



2016 THISTLE MIDWINTERS – SARASOTA STOP NOTICE OF RACE

February 27 - March 1, 2016

Organizing Authority:
Sarasota Sailing Squadron
1717 Ken Thompson Parkway
Sarasota, FL 34236

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (2013-2016) (RRS)* and Thistle Class Rules.

1.2 As allowed by RRS88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS60, 63.2, & 63.4 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.

2.3 Competitor Check-in will be held on Saturday February 27 at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron from 1600-1800. All competitors shall sign a waiver at check-in at the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

3. Fees

Entry Fee: \$145.00 per boat for US SAILING members registered by February 12, 2016. \$175.00 per boat for all others. The entry fee includes 3 race days, 1 reception Keg party, 3 days Coffee and Bagels, 2 nights' dinner socials and awards.

4. Schedule

Saturday, February 27, 2016

1600 – 1800 Competitor Check-in @ Sarasota Sailing Squadron

1800 – 2000 Competitors' Reception (Keg and Appetizers)

Sunday, February 28, 2016

0900 – 1000 Competitor Check-in @ Sarasota Sailing Squadron

1000 Competitors Meeting

1130 First Warning, additional races to follow

1730 Keg Social and Buffett

Monday February 28, 2016

1130 First Warning, additional races to follow

1800 Open night to explore St. Armands Circle/Sarasota

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

1030 First Warning, additional races to follow, no start after 1400

Awards Party immediately following the days racing

5. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in.

6. Venue

Sarasota Sailing Squadron and Sarasota

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.

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 Sarasota Sailing Squadron Manager Craig Bridges, Manager@Sarasotasailingsquadron.org.

12.2 For Accommodations please visit <http://sarasotasailingsquadron.org/contacts/visiting-sailors/>