



**47th Annual Orange Peel Regatta
March 25-26, 2023
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. Lunch and awards will follow the morning races on Sunday.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES: The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: SIs will be available at Late Registration/Check In.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The SIs 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.

3.2 The following additional stipulations apply to the Thistle Class Association's Chief Measurer's Rulings 65 and 71: 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 designated channel throughout the race when conditions warrant. Communication between competitors regarding any race information not related to safety is expressly prohibited.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

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

4.2 Registration in advance can be completed on the website at: www.orangepeelregatta.com or by going to <https://theclubspot.com/register/regatta/BCWKckvWPd/class> Entry must be completed no later than March 20th , 2023. Entry forms received after this date will incur a late entry fee of \$20.

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

7. FEES:

Regatta Entry (if received <u>before</u> Friday March 20)	\$60.00(US Sailing Members)
	\$70.00 (Non US Sailing Members)
SESS Fee	\$3.00
Late Entry (Friday March 20 and after)	Add \$20.00

6. SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY - MARCH 24, 2023

Coach TCA Concentrate (Rig/Tuning in Boat Park)	1030
Late Registration/Check-In (Sailing Center)	1100-1200
Coach TCA Concentrate Classroom Session/Lunch (Sailing Center)	1200
Late Registration/Check-In (Sailing Center)	1500-1700
Dinner (West Lawn by the pool)	1800

SATURDAY - MARCH 25, 2023

Late Registration/Check in (Fleet Center)	0900-1030
Skipper's Meeting (Sailing Center)	1100
Warning Signal Race # 1	1225
(Race #2 thru #3 to follow if time permitting)	
Cocktails (West Lawn by the pool)	1830
Buffet Dinner (West Lawn by the pool)	1900

SUNDAY - MARCH 26, 2023

Sailing Center Opens	0800
Warning Signal Race #4	0925
(Race #5 if time permitting. No race will start after 1200)	
Awards Presentation & Lunch (Terrazzo Lawn)	ASAP

7. COURSES: The courses will be windward/leeward. The weather mark will have an offset mark. The leeward mark will be a gate.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM: RRS Appendix V will apply except that 30% is changed to 20%.

9. SCORING: The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4, 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.

10. 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.**

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

FURTHER INFORMATION

LODGING/HOUSING: There are several motels/hotels within ten minutes of the club including: Holiday Inn and Suites “FYC” rate \$119/night + \$5 Breakfast on the weekend (904-562-7400 use code “OPR”), 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 Greg Griffin (Thistle3976@gmail.com)

Please note: There is NO tent, car camping, or RV camping/parking allowed onsite.

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 103rd St. Turn left on 103rd(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.

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.**

SOCIAL: Friday night there will be dinner on the West Lawn by the pool. Saturday night there will be cocktails and dinner on the West Lawn by the pool. There will be lunch served on the Terrazzo lawn after the races on Sunday.

Event Cards: Competitors and crew must obtain event cards to utilize the dining facilities and bar outside of the organized functions during your stay. Event Cards will be available at check in and require a form completed and a credit card and a driver’s license.

EVENT CONTACTS:

Regatta Chairman – Paul Abdullah (904-571-6051) paulabdu@bellsouth.net

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