



Notice of Race
2026 HIYC McDougall Fall Dinghy Series
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1. INVITATION: Harbor Island Yacht Club cordially invites you to attend the HIYC McDougall Fall Dinghy Series held on Sundays, September 28th, October 5th, October 12th, and Saturday/Sunday October 24th-25th on Old Hickory Lake in Old Hickory, TN.
2. CANCELLATIONS: The Race Committee Chairman or Designee may cancel racing at their discretion due to inclement weather or lack of wind.
 - a. COMMUNICATION: In case of cancellation, an announcement will be made by 20:00 the preceding night via the What's App group (see invite link below). Cancelled races will not be made up.
3. RULES: The series will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing. Any changes to the rules are indicated in **bold** in this document.
 - a. When a boat sailing under these rules meets any vessel that is not, the rules of **RRS Part 2** (When Boats Meet) are replaced by the [Inland Navigation Rules](#). Any boat failing to *give-way* to a *stand-on* vessel is subject to protest by the Race Committee.
4. ONE-DESIGN CLASSES: Laser / ILCA, Lightning, Vanguard 15, Y-Flyer, and RS Feva.
5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY: The series is open to HIYC members and non-members. Registration is available online at <https://hiyc.org/racing>.
 - a. FEES: \$30 per boat for the entire series, except for the RS Feva class which is free.
6. LAUNCHING, ACCESS, AND STORAGE: Launching may be done at Harbor Island Yacht Club free of charge. Non-HIYC members should contact racing@hiyc.org for the gate code. Competitors may store their boats at the club through the months of September and October. Boat dollies or trailers must have the owner's name and phone number on them.
7. SCHEDULE: Races are typically short, lasting about 20 minutes, with a day of racing averaging around 6 races. One race is sufficient to constitute a series.
 - a. No race may be started after **16:00**
 - b. Sunday September 28th: First warning signal at **13:00**
 - c. Sunday October 5th: First warning signal at **13:00**
 - d. Sunday October 12th: First warning signal at **13:00**
 - e. *Saturday October 24th: First warning signal at **11:25!***
 - f. Sunday October 25th: First warning signal at **13:00**
8. SCORING:
 - a. Each boat's total score for the series will be the sum of her scores for all races in the series, excluding the worst 20% of her scores. This changes **RRS A2.1**.

- b. A skipper may volunteer for Race Committee for up to two of the days of racing and receive the average of his or her other scores for the races on that day. This average is calculated after any throwouts are applied.
 - c. **RRS A5.3** applies. (Boats that check in at the starting area for the day but do not start, do not finish, or retire from races will be scored as one point more than the number of boats that checked in for the day, rather than the number registered for the series.)
 - d. **RRS A5.3** is modified such that a boat that was disqualified will be scored points for the finishing place equal to two more than the number of boats that reported to the starting area on that day, or one more than the number registered for the series if all registered boats participate that day.
 - e. A boat that fails to start within 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored as DNS. This adds onto **RRS A5.1**.
9. **PRIZES:** Trophies will be awarded to the top finishers in each class at the conclusion of the series. The particular number of trophies depends on the number of registered boats.
10. **WAIVER:** Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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 they have obtained this same release of the race organizers by each crew member.
11. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** Please email racing@hiyc.org