



2012 THISTLE GREAT LAKES CHAMPIONSHIP
Chautauqua Yacht Club, Organizing Authority
P.O. Box 1122, Chautauqua, New York 14722
June 16-17, 2012
NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules

The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

2 Eligibility

- 2.1 The event is open to all competitors who meet the Thistle Class Association eligibility requirements including a skipper who is a current TCA Member and a boat with a Measurement Certificate.
- 2.2 Eligible competitors must register by completing the Entry Form at RegattaNetwork.org.
- 2.3 Competitor Check-in and registration will be held Friday and Saturday at the Youth Activities Center (YAC) at times listed below. All competitors shall sign a waiver at check-in.

3 Fees required to complete registration [includes refreshments and 3 dinners Saturday evening]

Entry fee: \$99 per boat for members of US SAILING
 \$69 per boat for young (<25) skipper and member US Sailing
 \$109 per boat for non-members of US SAILING
 \$15 per boat late fee for registration after June 8th

4 Schedule

Friday, June 15, 2012
1200-1300 and 1600-1700 Registration
1300 Briefing for coaching session & Practice Race
1400 Practice Race
1800 Social event – ‘Party with Your PFD’

Saturday, June 16, 2012
0800-0930 Check-in and Registration
1000 Competitors’ meeting
1100 Warning, first race; additional races to follow.

Sunday, June 17, 2012
0900 Warning, first race of the day; additional races to follow.
No race will start after 1300.

5 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions are available online at http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/4933#_docs and a will be available at registration/check-in.

6 Venue

Boats may be launched from Chautauqua Institution Sailing Center at the extreme south end of CI grounds by hoist or ramp. The racing area will be on Chautauqua Lake, in the area generally between Prendergast Point to the south and Lighthouse Point to the north.

7 Berthing and Haul-Out Restrictions

When not sailing, boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the harbor for the duration of the regatta. Boats shall not be hauled out from initial launching until the conclusion of their participation in the regatta except with prior permission of the race committee.

8 Courses

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

9 Scoring

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

9.2 Six races are scheduled. One race constitutes a regatta.

9.3 If more than 60 boats are registered, the RC may divide the fleet into 4 divisions for the first series of races. The top 50% of these Divisions will then be seeded in the Gold and Silver Divisions for the final races.

10 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crews placing first through fifth overall, for B fleet (B Fleet designation is for skippers who have not placed eighth or higher in a chevron event), first through fifth skippers in the B Fleet, and first through third Youth skippers (<21). If we sail in divisions, trophies will be for Gold and Silver Divisions plus Youth first-third overall.

11 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12 Clean Regatta Certification

“Clean Regattas” is a third party certification program that helps regattas, yacht clubs and sailing programs voluntarily achieve higher environmental standards at a Bronze, Silver or Gold Level. *Sailors for the Sea* provides support and materials and the final certification. To achieve Silver Certification for the Thistle Great Lakes Regatta, each sailor is being asked to commit to the following:

- Reduce highway fuel consumption -commit to driving no faster than the speed limit to reduce fuel consumption to and from the regatta
- Water bottle reduction Reduce single-use, disposable water bottle use; bring re-usable water bottles
- Trash free regatta Keep your shores and waters clear of debris
- Recycling Provide and promote recycling services
- Non-toxic products Use only non-toxic cleaning products during event
- Paper Use 100% post-consumer recycled paper & use electronic registration
- Biodegradable Products Use durable or biodegradable products for all event activities

13 Lodging/Housing

For local host housing, please contact Laura Damon at (ldamon26@roadrunner.com)

There are lots of other choices – here are a few: [see also turchautauqua.com]

Camping: (5-15 minute drive)

Chautauqua Lake KOA	5652 Thumb Rd Dewittville , NY 14728	716.386.3804	www.chautauquahgts.com
Camp Chautauqua	3900 Route 394 Ashville , NY 14710	716.789.3435	www.campchautauqua.com
Camp Prendergast	6238 Davis Road Mayville , NY 14757	716.789.3485	www.campprendergast.com

Hotels outside the Institution: (Within a 10 min drive of the sailing area)

Chautauqua Suites 716-269-7829 chautauquasuities.com
Webb's Year Round Resort 716-753-2161 webbworld.com/

Local hotels within the C. Institution grounds are: (Within walking distance of the sailing area)

Athenaeum Hotel, (classic old hotel– on the waterfront)	800-821-1881
Maple Inn	716-357-2022 themapleinn.com/
St. Elmo Local Hotel	716-357-3566 stelmoresort.com/

14 Directions

From I-90 take the Westfield exit and go south on 394 –

OR

From I-86 take the Stow exit and go north on 394 -

Approach Chautauqua Institution on highway 394. Enter the Bryant Gate (furthest south) of Chautauqua Institution and proceed straight down the hill to the Sailing Center.

15 Parking

After launching, trailers will need to be parked in the grass near the launch area. After unloading most of your gear, vehicles will also need to be parked in the designated areas along South Lake Dr. or in the South Gate lot. There will be a shuttle from the parking lot to the waterfront. The Chautauqua Institution is a pedestrian space; driving around is discouraged, walking or cycling is preferred.

16 Further information

For further information, contact Tom Hubbell, HubbellThomas@ussailing.net 740 363 3060