



Notice of Race
2012 Spring PHRF & Poker Run Series
And Firecracker Cup
Series Coordinator: Tim Buss Coordinator

Special Information:

This is a PHRF series of six races of approximately three hours each on seven race days with awards. A Poker Run format is also included with awards.

Rules:

The regatta is governed by the USSA RACING RULES OF SAILING for 2009-2012, USSA Prescriptions, individual class rules, Augusta Sailing Club PHRF Class rules, and Sailing Instructions.

Eligibility:

This is a PHRF regatta by invitation of the Augusta Sailing Club at Strom Thurmond Lake at Clarks Hill. Boats must have a current ASC PHRF Certificate and comply with the ASC PHRF rules.

Entry:

Entry will be allowed at any time up until the start of a race on any race day. A completed entry form and entry fee shall be submitted as part of the registration. Payment is required at the time of entry, by cash or check, or by signature on the entry form authorizing the Club to charge the fee on the member's quarterly bill.

Classes:

One fleet including Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker boats.

Fees:

Entry fee for the Series is \$50 per boat including the Firecracker Cup. Entry fee for the Firecracker Cup only is \$15. Members of US Sailing will be given a \$5 discount.

Schedule:

A Skippers Meeting will be held 10:30 AM at ASC on each race day to set the course. The starting sequence will begin at 12:00 noon each race day.

Race Days:

April 7, 2012

April 14, 2012

April 21, 2012

April 28, 2012

May 5, 2012

May 19, 2012 – Firecracker Cup

May 20, 2012 – Firecracker Cup

Course:

The PRO and Skippers will set the course at the Skippers meeting 90 minutes prior to the start of the race. Start time for each race is 12 noon. One race per race day. The starting line and finish line will be a straight line from the end of F dock to the No Wake Buoy near the beach North of F dock. The course length will be established using the PHRF rating of the slowest boat represented at the meeting. The slowest boat's PHRF rating will be applied to the forecasted wind speed in order to set up a course that will theoretically take three hours for the slowest boat to sail. The forecasted wind speed used will be the average of the three hour race period as published in the hourly forecast on Weatherbug.com. The course will be plotted on a chart of the lake using government buoys for marks. The race course will be established by majority vote of the Skippers but the PRO will establish a course if the Skippers are unable to reach a timely agreement.

Scoring:

Scoring of each race will be based on corrected times. Corrected times will be calculated with the "Time-on-Time" method using certificated PHRF ratings.

Each race day of the Series will be scored using the low point system. Boats that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired after starting or were disqualified, or did not come to the starting area at all during that day will be scored in accordance with Rule A9 "Race Scores in a Series Lasting Longer Than A Regatta." Series scoring shall include all of the daily regatta scores excluding each boat's two (2) worst daily scores. Trophies will be awarded.

Finish place will be determined by the order of boats crossing the finish line however the position on the course will determine finish place when 3 hours has elapsed. Skippers are responsible for reporting their order of finish or position on the course to the PRO.

Races held May 19 & 20, 2012 will be scored as part of the Series and as a separate event, the Firecracker Cup.

The Firecracker Cup will be scored using the low point system and standard regatta scoring as provided in the Racing Rules of Sailing with no races excluded. Trophies will be awarded.

One (1) race on each of three (3) separate days will constitute a regatta for the Series. One (1) race will constitute a regatta for the Firecracker Cup.

Poker Run:

One card will be drawn for each race team participating on a race day by the PRO at the end of racing. This will be recorded on the poker score sheet. The race teams will receive cards for the Firecracker Cup and the winner will be the five best cards out of 7 possible cards. All cards to be drawn from one deck of cards unless more than 7 boats are in the fleet then two decks will be used for that fleet. If a duplicate card is drawn with a two deck system the card will be buried and the top card of the remaining deck will be the next card for that team.

Support Boats:

A Safety boat will not be on the water for this event.

Radio Communication:

All boats are asked to monitor the radio on channel 72.

For more information or to help with race committee please contact Series Coordinator Tim Buss.