



THISTLE CLASS ASSOCIATION
2010 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



JULY 25-30, 2010
NORTH CAPE YACHT CLUB
LA SALLE, MI
NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: The 2010 Thistle National Championship (Regatta) is organized by the Thistle Class Association (TCA) in conjunction with the North Cape Yacht Club, host of the 2010 - Thistle National Championships.

1. **Rules:** The Regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 – 2012.
2. **Changes To Racing Rules:** 28, 32, 33, 44.1, 60.1(a), 61, 62.1(a), 62.2, 63.1, 63.7, 66, Appendix A 4 & 5 and Definitions will be changed as follows:
 - Rule 28 – a boat may not cross the finishing line except when finishing or attempting to finish;
 - Rule 32 – courses will not be shortened;
 - Rule 33 – limits changing the position of marks;
 - Rules 44.1 – competitor must acknowledge penalty or retirement;
 - Rule 60.1(a) – limits grounds for protest;
 - Rule 61 – competitor must notify race committee on the water of intent to protest;
 - Rule 62.1(a) – limits grounds for granting redress on recall hails;
 - Rule 62.2 – extends time to request redress for OCS, ZFP or BFD
 - Rule 63.1, A 4 & 5 – boat starting more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. No race scores discarded except races 1-3 in the President's Division;
 - Rule 63.7 – Sailing Instructions prevail in case of conflict with the Notice of Race;
 - Rule 66 – limits timeframe for a request to reopen a hearing;
 - Definitions – Starting *Mark* includes tethered, floating, red ball if deployed.These changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.
3. **Eligibility:** The Regatta is an “open qualification” event with “no quota” within the meaning of the TCA rules (see By-Laws Article XIII, Sections 8 & 9), and is open to boats and skippers eligible under the TCA rules and this Notice of Race.
4. **Entries:**
 - 4.1 Eligible boats and skippers may enter by mailing the official entry form together with a registration fee of \$185 (registration includes TCA fee of \$45) postmarked on or before June 30, 2010, and completing registration as described in this Notice of Race.
 - 4.2 Late entries will be accepted with a \$75 late fee if postmarked after July 7, 2010 and \$115 after July 14, 2010. No entry will be accepted if postmarked after July 18, 2010 without written permission from the Regatta Chairman, Skip Dieball. Entry forms will be available in the Bagpipe or on the regatta website of the TCA at www.thistleclass.com.
 - 4.3 Mail entries:
Send to: North Cape Championships, 2638 Talmadge Rd Toledo, OH 43606
Make checks payable to NCYC One Design Regatta

5. **Registration & Measurement:** Will be held at North Cape Yacht Club at the following times:
 Saturday, July 24 0900 – 1730
 Sunday, July 25 0800 – 1130

Measurement will include but may not be limited to: Mast step height, Mast weight, Mast height, Shim thickness, Mast "Luff Length", All up weight, Sails, Rudder profile (information only except for obviously illegal shapes) and Safety equipment - Anchor & chain, Anchor line length, USCG approved PFD's, "Throwable" life saving device, Whistle, Paddle or oar and Bailing device(s).

6. **Insurance:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance adequate for the Regatta.

7. **Race Schedule:**

Sunday, July 25	Skippers' Meeting	1230
	Tune-up race	Warning 1300
Monday, July 26	Race 1 and 2	Warning 1300
Tuesday, July 27	Race 3	Warning 1300
Wednesday, July 28	Championship Race 4 & 5	Warning 1300
	President Race 1 & 2	
Thursday, July 29	Championship Race 6	Warning 1300
	President Race 3	
Friday, July 30	Championship Race 7, President Race 4	Warning 1130

The race committee may adjust the race schedule to suit the weather conditions.

8. **Racing Area:** Races will be sailed on Lake Erie, just east of North Cape Yacht Club approximately ½ nautical mile off from the channel marker for the marina. A chart of the racing area will be available at registration.
9. **Courses:** Courses will be in accordance with the TCA rules.
10. **Sailing Instructions:** The Sailing Instructions will be available not later than registration on July 24, 2010
11. **Scoring:**
- 11.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply as modified by TCA rules. A boat's series score in the Championship Division will be the total of her race scores without discard. A boat's series score in the President's Division will be the total of her race scores for races 4 through 7 without discard.
- 11.2 The divisional assignments will be based on the scores for races 1 to 3 after protest and redress hearings for those races have concluded. Once racing has commenced in the new divisions, any subsequent changes to the scores in the first three races will be factored into the scoring for the event, but cannot change the divisional assignments.
12. **Waiver of Liability:** At registration, each competitor will be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage, or injury to persons or property incurred in connection with the Regatta or on the property of North Cape Yacht Club that occurs as a result of the competitor's actions. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
13. **Further information:** Skip Dieball, Regatta Chairman
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