



**2026**  
**J/24, J/22,**  
**AND, J-BOAT PHRF**  
**Privateer Bluegrass Regatta**  
**“PBR”**



**September 11-13, 2026**

Organizing Authority (OA): Privateer Yacht Club, Hixson, TN

**NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)**

*The notation ‘[DP]’ in this notice of race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation ‘[NP]’ in a rule of the NoR means that a boat may not protest another boat or request redress for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 60.1(b).*

*All times are US Eastern Time.*

**1 RULES**

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024. 1.2 The Regatta Regulations of the International J/24 Class Association (IJCA), shall apply to the J/24 class and are available at <http://www.j24class.org/rules-regulations/class-rules>. The Regatta Regulations of the International J/22 Class Association (ICA) shall apply to the J/22 class and are available at <http://j22.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/J22-Class-Rules-2022.pdf>

1.3 The prescriptions of US Sailing that apply are stated in English in NoR Addendum A.

1.4 J/24 Class rules changes (as permitted by the IJCA Class Rules (CR), Section J):

- (a) Crew substitution allowed.
- (b) Boats are allowed to carry a spare class spinnaker.
- (c) Measurement certificates are not required
- (d) No weigh-Ins

1.5 J/22 Class rule changes:

- (a) Competitors will not be required to comply with CR C.2.1.a (Total Crew Weight).

1.10 Video and still camera equipment, and race tracking equipment (e.g., GPS) will be allowed for this event.

**2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1 The sailing instructions (SIs) will be available online by 1800 on September 11 on the notice board.

**3 COMMUNICATION**

3.1 The official notice board is online and located at <https://www.privateeryachtclub.org>

3.2 Boats may carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on public US VHF channels. 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.

3.3 J/24s and J/22s- From the time a boat leaves her mooring for the first race of the day until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

3.4 A representative of each boat shall have a mobile telephone capable of transmitting and receiving telephone calls and text messages while at the venue. In addition, the OA, race committee, and protest committee (*and technical committee*) may use email to communicate with competitors before the event, and while boats are in the harbor.

**4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1 The event is open to all J/24 & J/22 and other J-Boat Class boats as defined by the IJCA class rules, and that qualify as

4.2 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://privateeryachtclub.org/regatta/nPGqxMUcXH>

4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration (online) and check-in (on-site) requirements and pay all entry fees no later than 1800 on September 9. After that time, late entries may be accepted subject to an additional late

fee.

4.4 Entry is not complete until all requirements of eligibility, fees, and registration have been satisfactorily completed.

## 5 FEES

5.1 The required entry fee is \$125.00. Boats entering after September 5 will be required to pay a late fee of \$35.

5.2 Fee includes storage/mooring while at the event, racing, scheduled social functions for all crew, and prizes.

5.3 Additional individual social function tickets or passes may be purchased at registration for an additional fee.

5.4 Refunds may be requested via email at mlyle2.0@gmail.com. Refunds less a \$US 25 processing fee will be granted for requests received by September 5.

## 6 SCHEDULE

| Day       | Date         | Time                               | Event/Activity                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------|--------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday | September 9  | 2359                               | Last day to electronically submit documents specified in NoR 8.1.                                                                                                      |
| Friday    | September 11 | 1200                               | PYC Open for Out of Town Competitors                                                                                                                                   |
| Saturday  | September 12 | 0800 -1100<br>1100<br>1255<br>1830 | Registration/Launching/Equipment<br>Competitors Meeting<br>Warning for the first race of the day (All Fleets)<br>Dinner and Regatta Party - Included                   |
| Sunday    | September 13 | 0800 – 0830<br>1000<br>1300<br>TBD | Substitute Crew Check-In*<br>Warning for the first race of the day (All Fleets) No<br>No warning signal after this time<br>Awards ceremony and refreshments following. |

6.1 The Race Committee will attempt 4 races on Saturday and 3 on Sunday, however this may be changed by the Race Committee based on the weather conditions.

## 7 REGISTRATION & INSPECTION

7.1 Boats will be subject to inspection at any time and for any class rules during the event.

## 8 CREW

8.1 All competitors shall sign a Competitor Liability Waiver form via the online registration system by the end of check-in.

8.2 There will be no crew weigh-in for either class.

## 9 VENUE

9.1 The race headquarters will be Privateer Yacht Club, 4713 Privateer Rd, Hixson, TN.

9.2 Racing will take place on the waters of Chickamauga Lake near Hixson, TN.

## 10 COURSES

10.1 The courses to be sailed will be windward/leeward as determined by the PRO, weather mark, offset, and leeward gate. Details will be included in the SIs.

## 11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS 44 is modified as follows:

(a) The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are replaced with: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns

Penalty.”

(b) When a boat intends to take a penalty for an incident that occurred in the zone of the windward mark that is not a finishing mark, or that occurred between the windward mark and the offset mark, she may delay taking the penalty until after passing the offset mark. This changes RRS 44.2.

11.2 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, may apply as modified by the SIs.

11.3 The technical committee, if there is one, may not protest a boat under RRS 41, 42, 44, 46, and 49.2 sentences 1 and 2. This changes In RRS 60.4.

## **12 SCORING**

12.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a championship.

12.2 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

## **13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS – J/24s and J/24s ONLY**

13.1 Boats shall be afloat by 1200 on September 11 and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except in accordance with the prior written permission and terms of the race committee. This restriction includes rudders, which must be in normal sailing position on the transom.

## **14 DIVING EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC POOLS, AND OTHER IN-WATER RESTRICTIONS**

14.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used between the time the boat is afloat and the end of the regatta. The hull may be cleaned at any time by swimming or keelhauling using ropes, cloth or other equipment designed for that use.

14.2 Careening by any means for the purpose of cleaning or inspecting the hull is prohibited during the regatta.

## **15 RISK STATEMENT**

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, SSA, and/or personnel supporting this regatta will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the regatta.

15.2 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.**

## **16 INSURANCE**

16.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US\$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

## **17 PRIZES**

17.1 The top entry in each class will be the J/24, J/22, and J-Boat PHRF PBR Champion of their respective classes.

17.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries in the J/24, J/22, and J-Boat PHRF classes.

17.4 Additional prizes may be given at the discretion of the class and the OA.

## **18 FURTHER INFORMATION**

18.1 For further information, please contact:

(a) J/24 Regatta Contact: Matt Lyle, (931) 206-0321, [mlyle2.0@gmail.com](mailto:mlyle2.0@gmail.com)

(b) J/22 Regatta Contact: Steve Sherman, (423) 432-6501, [steve40401@gmail.com](mailto:steve40401@gmail.com)

(c) J/Boat PHRF Contact: Andrew Postell, (678) 595-9215 [ampostell@gmail.com](mailto:ampostell@gmail.com)

## **NoR ADDENDUM A – Applicable US Sailing Prescriptions**

***After rule 60.3 add:***

*US Sailing prescribes that rule 60.3(b) is changed to:*

*(b) request redress for a boat or call a hearing to consider redress; or*

**After rule 67 add**

*US Sailing prescribes that:*

*(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages. (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*

*(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that it shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

**After rule 76.1 add**

*US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or Race Committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reasons of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.*