

PCYC Birthday Regatta & GYA J/22 & Lightning Class Championships

Organizing Authority: Pass Christian Yacht Club

Dates: August 15th & 16th, 2026

Location: Pass Christian, MS - USA

Notice of Race

Amended July 28, 2026

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation '[DP]' at the beginning of a rule means it is subject to a discretionary penalty.

1 RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and the J/22 & Melges 15 Class Rules.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the regatta website on the day of the event.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at: <https://passchristianyachtclub.org/regatta/IGYbQKXZdY>

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16 & 68.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the J/22, Lightning, Optimist, & Melges 15 one-design classes. There will also be a PHRF ORR-Ez Handicap Class.

4.2 The PHRF Handicap Class is open to all boats with valid ORR-Ez certificates.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at:

<https://passchristianyachtclub.org/regatta/IGYbQKXZdY>

5 FEES

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

Classes	Entry Fee	Fee after July 25th
J/22, Melges 15, & PHRF	\$75	\$85
Optimist	\$35	35

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration, Check-In, & Skipper's Meeting:

Date	From	To
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August 15	9:00 am	10:45 am
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6.2 Breakfast is at 8:30 am each day.

6.3 Skipper's Meeting at 11:00 am.

6.4 Dates and start times:

Date	One-Design	PHRF
August 15	1:00 pm	12:30 pm
August 16	11:00 am	10:30 am

6.5 Number of races:

Class	Number of Races
One-Design	8
PHRF	2

6.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 2:00 pm.

7 COURSES

7.1 The courses to be sailed will be as follows: The One-Design Classes will sail Windward-Leewards, and the PHRF Handicap Class will sail a staggered-start distance race.

7.2 The marks that may be used are as follows: The One-Design classes will use inflatable tetrahedrons, and the PHRF Handicap Class will use fixed government marks.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9 SCORING

9.1 The low-point scoring system shall be used.

9.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. If 5 or more races are scored, a boat may discard its worst finish (one throw-out).

10 RISK STATEMENT

10.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

11 PRIZES

11.1 The number of prizes per class will be determined by the number of registrants in each class.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

12.1 For further information, please contact:

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