



NOTICE OF RACE
2026 Singing River Regatta
May 2-3, 2024
Muscle Shoals Sailing Club
Killen, AL

The Cherokees who lived in the northwestern corner of Alabama called the river that flowed through their territory “Unashay” — the “Singing River”.

The Singing River is calling! The Muscle Shoals Sailing Club and Arrowhead Thistle Fleet 114 invite you to enjoy the best sailing venue in the South Atlantic District, gorgeous sunsets, food, fellowship, and Muscle Shoals hospitality at the Singing River Regatta.

The organizing authorities for this event are the Thistle Class Association, Thistle Fleet 114, and the Muscle Shoals Sailing Club.

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest or request redress by boat and for which the Protest Committee may refuse to hold a hearing. *(This changes RRS 60.1m 61.1 (a), and 63.2 (a)).*

1. RULES

1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS [NP]

2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available by email to registered participants no later than Thursday, April 30. A hard copy will be posted on the official notice board and on Next Sailor.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. [NP] Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board located on Next Sailor. An unofficial notice board may be located on the clubhouse pavilion.

3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio, including courtesy broadcasts. The channel will be announced at the competitors meeting and will be included in the sailing instructions.

3.3. From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or to inform race committee that a boat is retiring before finishing, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1. The event is open to Thistle class boats registered with the Thistle Class Association (TCA). Skippers must be an Active member of the TCA.

4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration at <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/SingingRiver>

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry Fee: \$45 per boat. Entry fee is free for skippers 25 years of age and under.
- 5.2. Pay by credit card on Next Sailor, or pay at the event by Zelle at mssctreasurer1961@gmail.com, by Venmo at Thomas-Glenn-40, or if you have to go old school, make checks payable to MSSC.

6. SCHEDULE - Note that MSSC is in the Central Time Zone.

- 6.1. Registration and Check In - 0900-1100 Saturday May 2 at the clubhouse.
- 6.2. Competitors Meeting - 1100 Saturday May 2 on the pavilion.
- 6.3. Racing
 - Saturday May 2 – First warning signal at 1300. Additional races to follow.
 - Sunday May 3 – First warning signal at 0930. Additional races to follow.
- 6.4. On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 1230.

7. VENUE

- 7.1. Racing will be in the vicinity of Muscle Shoals Sailing Club on Wilson Lake.

8. COURSES

- 8.1. The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward, or in optimal conditions, windward-leeward-triangle, and will be described in the sailing instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1. Appendix V will apply.

10. SCORING

- 10.1. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with no races excluded.

11. RISK STATEMENT

- 11.1. 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.

12. INSURANCE

- 12.1. It is recommended that each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

13. PRIZES

- 13.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 boats.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. ADDITIONAL ENTRY FEES

- 1.1. Breakfast: Continental breakfast will be available Sunday morning.
- 1.2. Lunches: Saturday and Sunday lunches will be available for \$15 for both days.
- 1.3. Dinner: Saturday Dinner will be \$15.

2. ONSHORE ACTIVITIES

Date	Time	Activity
Friday, May 2	All Day	Club is open for early arrivals
Saturday, May 3	1800	Dinner
Sunday, May 4	0730	Continental breakfast
Sunday, May 4	After Racing	Awards Ceremony

3. LODGING

Camping is available on the club grounds. Other lodging options include the campground and lodge at Joe Wheeler State Park, Rogersville (approximately 20 minutes from MSSC). For reservations call 800-ALA-PARK or go to <http://www.alapark.com/>.

Other lodging options are available in Rogersville and Florence.

4. DIRECTIONS

1340 County Road 411, Killen, AL. From US 72 west of Elgin/east of Killen, take County Road 33 south to County Road 411. Turn right, MSSC is at the dead end.