



**43rd Annual Orange Peel Regatta  
March 17-19, 2017  
THE FLORIDA YACHT CLUB  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

We have many great activities planned beginning Friday afternoon with a clinic. Whether you've been racing Thistles for 30 minutes, or 30 years we plan to have valuable information on the latest go-fast techniques. There will be several class veterans on hand to share their knowledge. Following the clinic, there will be a welcome dinner on the Terrazzo Lawn by the pool. Racing will feature MWE style courses set by our top-notch Race Committee. Following Saturday night's dinner, there will be door prizes from our many sponsors. Lunch and awards will follow the morning races on Sunday.

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1. RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing, the current rules of the Thistle Class Association, the Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) and by the sailing instructions.

**2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:**

2.1 This regatta is open to any Registered and Dues Paid Thistle Class Dinghy.

2.2 Registration in advance can be completed on the website at: [www.orangepeelregatta.com](http://www.orangepeelregatta.com). Entry must be completed no later than March 10th, 2017. Entry forms received after this date will incur a late entry fee.

2.3 A waiver must be signed when paying for registration during Late Registration/Check-In.

**3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017**

Coach TCA Concentrate (Rig/Tuning in Boat Park)	1030
Late Registration/Check-In (Fleet Center)	1100-1200
Coach TCA Concentrate Classroom Session/Lunch (Fleet Center)	1200
Late Registration/Check-In (Fleet Center)	1500-1700
Dinner on Terrazzo Lawn	1800

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017**

Late Registration/Check in (Fleet Center)	0900-1030
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Skipper's Meeting (Fleet Center)	1100
Warning Signal Race # 1	1225
(Race #2 thru #3 to follow if time permitting)	
Cocktail Hour (Astor Room)	1830
Buffet Dinner (Grand Ballroom)	1930

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017**

Coffee and Doughnuts	0800
Warning Signal Race #4	0925
(Race #5 if time permitting. No race will start after 1200)	
Awards Presentation & Lunch (Fleet Center)	ASAP

#### **4. FEES:**

Regatta Entry (Before March 10th)	\$50.00(US Sailing Members)
	\$60.00 (Non US Sailing Members)
SESS Fee	\$3.00
Late Entry (March 10 <sup>th</sup> and after)	Add \$15.00

**5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COURSES:** The Sailing Instructions will be available at Late Registration/Check In. The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

#### **6. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will change RRS 41 to permit the use of hand-held VHF radios, but only for receiving communications from the race committee, and in emergencies. Use of any other electronic communication devices, including cellular phones, is prohibited.

6.2 The following additional stipulations apply to the Thistle Class Association's Chief Measurer's Rulings 65 and 74: VHF radios may be utilized to monitor the weather channels at any time. The Race Committee may communicate safety or race related information on a designated channel. Competitors are encouraged to monitor the safety channel throughout the race when conditions warrant. Communication between competitors regarding any race information not related to safety is expressly prohibited.

**7. SCORING:** The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except that each yacht's series score will be the total of all her scores. A minimum of one race will constitute a regatta.

**8. PRIZES:** Prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and crews.

**9. LODGING/HOUSING:** There are several motels/hotels within ten minutes of the club including: Country Inn and Suites (904-772-7771), Courtyard by Marriott (904-854-1500), Days Inn (904-269-8887), and the Hilton Garden Inn (904-458-1577). Housing may be arranged with local fleet and FYC members by contacting Paul Abdullah ([paulabdu@bellsouth.net](mailto:paulabdu@bellsouth.net))

- 10. DIRECTIONS:** NORTHBOUND on I-95, exit south on Jacksonville to I-295. After Crossing St. Johns River, exit I-295 to US 17 northbound for 4.5 miles, turn right on Yacht Club Rd. to FYC. EASTBOUND on I-10, take I-295 south to 103<sup>rd</sup> St. Turn left on 103<sup>rd</sup>(east) and follow for 2.7 miles to US 17. Stay in the right of the two left turn lanes as you will be veering right immediately on to SR 211. Follow to Yacht Club Rd(about .5 mile) and take a right. SOUTHBOUND on I-95, exit I-10 westbound. After a half mile, exit US 17 South(left exit). Continue on US 17 South to Yacht Club Rd(5.6 miles from I-10). Turn left to club. Follow Yacht Club Rd. to the end.
- 11. PARKING.** Vehicles must be parked outside the dry storage fence area except when launching or retrieving boats. **Trailers must not be parked in front of dry stored boats.**
- 12. SOCIAL:** Friday night there will be dinner on the Terrazzo Lawn by the pool. Saturday night there will be cocktails and dinner at the Club with door prizes. There will be lunch served at the Sailing Center after the races on Sunday.
- 13. Guest Cards:** Competitors can obtain guest cards in order to utilize the dining facilities and bar outside of the organized functions during your stay. These should be obtained during the Late Registration/Check-In periods if at all possible. If you will arrive after 7 on Thursday or Friday and want to be able to purchase something at the club, you can pre-arrange your guest card by contacting the front office at 904-387-1653.
- 14. FURTHER INFORMATION:** Paul Abdullah (904-571-6051) or [paulabdu@bellsouth.net](mailto:paulabdu@bellsouth.net)

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THE FLORIDA YACHT CLUB MARCH 17-19, 2017  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. RULES: The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS) and Thistle Class rules as documented in the Thistle Class Constitution, TCA Bylaws, CMR's and Specifications.
2. ENTRIES: Thistle Class yachts may enter by completing registration with The Florida Yacht Club. All Skippers must be registered and dues paid with the TCA.
3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:
  - 3.1 Notices to competitors, after the Skipper's Meeting, will be posted on the "Official Notice Board" located on the patio of the Fleet Center of The Florida Yacht Club.
  - 3.2 The race committee will use VHF channel 72 to communicate with competitors on the water.
4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Except for sailing instruction 6, any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1130 hours on March 18 and before 0800 hours on March 19. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 1930 on the day before the change takes effect.
5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:
  - 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the east lawn of The Florida Yacht Club.
  - 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.
6. SCHEDULE OF RACES:
  - 6.1 Saturday, March 18, 2017

TIME	SIGNAL	RACE #
1225	Warning	Race #1
  - 6.2 Race #2 and #3 will follow as soon as possible after the completion of Race #1, time permitting.
  - 6.3 Sunday, March 19, 2017

TIME	SIGNAL	RACE #
0925	Warning	Race #4
  - 6.4 Race #5 will follow as soon as possible after the completion of Race #4, time permitting.
  - 6.5 One (1) race will constitute a regatta.
  - 6.6 Races will not be started after 1230 hours on Sunday March 19th.
7. CLASS FLAGS: The class flag will be a Thistle Class pennant
8. RACING AREA: The racing area will be on the St Johns River east of The Florida Yacht Club.
9. THE COURSE:
  - 9.1 The diagrams of the courses to be used are described in Addendum #1.
  - 9.2 The course to be used will be displayed on a board on the starboard side of the Race Committee signal boat.
  - 9.3 The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the weather mark will be displayed prior to the warning signal on the starboard side of the Race Committee signal boat.
10. MARKS:
  - 10.1 Marks W, R, and L1 and L2 will be four foot (4') orange tetrahedrons.
  - 10.2 Mark WA, Change Mark, (see sailing instruction 13, CHANGE OF COURSE) will be a four (4') foot yellow tetrahedron
  - 10.3 The port end of the starting line will be a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end boat.
  - 10.4 The pin end of the finish line will be an orange buoy.
  - 10.5 The Offset Mark will be a two (2') foot tetrahedron of the same color as the weather mark.
  - 10.6 The starboard end of the starting line will be the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat. The stand-off mark and its attachment line are parts of the mark.
11. CHECK IN BEFORE RACING: All yachts shall check in with the Race Committee prior to the warning signal of the first race each day by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee start boat on starboard tack and hailing her sail

number. The Race Committee will acknowledge the hail by repeating the sail number. Yachts failing to check in may be scored DNS.

12. START:

- 12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and an adjacent staff displaying an orange flag on a boat at the port end.
- 12.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1, A4 and A5.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE: To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be an original mark.

14. THE FINISH: The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

15. TIME LIMIT:

- 15.1 The first yacht of each class shall complete the course within 90 minutes or the race will be abandoned.
- 15.2 Any yacht not finishing within thirty (30) minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE) and receive points for their finishing place two more than the last boat to finish within the finishing window (but not more than DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5. The race committee will lower the blue "On Station" courtesy flag with a long sound signal when the finishing window has closed.

16. PROTESTS:

- 16.1 Protests shall be reported to the RC at the finish line.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available in the Fleet Center. Completed forms shall be delivered there within the protest time limit, which is 60 minutes after the RC finish boat has docked.
- 16.3 The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes rule 62.2.
- 16.4 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit on the notice board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the regatta office, beginning as soon as is practical.
- 16.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- 16.6 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

17. SCORING:

- 17.1 The Low-Point system of Appendix A, will apply. Five (5) races are scheduled, of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series, except that each yacht's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This modifies Appendix A.2.
- 17.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to finish a yacht in her position on the course if she is unreasonably delaying the start of the next race. If the Race Committee does finish a yacht in position, SI 15.2 will not be applicable.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION: The following additional stipulations apply to the TCA's Chief Measurers Rulings 65 and 74. Measurer's Rulings 65 and 74: VHF radios may be utilized to monitor the weather channels at any time. The RC may communicate safety or race related information on channel 72. Competitors are encouraged to monitor the safety channel (72) throughout the race when conditions warrant. Communication between competitors regarding any race information not related to safety is expressly prohibited.

19. PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded to the top five teams, top female skipper, and top junior.

20. SAFETY: A yacht which retires from a race must notify the Race Committee either before leaving the racing area or, if that is not possible, immediately after arriving ashore. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 16 and 72. The yacht club monitors VHF channel 16 as well. All yachts must carry minimum safety equipment as required by the U.S. Coast Guard and class rules.

# ADDENDUM #1

OM O W

R

----- Finish

L1 L2

----- Start

= Stand Off Mark  
W = Windward Mark  
= Race Committee Boat  
R = Reaching Mark  
= Orange tetrahedron  
L1 = Leeward Gate  
O = Offset Mark  
L2 = Leeward Gate

## Courses

Course #1: Start-W- OM - between L1 and L2 -W-OM-R-L1-Finish

Course #2: Start-W-OM- between L1 and L2 -Finish (the number of laps will be shown next to the course number)

### General conditions:

1. All marks shall be taken to port except when passing through L1 and L2 on the downwind leg.
2. If the gate is not in place round the leeward mark to port.
3. The diagram may not be in proportion.
4. Alternate mark WA will be a yellow tetrahedron.
5. The inside angle at the reaching mark will be 90 degrees.
6. The gate will be replaced by a single leeward mark in Course #1 following the reach.