

# 2011 HIYC Saturday Racing Instructions

## Starts & Handicaps

- The Saturday Races are pursuit starts. [Starting handicaps for all boats are listed here](#). Please contact Jim Waller [jimwaller@bellsouth.net] if your boat is not listed. There are two courses of different lengths so there are two different starting handicaps for each boat depending upon which course is to be sailed that day.
- The warning signal for Saturday Races is 9:55 AM. The starting sequence and signals are as follows:
  - 1) A three short horn warning signal at approximately 9:55 AM
  - 2) A single long horn start signal at approximately 10:00 AM.
  - Competitors should count down their starting handicaps from the single start horn signal at approximately 10:00 AM
- There are no formal Skippers' Meetings. Competitors should meet informally on land or on the water before the race to:
  1. Agree upon which course to sail
  2. Designate one competitor to sound the warning and starting horn signals.

## Courses - there are two courses – choose only one

- There is only **one Start/Finish line** – it's the **same for both courses**. The start/finish line is between the first set of red and green Corp of Engineers channel markers **southwest** of the HIYC harbor entrance (left out of the harbor entrance).
- The **North Course** runs from the start/finish line to the green channel marker just before and close to Lindsley Light (round to port) and back to finish.
- The **South Course** runs from the start/finish to the green channel marker opposite Drakes Creek (round to port) and back to finish.
- Starts are generally in a windward direction. That means using the **North Course** for most wind directions that are predominately North or East and the **South Course** for wind directions that are predominately South or West.
- The consensus of competitors will determine which single course to sail that day.
- [Course charts are available here](#):

## **Cancellation – there are no “official cancelations”**

- Check the wind forecast for 10:00 AM at:  
<http://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Old+Hickory&state=TN&site=OHX&textField1=36.2277&textField2=-86.6166&FcstType=digital> or any weather website with detailed hourly forecasts.
- Competitors will decide individually about their own participation.

**Spinnakers** are permitted and encouraged to support crew training and practice in a less intensive environment.

**River Barges** have absolute right of way. Please note and obey the HIYC policy statement about Commercial 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. Competitors are encouraged to monitor their VHF radio for warnings and communication with other vessels as it relates to these “right of way” vessels.**
- **When a boat sailing under these *rules* meets a vessel that is not, the *rules* of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) are replaced by the [Inland Navigation Rules](#). Any boat impeding the passage of a right-of-way vessel is subject to protest by the race committee or the protest committee.**
- **When a boat is becalmed or otherwise unable to sail out of the channel before an approaching barge is half a mile distant, she may use its engine or any other method to clear the channel provided the boat does not thereby gain a significant advantage in the race. This changes RRS 42.3(h).**

Use of auxiliary engines and/or “virtual” marks (rounding an unmarked location away from a conflicted course mark that is at least equidistant and not advantaged to the next mark) to avoid navigational channels and marks in the presence of river barges is required to eliminate even the impression of possible navigational impairment to barges. Competitors must avoid any actions that might incur any anxiety to river barge captains.