



NOTICE OF RACE

The McDougal

Cruiser Regatta - 2009

1. **INVITATION** - Harbor Island Yacht Club cordially invites you and your crew to attend the *McDougal Cruiser Regatta*, October 10th, and 11th on Old Hickory Lake in Old Hickory, TN.
2. **RULES**
 - 2.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
 - 2.2. Changes to the following RRS sections will be made for this regatta: 29.1 (Individual Recall), 32.2 (Shortening of Course after the Start), 33(a) (Changing the Next Leg of the Course), 35 (Time Limit and Scores), 42.3(h) (Propulsion-Exceptions), 44.2 (Two-Turns Penalty), 61.1(a) (Informing the Protestee), 62.1(a) (Redress), A2 (Series Scores), A4.1 (Low Point Scoring System), A8.2 (Scoring – Series Ties), A11 (Scoring Abbreviations), Race Signal AP (Postponement).
3. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** - The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration. A draft is available at www.hiyc.org.
4. **CLASSES** - The following classes are anticipated for this event.
 - 4.1. Light handicap class: displacement below 5500 and PHRF of 185 or less.
 - 4.2. Heavy handicap class A: displacement above 5500, PHRF ratings of 150 or less.
 - 4.3. Heavy handicap class B: displacement above 5500, PHRF ratings greater than 150 or displacement below 5500 and PHRF greater than 185.
 - 4.4. The Regatta Committee may combine or split classes at its sole discretion.
5. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**
 - 5.1. 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.
 - 5.2. 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 at (615) 771-1195 or email: paullat@comcast.net.
6. **FEES** - The Regatta registration fee is \$25.00
7. **SCHEDULE**
 - 7.1. **SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2009**
 - 8:00 am: Registration, Coffee and Donuts
 - 9:30 am: Skippers' Meeting
 - 10:55 am: Warning Signal for First Distance Race
 - 7.2. **SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 2009**
 - 8:00 am: Coffee and Donuts
 - 10:00 am: Warning Signal for First Distance Race
 - 2:30 pm: Trophy Presentation
8. **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.
9. **RACING**
 - 9.1. The racing will consist of river distance courses for all classes.
 - 9.2. One race will constitute a series.
 - 9.3. No races will be started in less than three (3) knots of sustained wind as determined by the Race Committee.
 - 9.4. No races will be started after 1:30 on Sunday.

9.5. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.

10. THE SITE, RACING AREA AND COURSE

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

10.2. The racing area is between mile Cumberland River 216.5 and mile 227 on [Old Hickory Lake](#). The Distance Course will begin at a starting line between mile 220 and mile 225. The course will be further described in the Sailing Instructions.

10.3. 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.**

10.4. When a boat is becalmed in or otherwise unable to sail out of the channel before an approaching barge is half a mile distant, it 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).

11. **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.

12. SCORING

12.1. Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races.

12.2. 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.

12.3. A boat that did not finish within the required time after the first boat in her class finished 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 A4.2 and A11.

12.4. A boat that did not start (DNC, DNS and OCS), did not finish (DNF) for any reason other than (TLX), or retires after finishing (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.

12.5. 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.

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

12.7. If a tie still remains after applying the series tie breaking procedure of RRS A8.1, the tie will be broken in favor of the boat with the lowest sum of corrected times of all races. This changes RRS A8.2.

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

14. **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.

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

16. **FURTHER INFORMATION** - For further information please contact JB Copeland at 615-948-1678 or send email to HIYCSEC08@aol.com.