

THISTLE MIDWINTERS EAST REGATTA

St. Petersburg, FL March 1st – March 3rd, 2017

Organizing Authority: St. Petersburg Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Thistle Class Rules.

1.2 The use of handheld VHF radios will be permitted, but only for receiving communications from the Race Committee (RC), and in emergencies. Use of any other electronic communication devices, including cellular phones is prohibited. This changes RRS 41.

1.3 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 40, 61.4, 67, 76.1 and 82 will apply.

1.4 As allowed by RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to 63.2 and 63.4 do not apply.

1.5 RRS 63.7 shall be replaced by, "If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the Sailing Instructions shall apply." This changes RRS 63.7.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at www.yachtscoring.com.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted 2 hours prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 or the end of the protest time limit, whichever is earlier, on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole on the south side of the SPSC.

4.2 If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after Flag AP is lowered. This changes Race Signals "AP."

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Wednesday, March 1, 2017
1100 Competitors Meeting (SPSC)
1230 Warning, 1st race of the day

Thursday, March 2, 2017
1000 Warning, 1st race of the day

Friday, March 3, 2017

1000 Warning, 1st race of the day

1430 No warning signal after this time

5.2 The RC may run as many as three races per day. If the RC finish boat is flying Code Flag H (red and white), there will be no more racing that day.

5.3 9 races are scheduled. Three races are required to constitute a regatta.

6 CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a Thistle Class pennant.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Tampa Bay, East of the St. Petersburg Marina.

8 COURSES

8.1 SI addendum 1 shows the course designations and the order in which marks are to be passed.

8.2 A numeral pennant indicating the course, the bearing to Mark 1 and the approximate distance to Mark 1 will be displayed from the stern of the RC signal boat.

9 MARKS

9.1 Original marks 1, 2, 3, 3S and 3P (gate marks), will be large orange tomatoes. The offset mark, 1A, will be a small orange tomato and the finish pin will be a yellow cylinder.

9.2 New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.

10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on the pin end boat.

10.2 At least five minutes prior to the warning signal of a race, the RC will hoist its orange starting line flags with a sound signal.

10.3 The RC signal boat will, after the starting signal, attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats who are OCS on VHF Channel 63. The delay of such a hail, or failure of a competitor to hear such a hail, shall not be grounds for granting redress; this changes RRS 62.1(a).

11 CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable in accordance with RRS 33.

11.2 The angle of the gate may be adjusted without making any signals. This changes RRS RACE SIGNALS.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC finish boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes A4 and A5.

13.2 The time limit is 150 minutes for the first boat to complete the course as required by RRS 28.

13.3 Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat in a race sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE "Time Limit Expired" and will receive points for their finishing place one more than the last boat to finish, but not worse than DNF. This instruction changes rule 35, 63.1, A4, and A5. The RC finish boat will lower the orange finish line flag with a long sound when the finishing window has closed.

14 PROTESTS

14.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the finish boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat being protested. This changes RRS 61.

14.2 Protest forms are available in the vicinity of the Jury desk at the SPSC.

14.3 The protest time limit will be posted on the official online notice board.

14.4 Protests shall be delivered to a protest committee representative at the SPSC within 45 minutes of the posted docking time of the race committee finish boat.

14.5 A boat that takes a penalty or retires under rule 44.1 shall provide the information required on the penalty acknowledgement form posted on the jury desk within the protest time limit. This changes RRS 44.1

14.6 The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the RC or the protest committee required by RRS 61.1(b), will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.

15 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

15.1 Substitution of crews will not be permitted without the prior written approval of the Principal Race Officer. No substitution of skippers is permitted.

15.2 The same boat, equipment and sails shall be used throughout the regatta. Substitutions will not be permitted without the prior written approval of the RC.

16 SCORING

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that no race score will be excluded from a boat's series score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 When the anchored RC signal boat displays flag L, competitors shall come within hail and check in by hailing their sail numbers until acknowledged by the RC.

Only the RC may protest alleged breaches of this sailing instruction. This changes RRS 60.1.

17.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC prior to leaving the racing area. If this is not possible, she shall notify the Safety Coordinator, located in the SPSC office upon arriving ashore.

18 EMERGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 The RC will monitor VHF channel 63 for competitor emergencies. If the RC intends to make an emergency broadcast to the competitors, it will send a boat through the fleet displaying code flag R (a red field with a yellow cross) making repetitive sounds. Competitors should turn their VHF radios to channel 63 to receive the race committee emergency transmission. This complies with current Chief Measurer's Rulings 65 and 74.

18.2 The following additional stipulations apply to the Thistle Class Association's Chief 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 channel 63. Competitors are encouraged to monitor the safety channel throughout the race when conditions warrant. Communication between competitors regarding any race information not related to safety is expressly prohibited.

19 PRIZES

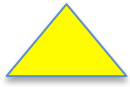
Prizes will be awarded as per the NOR.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The St Petersburg Yacht Club, organizing authority, sponsors, race committee, Officers and board of directors of SPYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept Liability/Responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during and after this regatta.

Addendum 1

Thistle Mids East Course Diagram (Not to Scale)



New
Mark



1A



1



2



Finish



3P



3S



Start



Course 1: Start-1-1a-3s/3p-1-1a-3s/3p-Finish

Course 2: Start-1-1a-3s/3p-1-2-3-Finish