



NOTICE OF RACE
Big Muscle Shoals Regatta
May 23-24, 2025
Muscle Shoals Sailing Club
Killen, AL

1. RULES

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

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Sailing Instructions will be available on Next Sailor by Thursday, May 21.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1. The official notice board is located on Next Sailor.

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.

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 all sailboats.

4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online registration at (insert registration link here – probably google forms, or whatever the event coordinator would like to do)

5. CLASSES

Five boats are required to constitute a class. Anticipated classes are Keelboat, Dinghy, and multi-hull.

6. FEES

6.1. Entry Fee: \$20 per boat.

6.2 Register at <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/BMS>. You can pay by card or pay at the regatta.

7. SCHEDULE

Note that MSSC is in the Central Time Zone.

6.1 Registration and Check In - 0900-1100 Saturday May 23 at the clubhouse

6.2 Competitors Meeting - 1100 Saturday May 23 on the pavilion

6.3 Racing

Saturday May 23 – First warning signal at 1300. Additional races to follow.

Sunday May 24 – 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.

8. VENUE

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

9. COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Olympic or windward-leeward or variations thereof and will be announced at the competitors meeting. See sample course diagram below.

10. SCORING

The low-point scoring system, RRS A2, shall apply with the following additions.

9.1. 5 races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute an event.

9.2. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, with no scores excluded.

11. RISK STATEMENT

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

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

13. PRIZES

Prizes are commemorative glassware and will be awarded to the top three boats in each fleet.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

For additional information, please contact Tom Brown at tbrown7098@gmail.com or 256-214-4006.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. ADDITIONAL FEES

- 1.1. Breakfast: Continental breakfast will be available Sunday morning.
- 1.2. Lunches: Saturday is BYO (Bring Your Own). Sunday lunch will consist of leftovers, perhaps cook a few more burgers and dogs
- 1.3. Dinner: Saturday Dinner (\$10) will be burgers or some variation thereof with sides.

2. ONSHORE ACTIVITIES

Date	Time	Activity
Friday, May 22	Noon	Club is open for early arrivals
Saturday, May 23	1800	Dinner
Sunday, May 24	0730	Continental breakfast
Sunday, May 24	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.