

NOTICE OF RACE

Thistle Pacific Coast Championship

Ventura Yacht Club – 1755 Spinnaker Dr, Ventura, CA 93001

October 1-2, 2022

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: The 2022 Thistle Pacific Coast Championship is organized by Ventura Yacht Club.

1. RULES

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)2021-2024, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.

1.2. All boats must comply with the minimum equipment requirements and all other aspects of Thistle Class rules.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

2.1. The regatta is open to all members of the Thistle Class Association who meet the eligibility requirements of their class rules. Skippers must be 2022 members of the Thistle Class Association and all boats must be registered with the class.

2.2. Registration is available online <http://www.venturayachtclub.org/>* *Subject to Change* Eligible boats may enter online by Saturday, October 1, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Registration will be online only.

2.3. To be considered an entrant in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by 10:00 a.m on October 1, 2022.

2.4. Late entries will not be accepted.

3. CHANGES TO NOTICE OF RACE

3.1 Any changes to this Notice of Race prior to Friday, September 30th at 10:00 p.m. will be posted at <http://www.venturayachtclub.org/>* *Subject to Change*. Changes made after this time will be posted on the official notice board located in the downstairs room of Ventura Yacht Club.

4. FEES

4.1. Entry fees are as follows:

Thistles - \$120 (includes 3 Saturday dinners, appetizers, and beer)

5. FOOD AND BEVERAGES

5.1. Entry fee includes three dinners on Saturday night. Extra dinners will be available to pre-order up to Saturday morning at \$25/each.

5.2. Breakfast will be available downstairs on both Saturday and Sunday morning.

5.3. Competitors are encouraged to bring refillable water bottles. Single-use bottles are discouraged.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 The maximum number of races on Saturday is 4 and total for the series is 7.

Date	Time	Activity
Wednesday, September 7, 2022		Online Registration available on RegattaNetwork.com until Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 10am
Saturday, October 1, 2022	0800 - 1000	Check In, Breakfast Available
	1000	Skipper's Meeting
	1100	First Scheduled Warning - multiple races planned
	After Racing	Thistle Roundtable Discussion Beer, Appetizers, Dinner

Sunday, October 2, 2022	0830	Breakfast Available
	1000	First Scheduled Warning
	1400	No warning signal after this time
	After Racing	Thistle Class Awards

The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule to suit weather conditions. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. The sailing instructions will be available online no later than 11:59 p.m. September 28, 2022, at <http://www.venturayachtclub.org/>. * *Subject to Change*

7.2. The sailing instructions will also be posted on the official notice board located on the south side of the NBC clubhouse. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 1800 on the day before it will take effect. Any official notices to competitors will also be posted here.

8. VENUE

8.1. Races will be sailed outside the entrance to Ventura Harbor, in Pierpont Bay, approximately 1 mile outside Ventura Harbor entrance.

9. COURSES

9.1. The courses to be sailed will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. Courses will use drop marks as described in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1. US Sailing Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of Incident, will apply. The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

11. SCORING

11.1. One race completed will constitute a regatta.

11.2. All races will be counted (no throw-outs). This changes RRS A 2.1

12. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

12.1. Safety checks may be performed at random by the Race Committee or Race Patrol.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1. On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.

13.2. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmission and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. No broadcast communication from the competitors is allowed except for safety reasons or withdrawing from the race.

14. PRIZES

14.1. The Pacific Coast Perpetual trophy is awarded to the winner of the regatta series.

14.2. Prizes will be awarded to the top three skippers and crews.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

15.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 3, Decision to Race). Sailing is an activity that has inherent risk of damage and injury. The Organizing Authority, any Sponsors, Support Facilities, Volunteers, Agents, Employees and Service Providers, the PRO, and the Committee will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta for both on the water and

on land activities. By participating in this event, each competitor (owners, skippers, and crew) agrees to release the race organizers and all persons and groups listed above from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

16. COVID-19 POLICY

16.1. The Ventura Yacht Club observes California State and Ventura County Covid 19 protocols and will require that all members and guests follow the current guidelines set forth by California State, Ventura County, and the Board of Directors of the Ventura Yacht Club.

17. SHORESIDE LOGISTICS, RIGGING, LAUNCHING, and DRY SAILING:

17.1 Dry Storage and rigging area will be available for competitors along the West wall only.

17.2 Hoist will be available for competitors to launch on both Saturday and Sunday before and after racing.

17.3 Competitor parking will be hosted off-site. No competitor parking is allowed in the Ventura Yacht Club.

18. INSURANCE

17.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

19. ADVERTISING

18.1. Competitor advertising, as defined in ISAF Regulation 20, will not be permitted.

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1. Event website: <http://www.venturayachtclub.org/>* *Subject to Change*

Regatta chair: Stanton Smith Jr. at Stanton.E.Smith@gmail.com or (443) 414-8044.