



**NOTICE OF REGATTA**  
**THISTLE CLASS ASSOCIATION**  
**2011 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**JULY 30 – AUGUST 5**  
**PENSACOLA YACHT CLUB**  
**Pensacola, Florida**



**Organizing Authority:** The 2011 Thistle National Championship (Regatta) is organized by the Thistle Class Association (TCA) in conjunction with the Pensacola Yacht Club, host of the 2011 Thistle National Championships.

**Rules:** The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009 – 2012.

**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 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;

These changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other racing rules.

**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.

**Entries:** Eligible boats and skippers may enter by mailing the official entry form together with a registration fee of \$195 and the (TCA fee of \$45 included) postmarked on or before July 15, 2011 and completing registration as described in this Notice of Race. Entries should be mailed to:

Thistle National Championship Regatta  
Pensacola Yacht Club  
Attn: John Buziak  
P. O. Box 989  
Pensacola, FL 32591

Late entries will be accepted with a \$50 late fee if postmarked after July 15, 2011. No entry will be accepted if postmarked after July 24, 2011. Entry forms will be available in the Bagpipe or on the Thistle Class website at [www.thistleclass.com](http://www.thistleclass.com)

**Registration and Measurement:** Will be held at Pensacola Yacht Club at the following times:

Saturday, July 30	0900 – 1730
Sunday, July 31	0800 – 1130

Measurement will include but not be limited to Safety equipment (Anchor & chain, Anchor line length, USCG approved PFD's, "throwable" life saving device, Paddle or oar, bailing device(s) – 2 gallons minimum, whistle); All up weight; Sails; Mast Step height; Rudder weight; Mainsail foot

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

**Race Schedule:**

Saturday, July 30	Registration for Women's and Junior's		0900
	Skipper's Meeting		1100
	Women's and Junior Races	Warning	1255
Sunday, July 31	Welcome ceremony		1200
	Skipper's Meeting		1230
	Tune-up Race	Warning	1430
Monday, August 1	Race 1 and 2	Warning	1155
Tuesday, August 2	Race 3	Warning	1155
Wednesday, August 3	Championship Race 4 & 5, President Race 1 & 2		
		Warning	1155
Thursday, August 4	Championship Race 6, President Race 3	Warning	1155
Friday, August 5	Championship Race 7, President Race 4	Warning	1155

The Race Committee may adjust the race schedule to suit the weather conditions.

**Racing Area:** Races will be sailed in Pensacola Bay, east of Pensacola Yacht Club. A copy of the racing area will be available at registration.

**Courses:** Courses will be in accordance with the Class Rules.

**Sailing Instructions:** The Sailing Instructions will be available at Registration.

**Scoring:** 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. Seven races are scheduled, four must be completed to constitute a series. 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. , One President's Division race must be completed to constitute a series.

The divisional assignments will be based on the scores for races 1 to 3 after protest and requests for 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.

**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 Pensacola 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.

**Decisions of the Protest Committee:** In accordance with rule 70.5(a), decisions of the protest committee are final. US SAILING's permission has been granted. If the requirements are not met, the decisions of the protest committee may be appealed. US SAILING's permission is limited to races 1, 2 and 3. Competitors may appeal decisions of the protest committee in races 4 through 7.

**Further information:** John Buziak, Regatta Chairman  
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