

2026 Great River Race

NOTICE OF RACE

Brown's Creek Sailing Association
Lake Guntersville, AL

October 23-25, 2026

Prepare for an unforgettable adventure on the water! The **Great River Race**, now in its 55th year, is one of the longest and most exciting inland sailing races in the United States. This event will challenge sailors as they navigate the beautiful waters of the Tennessee River and the Alabama Mountain Lakes region.

Courses and Classes

There are two courses available, each offering unique challenges and opportunities for sailors:

Long Course: This 70-mile, four-lap race is reserved exclusively for **keelboats** and has a time limit of **24 hours**. Any decision to shorten the Long Course will be made by 2:00 AM on Sunday, October 25.

Short Course: Depending on conditions, the 17-mile short course consists of one lap and includes both **keelboat** and **dinghy** classes. The time limit for the Short Course is **9 hours**.

Note: All Long Course boats must have at least two crew members.

Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be presented in each class. Course lengths and time limits may be adjusted at the discretion of the race committee.

Rules

The regatta will be governed by:

1. The current Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. Prescriptions of the US Sailing Association.
3. Navigation Rules for International/Inland Waterways.
4. The Notice of Race.
5. 2026 GRR Sailing Instructions.

Registration Details

Registration is now open! You can register online or in person:

Online: [Registration](#) till 8 PM Friday, October 23.

In-person: BCSA Clubhouse from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday, October 23.

Fees:

The registration fee for both the Long Course and Short Course is **\$50**, and each registration includes one meal.

Additional meals for Friday night dinner are available for all crew at **\$15** each.

Non-crew members may purchase meals at **\$20** each.

Don't wait until the last minute—register early to secure your spot in this exciting race!

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 23 (BCSA Clubhouse)

- 12:00 PM – Registration & Check-In
- 6:00 PM – Social and Dinner
- 7:00 PM – Skippers Meeting
- 8:00 PM – Registration Closes

Saturday, October 24 (Lake Guntersville)

- 8:55 AM – Warning Signal (All Classes)
- 6:00 PM – Short Course Time Limit

Sunday, October 25

- 9:00 AM – Long Course Time Limit
- 11:00 AM – Awards (BCSA Clubhouse)