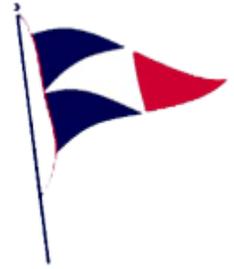


# 2023 Niagara Frontier and Lake Erie Thistle District Championship

Rochester, NY June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Organizing Authority: Thistle Class Association & the Rochester Canoe Club Fleet 46



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. RRS 63.7 shall be replaced by, “If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the Sailing Instructions shall apply.” This changes RRS 63.7.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the south wall of the RCC clubhouse interior. Notices may also be posted at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25968#\\_newsroom](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/25968#_newsroom)

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 0900 on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.3. The Race Committee may make and communicate changes to the Sailing Instructions verbally on the water via VHF radio Channel 72. Attempts will be made that such changes are received by all boats. Failure to hear such announcements will not be grounds for redress.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole on the east lawn of RCC.
- 4.2. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after Flag AP is lowered. This changes *Race Signals AP*.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
0915 Competitor’s Meeting  
1030 First Warning Signal  
Multiple races are planned to be sailed with lunch on the water  
**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**  
0830 Competitor’s Meeting  
0930 First Warning Signal  
Multiple races are planned to be sailed  
On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

## **6. CLASS FLAG**

6.1. The class flag will be a white rectangular flag with a Thistle emblem.

## **7. COURSES**

7.1. SI addendum 1 shows the course designations and the order in which marks are to be passed.

## **8. MARKS**

8.1. The start mark and marks W, LS, LP, and G will be large orange tetrahedrons.

Mark O and the finish mark will be small yellow tetrahedrons.

8.2. A new mark W will be a large yellow tetrahedron.

## **9. THE START**

9.1. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the course-side of a large orange tetrahedron.

9.2. The course will be displayed from the RC signal boat prior to the warning signal.

9.3. Approximately one minute prior to the warning signal of a race, the RC will sound multiple horns to alert competitors.

9.4. The RC signal boat will, after the starting signal, attempt to hail the sail number of boats who are OCS on VHF Channel 72. The delay of such a hail, the order of the hail or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail, shall not be grounds for granting redress; this changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **10. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

10.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will change the position of the next mark as soon as practicable in accordance with RRS 33.

10.2. If the weather mark changes, the new mark will be a large yellow tetrahedron and in this situation, there will be no mark O.

10.3. The angle of the gate may be adjusted without making any signals. This changes *RRS RACE SIGNALS*.

## **11. THE FINISH**

11.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the small yellow tetrahedron finishing mark. This changes *RRS RACE Signals*.

11.2. The finish line shall be on the opposite side of the RC boat compared to the starting line.

## **12. TIME LIMITS**

12.1. The time limit is 90 minutes for the first boat to complete the course as required by RRS 28.

12.2. Boats failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first boat in a race sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE, "Time Limit Expired." The score for TLE will equal two more points than the place of the last boat to finish within the time limit, but not worse than DNF. This instruction changes rule 35, 63.1, A4, and A5.

### **13. PROTESTS**

- 13.1. A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the RC signal boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat being protested. This amends RRS 61.
- 13.2. Protest forms are available in the vicinity of the official notice board at RCC.
- 13.3. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 13.4. Protests shall be delivered to a protest committee representative at RCC within 45 minutes of the posted docking time of the race committee signal boat.
- 13.5. A boat that takes a penalty or retires under rule 44.1 shall provide the information required on the penalty acknowledgement form posted on the official notice board within the protest time limit. This changes RRS 44.1
- 13.6. The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the RC or the protest committee required by RRS 61.1(b), will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.

### **14. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 14.1 Substitution of crews will not be permitted without the prior written approval of the PRO. Substitution of skippers amongst the crew registered for the boat is permitted with prior written approval of the PRO.

### **15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1. Before the first race of each day competitors shall check in by hailing their sail numbers until acknowledged by the RC.
- 15.2. Only the RC may protest alleged breaches of this sailing instruction. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 15.3. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC prior to leaving the racing area. If this is not possible, she shall notify the RC upon arriving ashore.

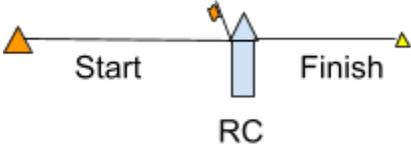
### **16. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 16.1. The RC will monitor VHF channel 72 for competitor emergencies.
- 16.2. 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 RC may communicate safety or race related information on channel 72. Competitors are encouraged to monitor the safety channel throughout the race. Communication between competitors regarding any race information not related to safety is expressly prohibited.
- 16.3 Failure to hear any radio communication shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

### **17. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Addendum 1**



Course **MW1** – Start-W-O-LS/LP-Finish  
Course **MW2** – Start-W-O-LS/LP-W-O-LS/LP-Finish

