday (September 19th) to ensure completion of registration details. Registration packets will be given to each skipper.

Sailing instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available during Registration periods on Friday, September 18th, and Saturday, the 19th. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Joe Wheeler State Park Pavilion in front of the Marina Store by 1100 on Saturday and 0830 on Sunday. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the Official Notice Board for any amendments or other notices.

Racing

The regatta will consist of as many as five races. In the extreme case, a single race shall constitute the series.

Courses

Courses will be Modified Olympic, windward-leeward or variations or combinations thereof and will be described in the sailing instructions.

Schedule of events

Friday, September 18

1700 - 1900: Registration at WYC clubhouse located above Joe Wheeler State Park Marina Store

1900: Welcome Social and Cookout at Pavilion in front of Marina Store (with cash bar)

Saturday, September 19

0800 - 0900: Continental breakfast, including coffee, juice and pastries available at Pavilion

0800 - 1000: Registration at the Pavilion

1030: Skipper's Meeting at the Pavilion

1200: Warning Signal for First Race; subsequent race(s) to follow

1800: Dinner & Blowout Party on 700 Dock (BYOB; directions to be posted at Pavilion)

Sunday, September 20

0930: Warning Signal for Racing; subsequent race(s) to follow, if necessary. No race will be started after 1200.

TVCC awards presentation will occur at the Pavilion as soon as possible after the last race on Sunday.

Scoring

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

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 be a cruiser from either the spinnaker or non-spinnaker class. The club with the lowest sum of scores over the two-day event is the winner of the TVCC 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.

The high point scoring system is as follows: A boat's score is the total number of boats in the race plus 1, minus the number of positions out of first it finished. For example, in a race of 6 boats, first place would receive 7 points, second place 6 points, etc. A DNF, receives 1 point. If a boat did not race, it would receive 0 points. Ties are handled in the same manner as low point; the scores are just reversed.



Disclaimer of liability

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

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 also be three individual trophies (first, second, and third places) for each fleet.

Launching, Hauling and Berthing

Joe Wheeler State Park has launch ramps with floating finger piers and launch depth adequate for any type of boat that has previously sailed in the TVCC Regatta and a large nearby parking area that is free of overhead obstructions. Boats may remain overnight in the parking lot next to the launch area. Joe Wheeler State Park also has transient docks available in front of the Joe Wheeler State Park Lodge. For those staying overnight in a transient slip, these slips are without power and will be available at no charge. If power is required, there is a fee.

Meal package for crew (Skipper's meals are included with entry fee)

- Friday evening: Cookout at the Pavilion in front of the Joe Wheeler State Park Marina Store (cash bar available)
- Saturday morning: Continental breakfast will be provided at the Pavilion. No Sunday breakfast.
- Saturday evening: Dinner and WYC-hosted Blowout party on 700 Dock (BYOB)
- Saturday/Sunday lunches are not furnished; please bring your own (BYO). Food may be purchased in Rogersville (i.e. Subway, BBQ, etc.)

Lodging

20 rooms have been reserved for TVCC participants for Saturday night at \$77 per room (if booked 30 days prior to the TVCC). Ask for rooms blocked for Tennessee Valley Challenge Cup. If room needed for Friday night, the \$77 price will be honored (if booked 30 days prior). Within 30 days of TVCC, rooms are \$85.

Additional Lodging Options

Rogersville:

- Economy Inn, 15936 US-72, Rogersville, AL 35652 256-247-5418

East of Rogersville:

- Super 8 Athens, 1325 Hwy 72 East, Athens, AL 35611 256-233-1446
- Best Western Athens Inn, 1329 US Hwy 72 E, Athens, AL 35611 256-233-4030
- Fairfield Inn & Suites Athens I-65, 21282 Athens-Limestone Ln, Athens, AL 35613 256-233-4530
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites – Athens, 16074 Athens-Limestone Blvd, Athens, AL 35613 256-232-7931

West of Rogersville:

- Super 8 Florence, 101 Florence Blvd. Killen, AL 35645 256-757-2167
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Florence, 180 Etta Gray Street, Florence, AL 35630 256-246-2200
- Baymont Inn & Suites Florence/Muscle Shoals, 115 Ana Dr, Florence, AL 35630 888-884-0835
- Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa, 10 Hightower Pl, Florence, AL 35630 256-246-3600

Directions to Joe Wheeler State Park & Marina

In addition the park's website (provided below), Google and MapQuest are the easiest and most accurate ways to get directions.

Joe Wheeler State Park Lodge, 256-247-5461 or 1-800-544-JOEW (5639)

Website: <http://www.alapark.com/joe-wheeler-state-park>

Contact Information

<http://www.wheeleryachtclub.com/contactwyc.html>

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