

THISTLE CLASS ASSOCIATION  
2023 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
North Flathead Yacht Club  
Somers, MT  
July 14 – 21, 2023

Sailing Instructions - Amendment #1

11 RACING FORMAT

11.1 Practice Race – all boats participating will be split into two fleets based on sail number with the odd numbered boats starting first and the even numbered boats starting second.

11.2 Qualifying Races (Races 1 – 3) – The fleet will be split into four (4) groups as per TCA Bylaw Article XIII, Section 11. Competitors shall fly a colored ribbon identifying their group from the mainsail clew: A (green), B (yellow), C (blue), and D (red). Two groups will start in the first start (Division 1) of each race; the other two groups (Division 2) will start in the second start:

Race	Division 1	Division 2
1	Group A (green) & Group B (yellow)	Group C (blue) & Group D (red)
2	Group A (green) & Group C (blue)	Group B (yellow) & Group D (red)
3	Group B (yellow) & Group C (blue)	Group A (green) & Group D (red)

Group assignments by boat will be posted on the official notice board no later than 1830 on Sunday, July 16.

11.3 Championship / President's Division Races (Races 4 – 7) – The fleet will be divided into Divisions in accordance with TCA Bylaw Article XIV, Section 9(a).