



NOTICE OF RACE

2007 THISTLE CLASS GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP

Organizing Authority:
Vermilion Boat Club ("VBC")
5416 Liberty Ave.
Vermilion, Ohio 44089

1 RULES

- 1.1 This Regatta will be governed by the rules as set forth in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), The Thistle Class Association (TCA) Constitution, By-Laws and Specifications, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Where a conflict exists between this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will govern.
- 1.3 This Regatta is classified as an ISAF Category A event.
- 1.4 The TCA rule entitled "INFORMATION, Rule 8, Race Conduct, Part (d)" will not apply. Courses will be configured as shown in the Sailing Instructions "Attachment" and courses may be shortened or changed.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 This Regatta is open to all registered and dues-paid members of the TCA.

3 ENTRY FEE - REGISTRATION

- 3.1 All eligible yachts may register (and pay) online at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=125 or by mailing an entry form with payment to:

Vermilion Boat Club
2007 Thistle Class Great Lakes Championship
5416 Liberty Ave.
Vermilion, Ohio 44089

Entries with payment should be received by mail or on line on or before Friday, June 15, 2007 to qualify for the discounted fee.

Late entries will be accepted by mail or on line before Saturday, June 23, or in person at the registration table at the Vermilion Boat Club until 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 23, 2007.

- 3.2 Regatta fee is \$85 for US Sailing members; \$95 for non-members if received with registration form on or before Friday, June 15, 2007.

Late entry fee is \$100 for US Sailing members; \$110 for non members if received after Friday, June 15, 2007.

Entry Fee includes tickets for skipper and two crew for Continental breakfast both days, 3 lunches daily per boat, dinner and party Saturday night, shore side beer, pop and water both days, and Sunday Awards Party. Additional tickets will be available with advance registration for \$25 per person. A limited number of tickets will be available at the registration table for \$35.00 per person.

- 3.3 Attached to this Notice of Race is an Entry Form. Additional copies of this Notice of Race and the Entry Form can be obtained on line at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=125

4 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time (EDT)</u>
June 22, 2007	Late Registration at VBC Dining at the VBC available	1800 – 2100 1700 – 2100
June 23, 2007	Late Registration at VBC Continental Breakfast Welcome Meeting Harbor Gun Warning Signal – Race 1 Races 2 & 3 to follow, weather permitting No race will start after 1700 EDT Dinner and Party at VBC	0800 – 1000 0800 – 1030 1000 1100 1200 1800
June 24 2007	Continental Breakfast Harbor Gun Warning Signal – Race 4 Race 5 to follow, weather permitting No race will start after 13:00 EDT Awards presentation at VBC immediately after scoring is completed.	0630 - 0800 0800 0900

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions shall be available at the Vermilion Boat Club to all registered competitors on Saturday, June 23, 2007. A Draft Copy will be available prior to the regatta on line at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=125 after May 23, 2007.

6 VENUE

Directions to VBC are attached or can be obtained on-line at:
<http://maps.google.com/maps>

7 RACING AREA

Racing will take place on the waters of Lake Erie off the Vermilion, Ohio harbor entrance.

8 COURSES

- 8.1 The courses will be triangles with the Windward-Leeward legs first, followed by the Triangle, then a Finish to weather. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 The Low Point Scoring System (RRS Appendix A) shall be used except that each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This changes RRS Appendix A2.
- 9.2 Five races are scheduled. Two races must be completed to constitute a series.

10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the top five competitors. In addition, the first two places will receive the First and Second Place Perpetual trophies.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this Regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS-4, Decision to Race). The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in connection with, or prior to, during, or after this Regatta.

12 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, contact:

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Linda Taylor – 2007 V.B.C. Sail Fleet Captain
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Thistle Great Lakes Championships

Entry Form

Please complete the following information ONLY if you have not registered online

Owner/Skipper Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____
 Email: _____
 Yacht Club: _____ USSA Member #: _____

Yacht Information

Yacht Name: _____ Sail # _____
 Hull Color: _____ Spinnaker Color: _____

Crew Information

1) Name: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____
 2) Name: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Entry Fees: Regatta Entry includes Racing, Continental Breakfasts (both days), Lunches (both days), Shore-side Beverages after racing (both days), Saturday Night Dinner & Party, and Sunday Awards Party & Presentation for skipper and 2 crew

Regatta Entry	\$85(US Sailing Member)	\$95 (Non US Sailing Member)	\$ _____
Late Registration	\$100 (US Sailing Member)	\$110 (Non US Sailing Member)	\$ _____
	(after June 15 th , 2007)		
Additional Social Tickets	\$25.00 each	X _____	\$ _____
		Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Payment:

_____ Check
 _____ Credit Card

Please Make Checks Payable to: VBC Sail Fleet
 Mail Completed Form with Payment to:
 2007 Thistle Great Lakes Championships
 5416 Liberty Ave.
 Vermilion, Ohio 44089

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Credit Card#: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVC# _____
 Visa _____ MC _____ Am.Exp _____ (Back of Card)

Name (as it appears on card): _____
 (charge will appear as CLP Limited on your card statement)

For Event Use Only

Date Received: _____ Pmt Received: CK# _____ CC _____
 WSUpdate: _____ BN Issued: _____

Directions to Vermilion Boat Club

Enter address: 5416 Liberty Ave., Vermilion, OH on <http://maps.google.com/maps>

Depending on your point of origin, you will make your way to either the Ohio Turnpike or State Route 2 (from the west) or the Ohio Turnpike or I-90 (from the East). The following directions start there.

From the East via Ohio Turnpike:

Exit the Turnpike at Exit 135, Baumhart Rd. Go North (left) onto Baumhart until it dead-ends at Rt. 6. Turn West . Drive approximately 4 miles to the bridge over the Vermilion River. The bridge is obvious – it's a steel girder span over the river. You'll go through two traffic lights immediately after you cross the bridge. Vermilion Boat Club is on your right, about 1/4 mile past the second light. Watch for regatta signs.

From the East via I-90:

Exit I-90 at Baumhart Rd. Go North (right) onto Baumhart until it dead-ends at Rt. 6. Turn West . Drive approximately 4 miles to the bridge over the Vermilion River. The bridge is obvious – it's a steel girder span over the river. You'll go through two traffic lights immediately after you cross the bridge. Vermilion Boat Club is on your right, about 1/4 mile past the second light. Watch for regatta signs.

From the West via Ohio Turnpike:

Exit the Turnpike at Exit 110, state Route 4. Go North (left) onto Rt. 4 and continue for 4.4 miles. Turn East onto Rt. 2 and continue for 21 miles to Rt. 60. Exit at Rt. 60 and go North about 1-1/2 miles to the dead end (after the first set of railroad tracks). There is a traffic light at the dead end. Turn right then an almost immediate left to stay on Rt. 60. Cross another set of railroad tracks and turn right at the next light onto Rt. 6 (Liberty Ave.). Continue for about 3/8 mile - the Vermilion Boat Club is on your left across the street from the Sunoco station. Watch for regatta signs.

From the West via Rt. 2:

Exit Rt. 2 at Rt. 60. Go North about 1-1/2 miles to the dead end (after the first set of railroad tracks). There is a traffic light at the dead end. Turn right then an almost immediate left to stay on Rt. 60. Cross another set of railroad tracks and turn right at the next light onto Rt. 6 (Liberty Ave.). Continue for about 3/8 mile - the Vermilion Boat Club is on your left across the street from the Sunoco station. Watch for regatta signs.

From Anywhere South of Vermilion:

Most of you will make your way to either the Ohio Turnpike or Rt. 2 or I-90, depending on where in the south you are. Once you reach your chosen East-West road, follow the appropriate directions above.

For the more adventurous, there are a number of ways to pick up Rt. 60 south of Vermilion. Once you are on 60, regardless where you get on, follow it into Vermilion. Stay on 60 when you see the signs for Rt. 2. You will go another 1-1/2 miles to the dead end (after the first set of railroad tracks). There is a traffic light at the dead end. Turn right then an almost immediate left to stay on Rt. 60. Cross another set of railroad tracks and turn right at the next light onto Rt. 6 (Liberty Ave.). Continue for about 3/8 mile - the Vermilion Boat Club is on your left across the street from the Sunoco station. Watch for regatta signs.

From The Columbus Area:

The easiest way from the Columbus area is to take Rt. 71 North to Rt. 250 West. Once on Rt. 250 West take Rt. 60 North to Vermilion.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lodging:

Holiday Inn Express Vermilion

- 2417 State Route 60, Vermilion
- 440-967-8770 or 877-967-STAY
- Group rate of \$124 + tax per night
- Be sure to specify the “Thistle Great Lakes Championships”
- www.hiexpress.com/cle-vermilion

Camping

- Camping (Tent/RV/Van) is available by RESERVATION only.
- PRIOR arrangements MUST be made with Regatta Chairperson.
- This includes sleeping in vehicles as parking is limited at the VBC.

Parking:

- Parking at the VBC is limited to certain areas.
- Maps will be distributed at Registration.
- On street parking in front of the VBC is limited as well and will be denoted by signs.
- Additional parking will be located at Parsons Marina, as well as Crow Lumber.

Spectator Vessels / Coach Boats:

- Spectators are welcome to ride on the designated Spectator Vessel for the duration of the regatta. Please contact the Regatta Chairperson for specific details. Reservations are *HIGHLY* recommended as space is limited.
- Personal Spectator Boats / Coach Boats may be stored / docked at Parsons Marina for a nominal fee.
- Ramp Launching of Personal Spectator Boats / Coach Boats is available through the Vermilion Port Authority’s Public Boat Ramp.

Additional Social Tickets:

- Additional Social Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$25 each.
- Social Tickets include:
 - Continental Breakfast for 2 days
 - Lunch for 2 days
 - Shore side beer / pop
 - Saturday night dinner and party
 - Sunday Awards Party
- *Additional Social Tickets purchased at the door will be \$35 each.*