



2017 Thistle Midwinters East (Sarasota) Notice of Race



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

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and Thistle Class Rules as documented in the Thistle Class Constitution, TCA Bylaws, Chief Measurement Rulings and Specifications.

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 25 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, 2017. \$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, Feb 25	1600-1800	Competitor Check-in @ Sarasota Sailing
	1800-2000	Competitors' Reception (Keg and Appetizers)
Sunday, Feb 26	0900 - 1000	Competitor Check-in @ Sarasota Sailing
	1000	Competitor Meeting
	1130	First Warning
Monday, Feb 27	1730	Keg Social and Buffet
	1130	First Warning
	1800	Open night to explore St Armands Circle/Sarasota
Tuesday, Feb 28	1130	First Warning
	1400	No warning after this time
	After racing	Awards Party

5. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available at check-in.

6. Venue

Sarasota Sailing Squadron and Sarasota Bay.

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

Per TCA Chief Measurer Ruling 74, competitors may receive VHF radio transmissions from the Race Committee on a designated VHF channel concerning safety, notice of on course side (OCS) boats and general information to assist in the management of the event.

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 SSS, 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/>