



45th ANNUAL ORANGE PEEL REGATTA  
 THE FLORIDA YACHT CLUB  
 MARCH 15-17, 2019

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
*(version 03-14-2019)*

1. **RULES:**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS) and Thistle Class (TCA) rules as documented in the Thistle Class Constitution, TCA Bylaws, CMR's and Specifications. US Sailing prescriptions RRS 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.

2. **ENTRIES:**

Thistle Class yachts may enter by completing registration with The Florida Yacht Club. All Skippers must be registered and dues paid with the TCA to be eligible.

3. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors, after the Skipper's Meeting, will be posted on the "Official Notice Board" located in the Sailing Center of The Florida Yacht Club.
- 3.2 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 72 to communicate with competitors on the water.

4. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 4.1 Except for sailing instruction 6, any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 1130 hours on March 16th and before 0800 hours on March 17th. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 1930 on the day before the change takes effect.
- 4.2 Oral changes to these SIs may be given on the water by hail from the signal boat in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Changes communicated must be made before the warning signal.

5. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the ramp dock in the back cove of The Florida Yacht Club.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal AP.

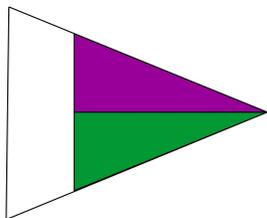
6. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:**

- 6.1 Saturday - March 16, 2019
 

<b>TIME</b>	<b>SIGNAL</b>	<b>RACE #</b>
1225	Warning	Race #1
- 6.2 Race #2 and #3 will follow as soon as possible after the completion of Race #1, time permitting.
- 6.3 Sunday - March 17, 2019
 

<b>TIME</b>	<b>SIGNAL</b>	<b>RACE #</b>
0925	Warning	Race #4
- 6.4 Race #5 will follow as soon as possible after the completion of Race #4, time permitting.
- 6.5 One (1) race will constitute a regatta.
- 6.6 Races will not be started after 1200 hours on Sunday March 17th.

7. **CLASS FLAGS:**  
The class flag will be a Thistle Class pennant similar to:



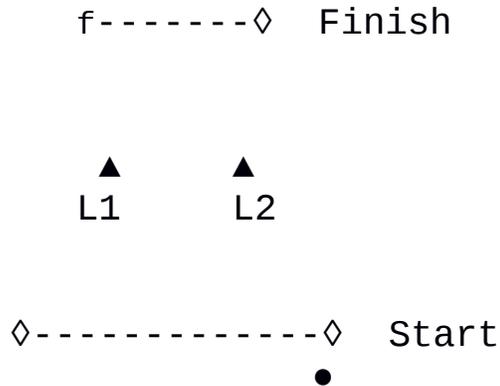
8. **RACING AREA:**  
The racing area will be on the St. Johns River east of The Florida Yacht Club.
9. **THE COURSES:**  
9.1 The diagrams of the courses to be used are described in Addendum #1.  
9.2 The course to be used will be displayed on a board on the starboard side of the Race Committee signal boat.  
9.3 The approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the weather mark will be displayed prior to the warning signal on the starboard side of the Race Committee signal boat.
10. **MARKS:**  
10.1 The starboard end of the starting line will be the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat. The stand-off mark and its attachment line are parts of the mark.  
10.2 The port end of the starting line will be a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC pin boat.  
10.3 Marks W, R, and L1 and L2 will be four foot (4') orange tetrahedrons.  
10.4 The Offset Mark will be a two (2') foot orange tetrahedron.  
10.5 Mark WA, Change Mark, (see SI 13. **CHANGE OF COURSE**) will be a four (4') foot yellow tetrahedron and will not have an associated offset mark.  
10.6 The starboard end of the finish line will be a RC finish boat displaying an orange flag and the port end will be a white ball.
11. **CHECK IN BEFORE RACING:**  
All yachts shall check in with the Race Committee prior to the warning signal of the first race each day by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee start boat on starboard tack and hailing her sail number. The Race Committee will acknowledge the hail by repeating the sail number.
12. **START:**  
12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Pin Boat at the port end.  
12.2 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule 63.1, A4 and A5.
13. **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:**  
To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finish line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be an original mark.
14. **THE FINISH:**  
The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finish boat and the course side of the port end finishing mark.
15. **TIME LIMITS:**  
15.1 The first yacht of each class shall complete the course within 90 minutes or the race will be abandoned.  
15.2 Any yacht not finishing within thirty (30) minutes of the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE) and receive points for their finishing place two more than the last boat to finish within the finishing window (but not more than DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4 and A5. The race committee will lower the blue "On Station" courtesy flag with a long sound signal when the finishing window has closed.

16. **PROTESTS:**
- 16.1 Protests shall be reported to the RC at the finish line.
  - 16.2 Protest forms are available in the Fleet Center. Completed forms shall be delivered there within the protest time limit, which is 60 minutes after the RC finish boat has docked.
  - 16.3 The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes rule 62.2.
  - 16.4 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit on the notice board to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the regatta office, beginning as soon as is practical.
  - 16.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.
17. **Penalties at the time of the incident:**  
The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'
18. **Penalties after the race:**  
After a race, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. The penalty shall be a 20% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has begun. A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by informing the race committee in writing and identifying the race number and when and where the incident occurred.
19. **SCORING:**
- 19.1 The Low-Point system of Appendix A, will apply. Five (5) races are scheduled, of which one (1) race shall be completed to constitute a series, except that each yacht's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. This modifies Appendix A.2.
  - 19.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to finish a yacht in her position on the course if she is unreasonably delaying the start of the next race. If the Race Committee does finish a yacht in position, SI 15.2 will not be applicable.
20. **RADIO COMMUNICATION:**  
The following additional stipulations apply to the TCA's Chief Measurer's Rulings 65 and 74. 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 72 throughout the race when conditions warrant. Communication between competitors regarding any race information not related to safety is expressly prohibited.
21. **PRIZES:**  
Prizes will be awarded to the top five teams.
22. **SAFETY:**  
A yacht which retires from a race must notify the Race Committee either before leaving the racing area or, if that is not possible, immediately after arriving ashore. The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 16 and 72. The yacht club monitors VHF channel 16 as well. All yachts must carry minimum safety equipment as required by the US Coast Guard and class rules.

## ADDENDUM #1

OM 0 W▲

R ▲



- = Stand Off Mark
- W = Windward Mark
- ◇ = Race Committee Boat
- R = Reaching Mark
- ▲ = Orange tetrahedron
- L1 = Leeward Gate
- L2 = Leeward Gate
- O = Offset Mark
- f = Finishing Mark

### Courses

Course #1: Start-W-OM-between L1 and L2-W-OM-R-L1-Finish

Course #2: Start-W-OM-between L1 and L2-Finish (the number of laps will be shown next to the course number)

### General conditions:

1. All marks shall be taken to port except when passing through L1 and L2 on the downwind leg.
2. If the gate is not in place round the leeward mark to port.
3. The diagram may not be in proportion.
4. Alternate mark WA will be a yellow tetrahedron.
5. The inside angle at the reaching mark will be 90 degrees.
6. The gate will be replaced by a single leeward mark in Course #1 following the reach.