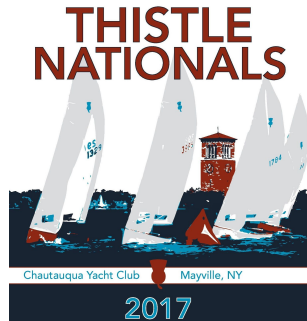


**THISTLE CLASS ASSOCIATION  
2017 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
July 22, 2017 – July 28, 2017



**CHAUTAUQUA YACHT CLUB  
Mayville, NY  
Notice of Race**

**1. RULES**

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2017-2020.

1.2. Changes to the Racing Rules: 28, 32, 33, 44.1, 60.1(a), 61, 62.1(a), 62.2, 63.1, 63.7, 66, and Appendix A 4&5 will be changed as follows:

Rule 28 – a boat may not cross the finishing line except when finishing or attempting to finish;

Rule 32 – courses will not be shortened;

Rule 33 – limits changing the position of marks;

Rule 44.1 – competitor must acknowledge penalty or retirement;

Rule 60.1(a) – limits grounds for protest;

Rule 61 – competitor must notify race committee on the water of intent to protest;

Rule 62.1(a) – limits grounds for granting redress on recall hails;

Rule 62.2 – extends time to request redress for OCS, ZFP or BFD;

Rule 63.1, Appendix A 4 & 5 – boat starting more than 5-minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. No race scores discarded except races 1-3 in the President's Division.

Rule 63.7 – Sailing Instructions prevail in case of conflict with the Notice of Race;

Rule 66 – limits time frame for a request to reopen a hearing;

1.3. In the case of a conflict between the NOR and these SI's, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

1.4. US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2, and 63.4 will not apply.

## **2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

2.1 The regatta is open to boats of the Thistle Class Association that are active members in good standing with a valid measurement certificate and have sailed the required qualifying event(s) to be eligible to compete in Thistle Nationals, as outlined in the RULES of the Thistle Class Association.

2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form online and fees must be paid or postmarked by July 7.

2.3 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the TCA.

## **3. FEES**

3.1 Required fees are as follows:

Entry: \$320 for US Sailing Members or \$345 for non-US Sailing Members

This fee is fully refundable until June 15, and partially refundable (less \$50.00) between June 15 and July 7.

3.2 Other fees: Registrations completed between June 16 and July 7 will incur a late fee of \$50.

3.3 Skippers 26 years old and under, may register for \$1.00 and apply for the youth registration fee waiver. The TCA will cover the cost of regatta registration for those boats.

3.4 The regatta fee includes 6 race days, post-racing beverages most days, 3 banquet tickets, and regatta trophies.

## **4. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES**

4.1 The regatta will consist of a qualifying series and a final series.

4.2 The first 3 races will constitute the qualifying series.

4.3 The final series will consist of the Championship Fleet and the President's Fleet.

4.4 The Final series will consist of a Maximum of 7 Races for the Championship Fleet and 4 Races for the President's Fleet

## **5. SCHEDULE**

**5.1 Registration and Measurement:**

7/21- 1500-1800

7/22- 0900-1600  
7/23- 0900- 1200

**5.2** 7/22- *Women and Junior National Championship - Details will be made available in the NOR for the Women's and Junior National Championship*

**5.3 National Championship Racing:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>WARNING</b>	<b>RACE</b>
Sunday, July 23	1200 1230 1430	Welcome Ceremony Competitors Briefing Practice Race
Monday, July 24	900	Qualifying Races 1 & 2
Tuesday, July 25	900	Qualifying Race 3
Wednesday, July 26	900	Championship Race 4 & 5 President Races 1 & 2
Thursday, July 27	900	Championship Race 6 President Race 3
Friday, July 28	900	Championship Race 7 President Race 4

**5.4** No warning signal will be made after 1430 on Friday, July 28 for any races in the Championship Series.

**5.5** The RC may adjust the racing schedule to suit the weather conditions.

**6. MEASUREMENTS**

6.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate

6.2 Items to be measured shall be determined by the chief measurer. Please check back on the Thistle Class website for updates.

**7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available on the Thistle Class Website and at registration.

**8. VENUE**

8.1 Regatta base: Lakeside Park - Mayville, NY

8.2 The racing area will be the north basin of Chautauqua Lake, north of Prendergast Point

**9. THE COURSES**

The courses will be made available in the Sailing Instructions.

**10. PENALTY SYSTEM**

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.1, will apply.

**11. SCORING**

11.1 The scoring system is as follows:

11.2 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

**12. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Radio communication will be permitted in accordance with Thistle Class Rules.

**13. PRIZES**

13.1 Prizes will be given to the top 10 Championship Fleet boats and top 5 Presidents Fleet boats.

13.2 Prizes will be given to the top 3 finishers of each race for both fleets

13.3 Additional prizes will be given to qualifying boats for categories made available at registration.

**14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**15. INSURANCE**

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

**16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

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