



**2025 Thistle Fall Frontier Regatta  
First Stop of the Thistle Class East Coast Fall Series  
September 6 & 7, 2025**

*Organizing Authority: Rochester Canoe Club Fleet 46  
2050 Bay Shore Blvd Rochester, NY 14622*

**Notice of Race (NoR)**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The rules and bylaws of the Thistle Class Association (TCA) will apply.
- 1.3 RRS 40.2 shall be in effect. Each competitor shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.4 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties will be in effect.
- 1.5 RRS A4 and A5 are amended to add: A boat in the starting area that has not met the definition of *start* five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).
- 1.6 RRS 35 is amended to add: Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).
- 1.7 RRS A4 is amended to add: The score for TLE is 2 points more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit.
- 1.8 The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 88.2, 76.1 will apply and are contained in their entirety at:  
[US Sailing.org Competition Racing Rules US Prescriptions](https://www.usa.sailing.org/competition/racing-rules-us-prescriptions)

**2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at registration.
- 2.2 Paper copies will be available.

**3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 3.1 The event is open to all registered boats of the Thistle class that possess a valid measurement certificate.
- 3.2 Current membership in the Thistle Class Association is required for all skippers in the event.
- 3.3 Notify Regatta Coordinator if you plan on attending to facilitate head counts
- 3.4 Registration will be on Regatta Network found [HERE](#) and will close per the schedule below.
- 3.5 An entry is not complete until payment and proof of liability insurance have been received.
- 3.6 This event is a regatta for the Thistle Class Association East Coast Fall Series.

**4 COMMUNICATION**

- 4.1 The official notice board will be on Regatta Network.
- 4.2 The Unofficial notice board will be on the south wall of the RCC clubhouse interior.
- 4.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 4.4 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of each day, 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.

## **5 FEES**

- 5.1 Entry fee is \$120. The registration fee includes (for three team members):
  - 5.1.1 On Saturday: beverages, light breakfast, lunch and hors d'oeuvres & dinner
  - 5.1.2 On Sunday, light breakfast and after sailing, any leftovers from Saturday lunch and dinner.
- 5.2 Please bring your own reusable water bottles. Reusable cups are strongly encouraged for use on shore. Bottled water will not be provided.
- 5.3 Additional Fees for family members and guests
  - 5.3.1 Saturday dinners and dessert may be purchased for \$15 at Registration.
  - 5.3.2 Additional lunches may be purchased for \$5 each at Registration. This includes Saturday lunch as well as Saturday and Sunday breakfasts and beverages.

## **6 SCHEDULE**

All times are in EST

### **Friday**

1800 'Grillin Night - \$5 per person – Burgers and Hot Dogs

### **Saturday**

0800 - 0900 Breakfast, Registration/Check-in  
0900 Registration Closes  
0915 Competitor's Meeting  
1030 First Warning Signal  
Multiple races are planned to be sailed with lunch on the water  
Hors d'oeuvres and dinner after racing

### **Sunday**

0800 Breakfast  
0830 Competitor's Meeting  
0930 First Warning Signal  
Multiple races are planned to be sailed  
On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hours

## **7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

- 7.1 Boats and equipment must be compliant with current TCA rules.
- 7.2 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event for measurement and safety compliance.

## **8 VENUE**

- 8.1 The regatta will be sailed from the Rochester Canoe Club on the waters of Irondequoit Bay or Lake Ontario.
- 8.2 Anticipate being towed to Lake Ontario if necessary.
- 8.3 All boats shall have an appropriate tow line

## **9 COURSES**

The courses to be sailed will be specified in the SIs. The courses will be windward – leeward, triangles, or combinations thereof.

## **10 SCORING**

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply. One race will constitute a series. No race scores will be excluded.

## **11 SAILORS OF THE SEA REGATTA**

- 11.1 This will be a Clean Regatta under the guidelines of Sailors for the Sea

## **12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, illness, disease or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

### **13 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum value of \$100,000 USD. The skipper or boat owner shall provide proof of liability insurance by close of registration. This insurance document can be uploaded to Regatta Network (preferred) or emailed to the Regatta Coordinator.

### **14 AWARDS**

Prizes will be given as follows:

14.1 Top 3 overall finishers

14.2 Other awards may be given at the discretion of the Regatta Coordinator.

### **15 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Club website: <https://rochestercc.org>

Regatta Coordinator: Eric Gesner [eric.g.ges@gmail.com](mailto:eric.g.ges@gmail.com) , 585-489-4263

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### **Additional Information**

The following information is not a part of the Notice of Race but may be helpful in planning your visit to Rochester:

- Camping during the regatta is allowed at RCC in designated areas. Restrooms and one outdoor shower will be available.
- Local hotel rooms are available in many price ranges.
- Rooms, apartments, and houses are listed at <https://www.airbnb.com>
- RCC is located 15 miles from Frederick Douglass Greater Rochester Int'l Airport (ROC).
- Uber and Lyft services are available throughout the area
- Contact Regatta Coordinator to request housing