

NOTICE OF RACE
Brown's Creek Sailing Association
52nd Great River Race
October 28-29, 2023
Lake Guntersville, Alabama



The Great River Race, now in its 52nd year, is one of the longest inland sailing races in the United States. The long course covers about 70 miles along the beautiful Tennessee River and Alabama Mountain Lakes area. The short course, depending on the prevailing conditions, covers about 17 miles.

The race shall be governed by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-24. The current Portsmouth Yardstick shall be employed to handicap this event with spinnaker and headsail adjustment factors. Handicaps will be based on Portsmouth base numbers.

There will be two courses, a Long Course (4 laps of course or 24 hours) and a Short Course (1 lap or 9 hours). The Long Course will have a keelboat spinnaker class and a keelboat non-spinnaker class. The Short Course will have a keelboat spinnaker class, a keelboat non-spinnaker class and a dinghy class. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd shall be given in each class. The time limit for the long course shall be 24 hours. The time limit for the short course shall be 9 hours. Course lengths may be adjusted at the discretion of the race committee. The decision to shorten the Long Course will be made at 0200 on Sunday, October 29. All Long Course boats must have at least 1 crewmember.

Registration will be open until 2000 Friday, October 27 but competitors are encouraged to register early.

By mail: BCSA Race Committee, Susan Moser 100 Browns Creek Rd. Guntersville, AL 35976.

- By email prior to the close of registration: mosersusans@gmail.com
- At the BCSA clubhouse from 1500 to 2000 Friday, October 27

Note that the skippers meeting is at 1900, Friday, October 27. Sailing Instructions will be available at the BCSA clubhouse until the close of registration. ***Note: Course Designation and Fleets formed may be altered due to the level of participation and entries. A minimum of 3 boats is required for the Long Course.**

Schedule of Events:

Friday, Oct 27	1500-	BCSA clubhouse opens for registration
	1800-	Attitude adjustment hour
	1830-	Dinner
	1900-	Skippers Meeting (and the Great River Race Oath)
	2000	Registration closes
Saturday, Oct 28	0855-	Warning signal for the race, all classes
	1800-	Time Limit for Short Course Race
Sunday, Oct 29-	0900-	Time limit for Long Course Race
	1100-	Awards Ceremony

52nd BCSA Great River Race Entry Form

Skipper/Owner _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Yacht type: _____ Yacht name _____ Sail # _____

- Course choice*:** LONG COURSE - Spinnaker []
LONG COURSE - Non- Spinnaker []
SHORT COURSE - Spinnaker []
SHORT COURSE - Non -Spinnaker []
SHORT COURSE - Dinghy []

Sail/rig declaration: Tall rig [] Largest headsail _____%

Entry fee: \$40 by 1700 on Friday, October 20, \$70 after early registration closes

\$ _____

(Entry fee includes race fee and one dinner)

Additional Dinners _____ @ \$10 per each \$ _____

Additional Commemorative T-Shirts _____ @ \$20 each \$ _____

Limited quantities so register early

Specify sizes/quantity Medium _____ Large _____ Extra large _____

Total enclosed. \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Brown's Creek Sailing Association and mail with this entry form to: BCSA Race Committee, Susan Moser 100 Browns Creek Rd. Guntersville, AL 35976. Payment may also be made on PayPal at Brownscreemembership@gmail.com. Please add \$5 processing fee and email the entry form to mosersusans@gmail.com

I hereby warrant that my yacht will be outfitted, equipped, and handled in accordance with the condition for the race, that she will have all required equipment aboard, that she will be seaworthy in hull, rig, and gear, and that she will be sufficiently manned.

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers, organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, Browns Creek Sailing Association, Northern Alabama Marina and its owners and employees, sponsors, or any other organization or official involved with the event

with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage.

I understand and hereby agree to abide by the Navigation Rules, International /Inland Rule 9(b) which states:” A VESSEL OF LESS THAN 20 METERS IN LENGTH OR A SAILING VESSEL SHALL NOT IMPEDE THE PASSAGE OF A VESSEL THAT CAN SAFELY NAVIGATE ONLY WITHIN A NARROW CHANNEL OR FAIRWAY.”

I affirm that my participation is voluntary and that any decision to start, continue, or withdraw from this event, at any time is solely my own.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2023

Owner, Charterer, or Skipper

THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU ADVISE YOUR INSURANCE UNDERWRITERS OF THE EXECUTION OF THIS DOCUMENT.

