



CELEBRATING JACKSONVILLE'S BICENTENNIAL

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THISTLE CLASS ASSOCIATION 2022 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP May 15 – 20, 2022

The Florida Yacht Club Jacksonville, FL NOTICE OF RACE

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Organizing Authority: The 2022 Thistle National Championship Regatta is organized by the Thistle Class Association (TCA) in conjunction with The Florida Yacht Club (FYC).

The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

1. RULE

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The US Sailing prescription to RRS63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3 Racing Rule 60.1 (a) is changed to add: Boats failing to display required advertising may not be protested by another boat.
- 1.4 Other racing rules may be changed. These changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 Alcohol consumption by persons under 21 years of age, the use of illegal substances and the abuse of prescription-only drugs shall be considered "misconduct" for the purposes of RRS 69.
- 1.6 It is each skipper's responsibility to ensure they and their crew adhere to all state and county health regulations. [NP]

2. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** Sailing Instructions will be available at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/5reZNaQHFR> and the FYC Sailing Center no later than Friday May 15, 2022 at 1400 hrs. In order to conduct a more green regatta, printed paper copies of the SI's will only be available upon request.

3. RADIO COMMUNICATION

The RC may transmit via VHF radio information concerning safety, OCS boats, and general information to assist in the management of the event. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. VHF Channel 71 will be utilized.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 This regatta is open to all Thistle skippers who are active or family TCA members in good standing and have sailed the required qualifying event(s) to be eligible to compete in Thistle Class Nationals, as outlined in the Bylaws of the TCA. A boat competing in this event must be registered with the class and have a valid measurement certificate. Skippers may race a borrowed or chartered Thistle as long as the boat is registered with the class. Registration is limited to the first 75 boats registered.
- 4.2 The Organizing Authority will require certain protocols to be followed in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants, including non-sailing attendees, are encouraged to arrive fully vaccinated. However, due to revised CDC and State guidelines, we will **NOT** require proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test. All participants are encouraged to practice excellent hygiene and social distancing whenever possible.
- 4.3 No competitor may be paid to sail in this event, and private coaching is not allowed in this event, as per TCA Bylaw Article IX, Section 3.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration and paying regatta fees by April 15, 2022. No entry will be accepted after May 1, 2022 without written permission from the Regatta Chairman and National Race Committee.
- 4.5 Online registration can be found at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/5reZNaQHFR>

- 4.6 Competitors must complete on-site registration and the measurement process during times specified in the schedule; any extension requires written permission from the Regatta Chairman and National Race Committee.

5. FEES

- 5.1 Early Registration Fees: \$475 inclusive of \$40 TCA Trophy Fee and Friday awards dinner for a crew of 3, for registrations completed and paid before April 15, 2022. Late entries will be accepted with a \$100 late fee between April 16 and May 1st, 2022.
- 5.2 A special Early Registration food package is available until April 15 for \$150 which provides dinners on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday dinners for a crew of 3. Additional meal packages are \$70 per person. After April 15 only individual meal packages will be available for \$70 per person for the 3 meals.
- 5.3 Registration fees are fully refundable (less any credit card and club spot processing fees) until April 15, and partially refundable (less 20% and credit card/club spot fees) until May 1. No refunds after May 1st. Should the regatta be canceled due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, all registration and meal fees will be refunded (less any credit card and club spot processing fees).
- 5.4 Skippers 26 years old and under may apply for a registration fee refund by contacting VP Growth and Promotions, Aaron Holland (sailnmusic@gmail.com). Applications should be sent in no later than April 15 and should include birthdate. Details of reimbursement will be available upon application.
- 5.5 Kids under 6 eat free. Kids meal package for ages 7-13 are \$35 per person for the 3 dinners (Sunday/Tuesday/Thursday) The cost of the Awards Banquet Kids Meal is \$15 per ticket.
- 5.6 Additional Daily Dinner Tickets are available for \$30 per night (Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday) and the Awards Banquet Tickets are Available for \$35 per person.

- 6. ADVERTISING** 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising which will be supplied by the Organizing Authority (OA).

7. PRACTICE RACE, QUALIFYING SERIES, AND FINAL SERIES.

- 7.1 In the practice race, the boats will race as a single fleet..
- 7.2 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.
- 7.3 In the qualifying series (Races 1-3), the fleet will be split into four (4) groups as per TCA Bylaw Article III, Section 11. Each group will race the other groups once. Two groups will comprise a Division for a race.
- 7.4 In the final series (Races 4-7), the fleet will be divided into Championship and President's Divisions in accordance with TCA Bylaw Article XIII, Section 13(a) based on their finishing position in the qualifying series.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 Registration and Measurement

Friday, May 13 1400 – 1700 hrs
Saturday, May 14 0900 – 1600 hrs
Sunday, May 15 0800 – 1000 hrs

8.2 Practice Race

Sunday, May 15 Practice Race 1200

8.3 National Championship Race Series

Monday, May 16 Qualifying Races 1 & 2 1100
Tuesday, May 17 Qualifying Race 3 1100
Wednesday, May 18 Championship Race 4 & 5, President Race 1 & 2 1100
Thursday, May 19 Championship Race 6, President Race 3 1100
Friday, May 20 Championship Race 7, President Race 4 1100

- 8.4 The RC may adjust the race schedule to suit weather conditions.

- 8.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1530 for any race in the Championship or Presidents Division

9. MEASUREMENT

- 9.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate.
- 9.2 Boat, equipment, and sails will be measured, inspected and may be spot-checked as specified in the TCA rules, RRS or the Sailing Instructions. Specific items to be measured at registration will be found on the measurement forms posted at <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/5reZNaQHFR>

10. VENUE

- 10.1 The Regatta will be held at: Florida Yacht Club 5210 Yacht Club Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32210.
- 10.2 Races will be sailed on The St. Johns River in Jacksonville FL east of the Florida Yacht Club
- 10.3 Housing: Note that camping or sleeping in vehicles of any form is not allowed on FYC property. Local hotel information will be available at www.thisisleclass.com, use the Hotel tab on the website.

11. THE COURSES

- 11.1 The courses will be in accordance with the TCA Bylaws, section 7.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 A boat that takes a penalty or retires under RRS 44 shall sign the acknowledgement form posted in the vicinity of the official notice board within the protest time limit.
- 12.2 The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5 (a) for the qualifying series only. Competitors may appeal decisions of the protest committee in the Championship Series. US Sailing's permission has been granted. If the requirements shown on are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed.
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/appeal/no-appeal-rule-70-5-procedures/>

13. SCORING

- 13.1 The series scores for boats in the Championship Division will be the total of all their race scores, including the Qualifying Races, with no races excluded.
- 13.2 The series scores for boats in the President's Division will be the total of their race scores, excluding the Qualifying Races.
- 13.3 Four (4) races inclusive of the Qualifying Races are required to be completed to constitute a series for the Championship Division.
- 13.4 One (1) race exclusive of the Qualifying Races is required to be completed to constitute a series for the President's Division.
- 13.5 The divisional assignments will be based on the scores for races 1 to 3 after protest and redress hearings for those races have concluded. Changes to the scores in the first three races after racing has commenced in the final series shall not constitute grounds for granting redress with regard to divisional assignments [This is an addition to RRS 62.1] but they will be factored into the scoring for the event.
- 13.6 Pursuant to RRS 90.3 (e); there shall be no changes to race or series scores resulting from action, including the correction of errors, initiated after 8 AM Wednesday for the Qualifying Series races and after 6 PM on Friday for the Championship and President Series races.

14. SUPPORT BOATS

- 14.1 Support Boats shall be registered and marked with an OA supplied identifier.
- 14.2 Due to limited open berthing spaces, anyone planning on bringing an additional boat of any kind to the event must contact the Regatta Chairman to make arrangements for use of hoists and slips.

15. DRY SAIL AREA

- 15.1 Dry sail spaces will be assigned for all competitors and be available beginning Friday May 14. For arrival before the 14th please contact the Regatta Chairman to make arrangements.

16. 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.** Each competitor shall be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage, or injury to persons or property incurred in connection with the Regatta that occurs as a result of a competitor's actions.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum value of \$100,000 USD. Registrants must show proof of insurance at Registration.

18. AWARDS

18.1 The National Championship and “Louis Carron Perpetual Trophy” will be awarded to the winning boat in the Championship Division.

18.2 Other awards will be made at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 Onsite baby-sitting will be available for an additional fee for those who pre-register with the Regatta Chairman Paul Abdullah.

19.2 For any questions or further information, please contact:

Paul Abdullah, Regatta Chairman at paulabdu@bellsouth.net
Jodi Weinbecker, FYC Waterfront Director at Sailing@thefyc.org