



NOTICE OF RACE

Iron Skillet Regatta

September 19, 2009



1. **INVITATION** - Harbor Island Yacht Club cordially invites you and your crew to attend the *Iron Skillet Regatta* on Old Hickory Lake in Old Hickory, TN. to be held Saturday, September 19, 2009.
2. **HISTORY** – The Iron Skillet Regatta was established on the questionable premise that a winning skipper can be a winning chief. Each year, the winning skipper and crew are given an "Iron Skillet" trophy to be used to prepare a dinner the following year for all regatta participants. The winner also serves as regatta chairman the following year. While the cooking results may not always rank in the Betty Caldwell's top ten for culinary excellence, recent winners have spared little effort in making up with quantity and quality for that which may be lacking in elegance.
3. **RULES**
 - 3.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - 3.2. Changes to the following RRS sections will be made for this regatta: 29.1 (Individual Recall), 32.2 (Shortening of Course after the Start), 35 (Time Limit and Scores), 42.3(h) (Propulsion-Exceptions), 62.1(a) (Redress), A2 (Series Scores), A4.1 and A4.2 (Low Point Scoring System), A11 (Scoring Abbreviations), Race Signal AP (Postponement).
 - 3.3. The course, set on Old Hickory Lake, may intersect the navigational channel. Commercial traffic (barges) and deep-draft craft in the channel have right-of-way over sailboats and must be treated with utmost respect. **When a boat sailing under these rules meets a vessel that is not, the rules of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) are replaced by the [Inland Navigation Rules](#). Any boat impeding the passage of a right-of-way vessel is subject to protest by the race committee or the protest committee.**
 - 3.4. **When a boat is becalmed or otherwise unable to sail out of the channel before an approaching barge is half a mile distant, she may use its engine or any other method to clear the channel provided the boat does not thereby gain a significant advantage in the race. This changes RRS 42.3(h).**
4. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration. A draft may available at www.hiyc.org.
5. **CLASSES** - The following classes are anticipated for this event.
 - 5.1. Light handicap class: displacement below 5500 and PHRF of 185 or less.
 - 5.2. Heavy handicap class A: displacement above 5500, PHRF ratings of 150 or less.
 - 5.3. Heavy handicap class B: displacement above 5500, PHRF ratings greater than 150 or displacement below 5500 and PHRF greater than 185.
 - 5.4. The Regatta Committee may combine or split classes at its sole discretion.
6. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 6.1. The regatta will be open to all cruiser or racer/cruiser boats properly registered with HIYC. Participants may enter the race by completing registration at the table in the HIYC clubhouse before the skippers' meeting.
 - 6.2. Each boat sailing in a handicap class must have an established PHRF rating that has been assigned by the HIYC-PHRF Committee. If your boat is not listed on the HIYC Ratings List, please submit a HIYC Rating Application prior to the regatta. To obtain a PHRF rating, please contact Paul Latour, PHRF Chairman, at (615) 336-7900 or email: paullat@comcast.net
7. **FEES** - The Regatta registration fee is \$25.00

8. SCHEDULE

8.1. SATURDAY September 19, 2009

09:00 am: Registration, Coffee and Donuts

10:00 am: Skippers' Meeting

11:00 am: Warning Signal for the first start

Approximately 3:30 pm: Trophy Presentation

9. **LAUNCHING & ACCESS** - Launching, docking and hauling may be done at Harbor Island Yacht Club free of charge. Access to the club is through a security gate. Non-HIYC members may scroll down to and dial CLUB on the gate control panel and ask that it be opened.

10. RACING

10.1. The racing will consist of a distance river course for all classes.

10.2. One race will constitute a series.

10.3. No races will be started in less than three (3) knots of sustained wind as determined by the Race Committee.

10.4. A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.

11. THE SITE, RACING AREA AND COURSE

11.1. [Harbor Island Yacht Club](#) will be the site of all shore-side activities.

11.2. The racing area and course course will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

12. **ON-THE-WATER COMMUNICATIONS** – VHF radio channel 68 will be used by the Race Committee for warnings and communications to the competitors while on the water.

13. SCORING

13.1. Wind dependent HIYC-PHRF handicaps and Time-on-Time adjustment factors will be used for handicap classes. Time Correction Formula (TCF) = $700/(f+PHRF)$ where $f = 650$ for light air, 550 for moderate air, and 450 for heavy air as assessed by the Race Committee.

13.2. A boat that did not finish within the required time and that was still racing when the time limit expired, will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats in the class that finished the race. The scoring abbreviation for such boats will be TLX (did not finish due to time limit expiring). This changes RRS 35, A4.2 and A11.

13.3. A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS and OCS), did not finish (DNF), or retires after starting (RAF) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to one more than the number of boats in the class that entered the regatta. This changes RRS A4.2.

13.4. A boat that was disqualified (BFD, DSQ, DNE and DGM) will be scored points for the finishing place equal to two more than the number of boats in the class that entered the regatta. This changes RRS A4.2.

13.5. All other boats will be scored in accordance with RRS A4.1 and A4.2.

14. **PRIZES** - Trophies will be awarded for all classes to the top three (3) finishers.

15. **WAIVER** - Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Competitors agree that the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. As an inducement to the race organizers to produce the regatta, each competitor agrees that by participating in this event each competitor is deemed to have waived all claims against and released the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law and is deemed to have warranted that he has obtained this same release of the race organizers by each crew member.

16. **INSURANCE** - Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

17. **FURTHER INFORMATION** - For further information please contact Jim Waller 615-385-0011, Steve Vague 615-754-5652, or Chuck Koneski at 615-826-4944.