



## NOTICE OF RACE

### 2015 Thistle Great Lakes Championship

Edgewater Yacht Club  
6700 Memorial Shoreway, Cleveland, Ohio 44102

July 11-12, 2015

#### 1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES

The organizing authorities are the Thistle Class Association and Edgewater Yacht Club.

#### 2. RULES

This Regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2003-2016, the Thistle Class Association Class Rules, this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments to any of these. In the event of conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions (and any amendments to the Sailing Instructions) shall prevail. The event is designated RRS Category A for advertising as restricted by Class Rules on Advertising. Each boat may be equipped with a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on Channel 71.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY

The regatta is open to all competitors who meet the Thistle Class Association eligibility requirements, namely a skipper who is a current TCA member and is sailing a boat with a valid measurement certificate.

#### 4. ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

Registration shall be made through [RegattaNetwork.com](http://RegattaNetwork.com). Competitors shall check in at the regatta registration table (see schedule below) and sign a waiver form to complete registration.

Entry Fees, which include three wristbands which are good for refreshments and Saturday Night Dinner, are as follows:

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|---------|----------------------------------------------------|
| \$85.00 | US Sailing Members                                 |
| \$95.00 | Non-US Sailing Members                             |
| \$50.00 | Under 25 year old Skipper and Member of US Sailing |
| \$25.00 | Extra wristband                                    |

#### 5. SCHEDULE

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|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday July 10, 2015   | 1700 – 2100         | Registration check-in, EWYC Patio                                     |
| Saturday July 11, 2015 | 0830 – 1100<br>1100 | Registration check-in, EWYC Patio<br>Competitors' Meeting, EWYC Patio |

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|-----------------------|------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
|                       | 1155 | Warning for first race; subsequent races to follow            |
|                       | 1700 | Refreshments, EWYC Pavilion and Pool                          |
|                       | 1830 | Dinner, EWYC Pavilion                                         |
| Sunday, July 12, 2015 | 0955 | Warning for first race of the day; subsequent races to follow |
|                       | 1330 | No warning after 1:30 p.m.                                    |
|                       | 1530 | Trophy presentation, EWYC Patio                               |

A total of five races are scheduled. Two races constitute a regatta.

## 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on [RegattaNetwork.com](http://RegattaNetwork.com) and at registration check-in, prior to the competitors' meeting.

## 7. RACING AREA AND COURSES

The racing area shall be the open waters of Lake Erie north of Edgewater Yacht Club.

## 8. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Radios are permitted and encouraged for safety, and competitors may receive radio communications from the Race Committee, including the hailing of OCS numbers. Except in an emergency, competitors shall neither make nor receive radio, mobile phone, or similar electronic communications while racing that are not available to all competitors.

## 9. SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix A of the RRS shall apply. There will be no throwouts.

## 10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crews for first through fifth place overall, and to Youth skippers for first through third place. Chevrons will be awarded for first through third place overall.

## 11. DISCLAIMER

Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors shall be responsible for the nautical qualities of their boat, rigging, equipment and the ability of their skipper and crew. Competitors shall be responsible for damages they cause to third persons or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, as a consequence of their participation in the regatta. Competitors are to be acquainted with ISAF RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Competitors agree that the Organizing Authorities, the sponsors and their agents, shall have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to competitors or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property. As part of the registration process, each individual competitor will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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