



**2017 THISTLE MIDWINTERS EAST
NOTICE OF RACE
St Petersburg Yacht Club, Organizing Authority
11 Central Avenue
St Petersburg FL 33701**

March 1- 3, 2017

1. Rules

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

1.2 As allowed by RRS88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS60, do not apply.

1.3 RRS 63.7 shall be replaced by, "If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (Sis), the Sailing Instructions shall apply." This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Eligibility

2.1 The event is open to all competitors who meet the Thistle Class Association eligibility requirements.

2.2 Eligible boats may register by completing the online entry form and paying the required fees at www.spyc.org

2.3 Competitor Check-in will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at the SPYC Sailing Center from 0900-1100. All competitors shall sign a waiver at check-in at the SPYC Sailing Center.

3. Fees

Entry Fee: \$200.00 per boat for US SAILING members registered by February 14, 2017. \$225.00 per boat for all others. The entry fee includes 3 race days, 1 night hosted keg party, 3 Tiki Deck Cookout tickets, 3 Awards Banquet tickets, regatta trophies, 7% FL Sales Tax.

4. Schedule

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

0900 – 1100 Competitor Check-in SPYC Sailing Center

1100 Competitors' Meeting SPYC Sailing Center

1230 Warning, 1st Race

1800 SPYC Tiki Deck Cookout

Thursday, March 2, 2017

1000 Warning, 1st Race of the day

1800 Keg Party at SPYC Regatta Room

Friday, March 3, 2017

1000 Warning, 1st Race of the day

There will be no warning after 1430

1800 Awards Banquet SPYC

5.Sailing Instructions will be available online and at check-in.

6.Venue

Boats will be launched from SPSC on Demen's Landing , 250 2nd Avenue SE. The racing area will be on Tampa Bay, east of the St Petersburg Pier.

7.Courses

The courses to be sailed may be Windward Leeward or Windward Leeward Triangles.

8.Scoring

8.1 The scoring system will be the low point scoring system of Appendix A, except that no score will be excluded.

8.2 **Three races** will constitute a regatta.

9.Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crews placing first through fifth in the A fleet (A Fleet includes skippers who have placed eighth or higher in a chevron event), and first through third in the B Fleet. The following perpetual trophies will be awarded: Miami Sunshine Regatta Trophy (top finisher overall), Sunshine Trophy (top finisher from Florida), Ol' Thistlin' Tom Trophy (top skipper 50 years or older).

10.Electronic Communications

10.1 The Sailing Instructions will change RRS 41 to permit the use of hand-held VHF radios, but only for receiving communications from the race committee, and in emergencies. Use of any other electronic communication devices, including cellular phones, is prohibited.

10.2 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 Race Committee may communicate safety or race related information on a designated channel. 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.

11.Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, the sponsors, the race committee, officers and board of directors of SPYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.

12.Further Information

12.1 For further information contact Susan Wallace, susanhwallacefl@gmail.com or Karen Park, crewaa@gmail.com

12.2 For Accommodations please visit the SPYC website at www.spyc.org - Click drop down menu "Sailing," then "Regattas" and scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on "For Hotel Accommodations."

12.3 Guest Cards for SPYC are available by clicking on "Sailing" and then "SPYC Guest Card." Fill out your information and your card will be available at the front desk upon your arrival. SPYC requests that you do this at least 48 hours before the event.

12.4 Access to the SPYC Sailing Center will be available beginning Monday, February 27th, 2016. Any boats, vehicles or trailers left in the SPSC for more than 24 hours after termination of the regatta may be towed at the owner's expense unless prior arrangements have been made with SPSC Waterfront Director, Shawn Macking.