



2019 Thistle Southeast Regional Championship

April 6-7, 2019

Pensacola Yacht Club

Pensacola, Florida

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Rules:**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
The regatta is designated Category A.
2. **Entries:**

Eligible boats may enter by completing registration with the organizing authority (OA).
Skippers must be an Active member of the Thistle Class Association (TCA) and boats must be registered with the TCA.
3. **Notices to Competitors:**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the "Official Bulletin Board" (ONB) on the deck of the Watson Sailing Center.
4. **Changes in Sailing Instructions:**

Any change to the sailing instructions (SI's) will be posted at least 1.5 hours before the scheduled start of the day's racing, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 7:00 p.m. the day before it will take effect.
5. **Signals Made Ashore:**
 - 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole in the central lawn.
 - 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.
6. **Schedule of Races: (5 races scheduled)**

Saturday
1300 1st Race warning signal with 3 races scheduled
Successive races will follow as soon as practicable at the discretion of the Race Committee (RC).

Sunday
0930 1st Race of day warning signal
Successive races will follow as soon as practicable at the discretion of the RC.
No warning signal will be made after 1230.
7. **The Course:**
 - 7.1 The diagram(s) in Illustration A show the course(s), including the order in which marks

are to be passed as well as the side on which to pass each mark. The course selection will be displayed from the RC signal vessel before or with the warning signal.

7.2 The approximate compass bearing from the RC signal vessel to Mark A may be displayed from the RC signal vessel before or with the warning signal.

7 Marks:

7.1. Course marks will be orange inflatable tetrahedrons

7.2. Change mark will be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron.

7.3. The starting marks will be either two RC vessels or a RC vessel and a red inflatable tetrahedron.

7.4. The finishing marks will be either two RC vessels or a RC vessel and a red ball.

8 Check-in

Each boat shall check-in at the RC signal vessel before the first race each day

9 The Start:

9.1 Races will be started using rule 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the starboard end RC signal vessel and either the staff displaying an orange flag on the port end RC line vessel or the course side of a red inflatable tetrahedron.

9.3 RC will attempt to hail OCS, but failure to do so or a competitor's failure to hear a hail are not grounds for redress. Such hail will be made on the designated VHF radio channel. This changes RRS rule 29.

9.4 The class flag will be posted on the ONB and announced at the competitors' meeting.

10 Change of Course:

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. At the weather mark, the RC will make every effort to set an offset mark with a change mark, however, if it is absent, proceed to the next mark of the course from the weather mark.

11 The Finish:

11.1 For both upwind and downwind finishes, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing line vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby RC vessel, or the course side of a nearby mark.

12 Flag A displayed at the finish means "no more racing today."

13 Time Limit:

13.1 The time limit will be 90 minutes for the lead boat.

13.2 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and will receive a score equal to the number of boats that have finished within the time limit + 2 not to exceed the number of boats in the race.

14 Radio Communication:

All VHF radio announcements from the RC to the competitors will be on Channel 72. No broadcast communication from the competitors is allowed except for safety reasons.

15 Protests:

Protests shall be written on forms available at the race office and delivered there within 45 minutes of the docking time of the RC boat.

16 Penalties at the time of the incident:

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

17 Penalties after the race:

After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the RC in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.

18 Scoring:

The Low Point scoring system of the RRS Appendix A will apply. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. All races sailed will be scored.

Illustration A:

