



Notice of Race
2026 HIYC Keelboat Series
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1. **INVITATION:** Harbor Island Yacht Club cordially invites you and your crew to attend the 2026 keelboat regattas at Harbor Island Yacht Club on Old Hickory Lake in Old Hickory, TN. The regattas will be scheduled as follows:
 - a. The Cully Cobb 50k on March 28th (make-up date June 6th)
 - b. The Konesky Great River Race on May 23rd (make-up date May 24th)
 - c. The Iron Skillet Regatta on September 19th (make-up date November 1st)
 - d. The Beesley 50k on October 10th (make-up date November 1st or 8th)
 - e. The Arnold Nye Regatta on October 31st (make-up date November 1st or 8th)
 - f. The Flotsam and Jetsam Regatta on December 5th (make-up date December 12th)
2. **CANCELLATIONS AND RESCHEDULING:** Regattas may be canceled due to inclement weather, lack of wind, or other extenuating circumstances, and will be made up on their scheduled make-up date. The regatta dates as published on the club website calendar at <https://hiyc.org/calendar> take precedence over this document.
3. **RULES:** The regattas are governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). Any changes to the rules are indicated in **bold** in this document.
 - a. **COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC AND OTHER TRAFFIC:** 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 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 or the protest committee.
4. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:** The regattas are open to any keelboat skippered by an HIYC member in good standing, or skippered by someone invited by a member.
 - a. **ENTRY:** Skippers must register online for each regatta at <https://hiyc.org/racing> prior to the start of the skippers meeting.
 - b. **FEES:** \$30 for each regatta. Fees are non-refundable except in extenuating circumstances.
 - c. **INSURANCE AND BOAT REGISTRATION:** Each participating boat must be insured with valid third-party liability insurance. Additionally, each boat must have up-to-date registration in accordance with Tennessee law. Proof of insurance and registration must be filed with the HIYC Board. (Boats kept at the club should already have insurance and registration on file).
 - d. **EQUIPMENT:** Competitors are required to have a VHF radio on board, in addition to standard safety equipment as required by Tennessee law.

- e. PHRF: Each boat sailing in a handicap class must have an established PHRF rating that has been assigned by the Race Committee. If you do not yet have a local PHRF rating, please email racing@hiyc.org.
5. CLASSES:
- a. Light handicap class: Smaller / lighter displacement boats. This class will typically race multiple shorter windward/leeward courses.
 - b. Heavy handicap class: Larger / heavier displacement boats (this combines the previous A and B classes). This class will typically race a single distance race.
 - c. S2 7.9 one-design class (except for the Iron Skillet regatta)
 - d. Melges 24 one-design class
 - e. The Race Committee may combine or split classes, or assign specific boats to different classes, at its sole discretion. This is likely in the case of less than 3 boats registered in a given class.
6. SCHEDULE:
- a. Daily schedule of each regatta, except for the Cully Cob 50k and Beesley 50k:
 - i. Donuts and coffee provided before the skippers meeting.
 - ii. Skippers meeting: **10:00**
 - iii. Warning signal for the first race: **11:25**
 - iv. Multiple buoy races are planned for the Light, S2 7.9, and Melges 24 fleets. A single distance race is planned for the Heavy fleet.
 - b. For the Cully Cob 50k and Beesley 50k:
 - i. Donuts and coffee provided before the skippers meeting.
 - ii. Skippers meeting: **9:15**
 - iii. Warning signal for the race: **10:25**
 - iv. There will be one long distance race, taking 3 to 6 hours.
 - c. No race may be started after **15:30**.
 - d. No race will be started in less than 3 knots of wind, as determined by the Race Committee.
7. REGATTA SCORING and AWARDS: Handicap classes will be scored based on Time-on-Time PHRF corrected times. The "B Factor" in the PHRF equation will be dependent on the wind conditions as assessed by the Race Committee, and will be 600 for light air, 550 for most conditions, and 480 for heavy air.
- a. If a regatta has more than one race, all races will be scored with no throwouts. This changes **RRS A2.1**.
 - b. Trophies will be awarded for the 1st place finishers in each class.
 - c. Additional awards for the Cully Cob 50k and Beesley 50k:
 - i. Line honors (lowest elapsed time) among all competitors
 - ii. Overall winner (lowest corrected time) among all competitors
8. SERIES SCORING and AWARDS: The regatta series will be scored by adding up the eligible boats' placements in each individual regatta.

- a. If a regatta has multiple races, it is the total placement in the regatta that contributes to a boat's series total.
 - b. For up to two regattas that a skipper volunteers to help with Race Committee, the skipper's boat will receive the average of her regatta placements. This average is calculated after any throwouts are applied.
 - c. A boat's worst placement for one regatta will be thrown out.
 - d. Trophies will be awarded to the top several finishers in each class at the Change of Watch meeting on the first Sunday of January.
9. 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.
10. FURTHER INFORMATION: Please email racing@hiyc.org