



**48th Annual Orange Peel Regatta
South East Championship
Florida District Series
Championship
March 15-16, 2024
THE FLORIDA YACHT CLUB
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

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, 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: <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/1JoHDflgk8> Entry must be completed no later than March 10th, 2023. Entry forms received after this date will incur a late entry fee of \$30.
 - 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 10)	\$200
SESS Fee	\$5.00
Late Entry (Friday March 10 and after)	Add \$30.00

6. SCHEDULE:

Thursday - MARCH 14, 2024

Check In	1030-1800
Thistle Clinic	1500-1700

Friday - MARCH 15, 2024

Late Registration/Check in (Fleet Center)	0900-1000
Skipper's Meeting (Sailing Center)	1030
Warning Signal Race # 1	1200
(Race #2 thru #3 to follow if time permitting)	
Buffet Dinner (Sailing Center Lawn)	1900

Saturday - MARCH 16, 2024

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

7. COURSES: The Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

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 Finishers

FURTHER INFORMATION

LODGING/HOUSING: There are several motels/hotels within ten minutes of the club including: Holiday Inn and Suites “FYC” rate \$159/night or \$199 for 2 bedroom suite(904-562-7407 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 Paul Abdullah at paulabdullah1970@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: Thursday dinner will be on your own with Keg beer available at check in. Friday Night dinner will be buffet style on the Sailing Center Lawn. Saturday Awards and Lunch will also be on the Sailing Center Lawn.

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

FYC Waterfront Director – Dustin Domer (312-351-5947) dustin@thefyc.org



THISTLE CLASS ASSOCIATION
48th ANNUAL ORANGE PEEL REGATTA
The Florida Yacht Club, Jacksonville, FL
March 15-16, 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that instruction is not grounds for protest or a request for redress by a boat. This is an addition to rule 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The prescription to RRS 63.1 is deleted.
- 1.3 US Sailing Appendix V applies. The penalty under Appendix V2 is changed from 30% to 20%.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted not less than 2 hours prior to the first scheduled race on the day it shall take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 1800 hrs or by the protest time limit, whichever is later on the day before it shall take effect.
- 2.2 Oral changes to these SIs may be given on the water by hail from the Race Committee (RC) signal vessel in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Changes will be communicated by displaying flag L with one sound before the next warning signal is made

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at and on ClubSpot.com <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/1JoHDf1gk8/#notice-board>
- 3.2 The race office will be at The FYC Sailing Center located on Pirate's Cove.
- 3.3 The following additional stipulations apply to the TCA's Chief Measurer's 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 official RC VHF channel. Competitors are encouraged to monitor the official RC VHF channel throughout the race. Communication between competitors regarding any race information not related to safety is expressly prohibited.
- 3.4 Radio communications between boats and the Race Committee will be on **VHF 71**.
- 3.5 [NP] The following communications may be made by the race committee using the designated VHF Channel in addition to any Race Signals (*this changes RRS 29, 32, 33 and 41*): Courses, including the bearing and distance to the first mark; postponements and abandonments; boats identified as OCS and general recalls; changing courses or marks and identify marks; shortening the course; time limits. Failure of the RC to make these, or of competitors to receive these, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.6 [DP] A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT [NP][DP]

Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals ashore will be made from the T dock in front of the sailing center.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' will be replaced with '45 minutes.' *This changes Race Signals AP.*
- 5.3 [NP][DP] When a race committee vessel displaying flag "Y" is stationed at the mouth of Pirate's Cove as boats are transiting to the race course, RRS 40.1 (Personal Flotation Devices) applies until the RC signal boat removes flag "Y". *This changes RRS 40.2 and race signals.*

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1	DATE	ACTION	TIME
	Friday - March 15:	Competitor's Briefing	1030
		First Warning signal -	1200
		Subsequent races will follow.	
	Saturday - March 16:	First Warning signal -	0925
		Subsequent races will follow.	

No warning will be made after 1200 hours on Saturday March 16th.

6.2 Five (5) races are scheduled. One (1) completed race will constitute a regatta.

7 CLASS FLAG

7.1 The class flag will be a green, purple and white pennant with the Thistle logo.

8 RACING AREAS

8.1 See Addendum A for the approximate location of the racing area.

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagrams in Addendum B show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal vessel shall display on its starboard side the designated course on a placard and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

10 MARKS (See also Addendum B)

10.1 Mark W will be an **Pink** inflatable mark.

10.2 Mark OM (the offset mark) will be a small **orange** inflatable mark.

10.3 Marks L1 & L2 (the gate) will be bright **green** marks.

10.4 Mark R (reach mark) will be a **Pink** inflatable mark.

10.5 New marks, as provided in SI 12, will be **yellow** inflatable marks.

10.6 The starting marks will be a Race Committee vessel on the starboard end, and an inflatable mark or a Race Committee vessel displaying a staff with an **orange** flag on the port end.

10.7 The finishing marks will be a Race Committee vessel at the starboard end, and a **white** mark or an anchored Race Committee vessel at the port end.

11 THE START

11.1 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an **orange** flag on the signal boat at the starboard end, and the course side of the mark or a staff displaying an **orange** flag as described in instruction 10.5.

11.2 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.*

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark(s) (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the mark or the staff displaying an orange flag as described in SI 10.6. This changes Race Signals – Blue flag.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The time limit is 90 minutes for the first boat to finish.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing and receive points for their finishing place two more than the last boat to finish within the window (but not more than DNF) without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.* The RC will lower the orange finish flag(s) with a long sound signal when the finishing window has closed.

15 HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1 Protests shall be reported to the RC at the finish line.
- 15.2 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 signal vessel has docked.
- 15.3 RC will post a list of penalties being assigned by RC 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 is added to RRS 62.2.
- 15.4 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 SCORING

- 16.1 Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores for all races with no score excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 16.2 RC reserves the right to finish a boat in her position on the course if she is unreasonably delaying the start of the next race. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][DP]

- 17.1 Upon arriving in the starting area, boats shall check-in with the race committee by sailing past the stern of the RC Signal Boat on starboard tack, hailing their sail number and receiving confirmation from the RC.
- 17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

18 AWARDS

- 18.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and crews.
- 18.2 Other awards may be made at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

19 RISK STATEMENT

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20 INSURANCE

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

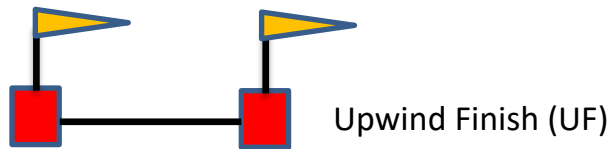
ADDENDUM A
RACING AREAS



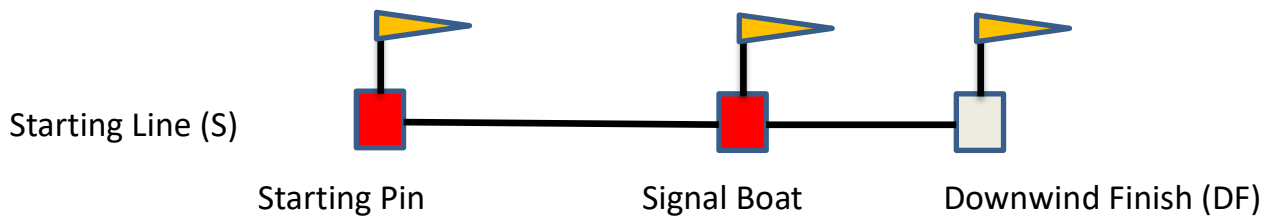
ADDENDUM B
ILLUSTRATING THE COURSES
(Not to scale)
SI Addendum B – Course Chart

Offset Mark (OM)   Weather Mark (W)

Reaching Mark (R) 



Leeward Gate (L)  

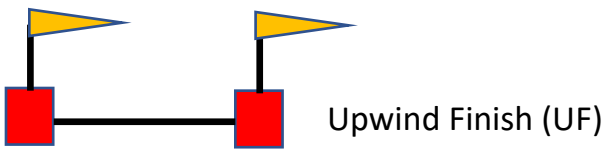


Course 1 – W-O-LS/LP-W-O-LS/LP-UF
Course 2 – W-O-LS/LP-W-R-LS-UF
Course 3 – W-O-LS/LP-W-O-DF
All Marks left to port except leeward Gate
If only on mark at the Gate, pass it to port

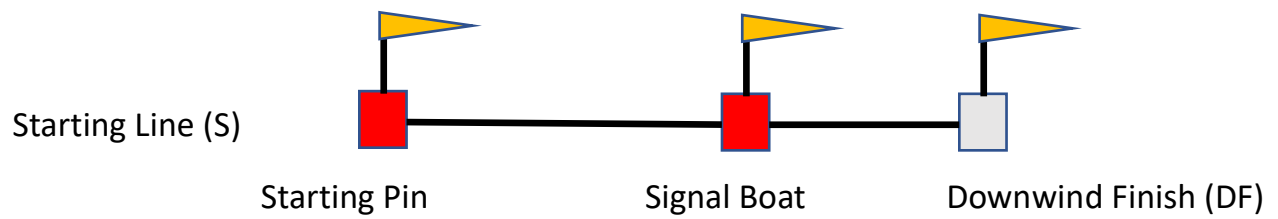
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A: First 8 boats that arrive may nose in between J24's. Must Be majority of the way in the boat spot to allow traffic down the corridor

B: Next 10 Boats may stage by the sailing center. Also access to the small crane

C: Last few boats may park inside the cones

D: 2nd Larger Crane for launching

E: Sailing Center/Event Tent. Registration, skippers meeting, Friday dinner, Saturday awards.

F: Parking for all vehicles in gravel lot.