



THISTLE CLASS ASSOCIATION

2010 Women's & Juniors Championship

JULY 24, 2010

NORTH CAPE YACHT CLUB

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NOTICE OF RACE



Organizing Authority: The 2010 Thistle Youth/Women's National Championships (Regatta) is organized by the Thistle Class Association (TCA) in conjunction with North Cape Yacht Club (NCYC).

1. **Rules:** The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012 Edition* (RRS), the prescriptions of the US Sailing Association, and the TCA Constitution, By-Laws, and Specifications (Class Rules). The provisions of Bylaws, Article XIII, Sections 13 and 15 shall not apply to this series. (Divisions and Time Limit)
2. **Advertising:** The Regatta is designated Category A in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
3. **Eligibility:** Per Bylaws, Article XIII, Sections 22 and 23.
4. **Age:**
 - a. Youth: the competitors (skipper and crew) must be under twenty-one (21) years of age throughout the entire series.
 - b. Women: There are no age restrictions. A woman who will be under twenty-one (21) years of age throughout the entire week of the Nationals can elect to sail the Youth Nationals or the Women's nationals provided her crew meets the same age requirements.
5. **Membership:** All skippers shall be TCA members as specified by the Bylaws.
6. **Boat:** The boats sailed must be registered and dues paid. The boat can be borrowed, the skipper's own boat or a family boat. There is no fee for borrowing a boat. Arrangements for borrowing a boat and liability are the responsibility of the lender and the skipper.
7. **Waivers:** It is required that all participants under the age of 18 have parental permission.
8. **Entries:** Eligible boats and skippers may enter in person the morning of the Regatta by completing the event appropriate entry form, paying a registration fee of \$20.00, and completing the required measurement and waiver as described in this Notice of Race no later than 10:30 July 24, 2010. Entry forms will be available in the Bagpipe and on the TCA website.
9. **Registration and Measurement:** Will be held at NCYC at the following times:
 - a. Friday, July 23, 2010 1700 – 1900 (Registration)
 - b. Saturday, July 24, 2010 0800 – 1030 (Registration/Measurement)

10. You are encouraged to pre- register before the event by sending a check -
Send to: North Cape Championships, 2638 Talmadge Rd Toledo, OH 43606
Make checks payable to: NCYC One Design Regatta

Include registration form in which case you will only need to complete the Measurement during the Registration/Measurement period.

11. Measurement will include but not be limited to be all up weight and safety equipment (flotation, paddle, PFDs, anchor and line, "throwable" life saving device, bailing bucket, whistle). Priority measurement of these items including all other Nationals measurements will be offered to boats participating in the Women's and Junior Nationals.
12. 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 RRS 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. **Racing Schedule:** The Race Committee may adjust the race schedule to suit the weather conditions. A maximum of seven races will be conducted.
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| Saturday, July 24 | Skippers Meeting | 1030 |
| | Harbor Start | 1100 |
| | Warning Race 1 | 1200 |
14. **Trophies:** Trophies will be awarded for the first 3 places in both the Youth and Women's events. The trophies will be presented at the Women's and Juniors Prize Giving Ceremony Saturday Evening July 24, 2010 prior to dinner.
15. **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.
16. **Courses:** Course types and lengths, including the ability to shorten course will be at the discretion of the Race Committee and the National Race Committee Chairman.
17. **Sailing Instructions:** The sailing instructions will be available at registration beginning on Friday July 23, 2010
18. **Scoring:** The Low Point system of RRS Appendix A will apply, as modified by the Class Rules. There will be no throw-outs.
19. **Further Information:** Skip Dieball, Regatta Chairman
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