



Notice of Race

2017 Thistle Southeastern Championship

May 20th and 21st 2017
Savannah Yacht Club

The Savannah Yacht club, sailing home to the 1996 Olympics extends a warm welcome to the Thistle community. We are planning on having both excellent racing and social activities.

1. Rules: The regatta will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing, the current rules of the Thistle Class Association, the Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) and by the sailing instructions.

2. Eligibility and Entry:

2.1 This regatta is open to any Registered and Dues Paid Thistle Class Dinghy.

2.2 Registration in advance can be completed on the website: www.regattanetwork.com. Entry must be completed no later than May 12th, 2017. Entry forms received after this date will incur a late entry fee.

2.3 A waiver must be signed when paying for registration during Late Registration/Check-In.

3. Schedule of Events:

Friday May 19, 2017

Club open for early arrivals	1200
Sunset Cruise	1830

Saturday May 20, 2017

Late Registration/Check in (Sail Loft)	0900-1030
Skipper's Meeting (Sail Loft)	1100
Warning Signal Race #1	1255
(Race #2 thru #3 to follow if time permitting)	
Attitude Adjustment Hour (Quarterdeck Bar)	1830
Buffet Dinner (Bocce Ball Court Lawn)	1930

Sunday May 21, 2017

Coffee and Pastries (Sail Loft)	0800
Warning Signal Race #4	0925
(Race #5 if time permitting. No race will start after 1200)	
Awards Presentation & Lunch (Sail Loft)	ASAP

4. Fees:

Regatta Entry (Before May 12)	\$45.00 (US Sailing Members)
	\$50.00 (Non US Sailing Members)
Late Entry (May 13 and after)	add \$15.00

5. Sailing Instructions and Courses: The sailing Instructions will be available at Late Registration/Check In. The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

6. Radio Communication:

6.1 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.

6.2 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.

7. **Scoring:** The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except that each yacht's series score will be the total of all her scores. A minimum of one race will constitute a regatta.
8. **Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and crews
9. **Lodging/Housing:** Camping is allowed at the club in the designated camping area. RVs are not allowed overnight at the club, however there is Wal-Mart at 4725 US Highway 80 E, Savannah, GA 31410 less than a mile from the club that allows RVs. There are several hotels within 15 minutes of the club including: Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Savannah Midtown, 5801 Abercorn St, Savannah, GA 31405 Phone: (912) 298-0800, Hilton Garden Inn Savannah Midtown 5711 Abercorn St, Savannah, GA 31405 Phone: (912) 652-9300, Hampton Inn & Suites Savannah/Midtown Address: 20 Johnston St, Savannah, GA 31405 Phone: (912) 721-3700 Extended Stay America Savannah – Midtown Address: 5511 Abercorn St, Savannah, GA 31405 Phone: (912) 692-0076. Housing may be available with SYC members by contacting Jim Roberts (robertsnole@hotmail.com)
10. **Club Address for directions:** 730 Bradley Point Rd, Savannah, GA 31410
11. **Social/Meals:** Friday evening there will be a sunset cruise for early arrivals. Saturday box lunches will be available. Saturday night there will be cocktails and dinner at the club. There will be lunch served at the Sail Loft after the races Sunday.
12. **Guest Cards:** Competitors can obtain guest cards in order to utilize the dining facilities and bar during your stay. These should be obtained during the Late Registration/Check-In periods if possible. Guests are also encouraged to pre-arrange guest cards by calling the club offices at 912 644-4100.
13. **Further Information:** Jim Roberts 404 279-0421, email: robertsnole@hotmail.com or Amy Roberts 404 754-1947, email: amysdesk@hotmail.com