

Bottoms Up Regatta

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority and Host: Thistle Fleet 155 Jordan Lake, Vista Point April 24, 2021

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after 1600 on April 24 on the Regatta Network site here
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/22072>

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board will be on the signal vessel trailer at the Vista Point parking area.

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channel 72.

3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 72.

3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 This event is open to all Thistle Class Boats with dues paid.

4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with the required entry fee here:

https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=22072 by 8:00pm April 23.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee is \$40 per boat, \$5 discount for all US Sailing Members. A \$15 late fee will apply to all registrants after April 18.

5.2 All skippers 25 years or younger sail for free.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Vista Point gates open at 0800.

0800 - 1200 Boat setup.

1200 - Launch boats.

1300 - Warning signal for race one.

6.2 No warning signal will be made after 1730.

7. VENUE

NoR Addendum One shows the parking and racing areas.

8. TROPHIES

Prizes will be given for top 5 finishers, top female skipper and top junior skipper.

9. SCORING

9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

9.2 Up to 5 races may be sailed.

9.3 A boat's regatta score shall be the total of all of her races.

10. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact regatta chairperson Kevin Sheehan, email - kevin.j.sheehan@gmail.com, cellphone - 919.345.0540.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All competitors must comply with North Carolina Covid 19 regulations and the following Covid 19 guidelines:

Before you go

Things to consider bringing along in addition to your sailing gear: masks, sanitary wipes, hand sanitizer, and personal drink bottles, and water.

At the Event

Please leave an empty lane between boat trailers for 6' of social distancing during setup and knockdown.

US Sailing suggests wearing masks on land especially where social distancing is difficult to maintain (e.g. any indoor bathrooms, on the docks and ramps, etc.). For multi-handed boats, buffs (neck-gaiters) might be appropriate on the water.

Sailors are discouraged from helping set up other boats in the parking lots.

Once your boat is launched, please sail away from the dock as quickly as possible, to clear the ramps for other launchings.

Competitors' Meeting

There will be no on-site competitors' meeting.

On the Water

Races will proceed according to the SIs (with any changes announced by the PRO). If a postponement on shore is needed, the AP flag will be displayed on the signal boat at or near the dock.

Use of Life Jackets (unless made mandatory by display of the Y flag) is encouraged.

Sailors are encouraged to arbitrate all rule disputes on the water so protest committee meetings can be avoided as much as possible. In the event that a protest committee is absolutely required, it will be held,

with more than 6-feet distance between persons. Notification of a protest to the PRO will be done by VHF Radio (Channel 78) or by mobile phone (PRO's # 252-560-1546).

After Racing

There will be no after-racing social meeting.

Please maintain social distancing and wear masks while packing up your boat. Please leave an empty parking space between boats if possible.

You will be charged \$7 to enter the park.

Boats may be left mast-up overnight in the designated trailer parking area.

Vista Point gates open at 0800 and close at 2000.

Area Hotels:

Courtyard Chapel Hill
100 Marriott Way, Chapel Hill, NC
(919) 883-0700

Comfort Inn
1411 E Williams St, Apex, NC
(919) 387-4600

Hampton Inn & Suites Chapel Hill/Carrboro
370 E Main St, Carrboro, NC
(919) 969-6988

Candlewood Suites Apex Raleigh Area
1005 Marco Dr, Apex, NC
(919) 387-8595

Addendum One

