



**THISTLE CLASS ASSOCIATION
2017 NATIONAL Women's and
Youth's CHAMPIONSHIPS
July 22, 2017
Chautauqua Yacht Club
Mayville, NY**

Notice of Race

Organizing Authority: The 2017 Thistle National Championship (Regatta) is organized by the Thistle Class Association (TCA) in conjunction with the Chautauqua Yacht Club, host of the 2017 Thistle National Championships.

1. Rules:

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020
- 1.2. In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

- 2. Eligibility:** Youth: The competitors (skipper and crew) must be under 21 years of age throughout the entire series. The boats sailed in Youth Thistle Nationals must be registered and dues paid. The boat can be borrowed. Women's: The Women's Thistle Nationals is open to women skippers and crew. The skipper must be a member of the TCA. The boat sailed in the Women's Nationals must be registered and dues paid. The boat can be borrowed.

3. Entries:

- 1.3. Eligible boats and skippers shall register online. Entry / Registration forms will be available online at: www.thistleclass.com. Registration will be open until the competitor's meeting 1200 Saturday July 22
- 1.4. Registration fee for the Regatta is \$10.00. Competitors register and pay fees by the Competitor's meeting July 22, 2016, 1200 hours.

4. Awards:

Youth: The John Lowry Memorial Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner.

Chevrons will be awarded as follows: 1st 3 green, 2nd 2 green, 3rd 1 green.

Women's: A woman's Nationals Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner.

Chevrons will be awarded as follows: 1st 3 Purple, 2nd 2 purple, 3rd 1 purple.

Measurement:

Measurement will occur at the Chautauqua Yacht Club at the following times:

Friday, July 21 1500 – 1800

Saturday, July 22 0900 – 1600

- 1.5. If there are time constraints related to measurement for the Women's and Youths Nationals only a check of safety gear is required for this event.

5. Race Schedule:

Saturday July 22

Competitor Meeting

Time

1200

First race with others to follow. 5 race max.	1300
Awards ceremony: Opening Ceremonies of the Nationals	
Sunday July 24	1200

The race committee may adjust the race schedule to suit the weather conditions including shortening the course.

6. **Racing Area:** The north basin of Chautauqua Lake, north of Prendergast Point
7. **Courses:** Course as shown in the sailing instructions. Course length appropriate for Women's and Youth Nationals and goal of four – five races.
8. **Sailing Instructions:** The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before 1100 July 22, 2016 at Chautauqua Yacht Club
9. **Scoring:** The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 will apply. The series scores will be the total of all their race scores.
10. **Waiver of Liability:** Each competitor may be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage, or injury to persons or property incurred in connection with the Regatta, or on the property of the Chautauqua Yacht Club property that occurs as a result of a competitor's actions. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, or any other organization or official) will not be held responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participating in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.
11. **Insurance:** Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance adequate for the Regatta.
12. **Additional Information:** please contact:

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