



**44th Annual Orange Peel Regatta
March 16-18, 2018
THE FLORIDA YACHT CLUB
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

We have many great activities planned beginning Friday afternoon with a clinic. Whether you've been racing Thistles for 30 minutes, or 30 years we plan to have valuable information on the latest go-fast techniques. There will be several class veterans on hand to share their knowledge. Following the clinic, there will be a welcome dinner on the Terrazzo Lawn by the pool. Racing will feature MWE style courses set by our top-notch Race Committee. Lunch and awards will follow the morning races on Sunday.

NOTICE OF RACE

- 1. RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing, the current rules of the Thistle Class Association, the Notice of Race (except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions) and by the sailing instructions.
- 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:**
 - 2.1 This regatta is open to any Registered and Dues Paid Thistle Class Dinghy.
 - 2.2 Registration in advance can be completed on the website at: www.orangepeelregatta.com. Entry must be completed no later than March 9th, 2018. Entry forms received after this date will incur a late entry fee.
 - 2.3 A waiver must be signed when paying for registration during Late Registration/Check-In.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018

Coach TCA Concentrate (Rig/Tuning in Boat Park)	1030
Late Registration/Check-In (Sailing Center)	1100-1200
Coach TCA Concentrate Classroom Session/Lunch (Sailing Center)	1200
Late Registration/Check-In (Sailing Center)	1500-1700
Dinner on Terrazzo Lawn	1800

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

Late Registration/Check in (Fleet Center)	0900-1030
Coffee and Donuts	
Skipper's Meeting (Sailing Center)	1100
Warning Signal Race # 1	1225
(Race #2 thru #3 to follow if time permitting)	
Cocktails (Grand Ballroom)	1830
Buffet Dinner (Grand Ballroom)	1900

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

Coffee and Doughnuts (Sailing Center)	0800
Warning Signal Race #4	0925
(Race #5 if time permitting. No race will start after 1200)	
Awards Presentation & Lunch (Terazzo Lawn)	ASAP

4. FEES:

Regatta Entry (Before March 9 th)	\$55.00(US Sailing Members)
	\$65.00 (Non US Sailing Members)
SESS Fee	\$3.00
Late Entry (March 9 th and after)	Add \$15.00

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COURSES: The Sailing Instructions will be available at Late Registration/Check In. The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

6. RADIO COMMUNICATION

6.1 The Sailing Instructions will change RRS 41 to permit the use of hand-held VHF radios, but only for receiving communications from the race committee, and in emergencies. Use of any other electronic communication devices, including cellular phones, is prohibited.

6.2 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 Race Committee may communicate safety or race related information on a designated channel. Competitors are encouraged to monitor the safety channel throughout the race when conditions warrant. Communication between competitors regarding any race information not related to safety is expressly prohibited.

7. SCORING: The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except that each yacht's series score will be the total of all her scores. A minimum of one race will constitute a regatta.

8. PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and crews.

- 9. LODGING/HOUSING:** There are several motels/hotels within ten minutes of the club including: Holiday Inn and Suites “FYC” rate \$109/night (904-562-7407 give them the code FYC) Country Inn and Suites (904-772-7771), Courtyard by Marriott (904-854-1500), Days Inn (904-269-8887), and the Hilton Garden Inn (904-458-1577). Housing may be arranged with local fleet and FYC members by contacting Greg Griffin (Thistle3976@gmail.com) Please note: There is NO tent, car camping, or RV camping/parking allowed onsite.
- 10. DIRECTIONS:** NORTHBOUND on I-95, exit south on Jacksonville to I-295. After Crossing St. Johns River, exit I-295 to US 17 northbound for 4.5 miles, turn right on Yacht Club Rd. to FYC. EASTBOUND on I-10, take I-295 south to 103rd St. Turn left on 103rd(east) and follow for 2.7 miles to US 17. Stay in the right of the two left turn lanes as you will be veering right immediately on to SR 211. Follow to Yacht Club Rd(about .5 mile) and take a right. SOUTHBOUND on I-95, exit I-10 westbound. After a half mile, exit US 17 South(left exit). Continue on US 17 South to Yacht Club Rd(5.6 miles from I-10). Turn left to club. Follow Yacht Club Rd. to the end.
- 11. PARKING.** Vehicles must be parked outside the dry storage fence area except when launching or retrieving boats. **Trailers must not be parked in front of dry stored boats.**
- 12. SOCIAL:** Friday night there will be dinner on the Terrazzo Lawn by the pool. Saturday night there will be cocktails and dinner in the Grand Ballroom. There will be lunch served on the Terrazzo lawn after the races on Sunday.
- 13. Guest Cards:** Competitors and crew must obtain guest cards in order to utilize the dining facilities and bar outside of the organized functions during your stay. You must register for a guest card prior to arriving at FYC for the regatta. Please contact the FYC front office at 904-387-1653 to start the online guest card registration process.
- 14. FURTHER INFORMATION:**
Regatta Chairman Paul Abdullah (904-571-6051) or paulabdu@bellsouth.net
FYC Waterfront Director – Jodi Weinbecker (410-353-3797) sailing@thefyc.org