



**2019 THISTLE MIDWINTERS EAST
NOTICE OF RACE
St Petersburg Yacht Club, Organizing Authority
11 Central Avenue
St Petersburg FL 33701
February 24-March 1, 2019**

1. Rules

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)* and the Thistle Class Rules.

1.2 As allowed by RRS88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS60, 63.2, & 63.4 do not apply.

1.3 RRS 63.7 shall be replaced by, "If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI's), the Sailing Instructions shall apply." This changes RRS 63.7.

2. Eligibility

2.1 The event is open to all competitors who meet the Thistle Class Association eligibility requirements.

2.2 Eligible boats may register by completing the online entry form at www.yachtscoring.com and paying the required fees.

2.3 Competitor Check-in will be held on Sunday February 24th, 2018, at the SPYC Sailing Center from 1300-1600. All competitors shall sign a waiver at check-in at the SPYC Sailing Center.

3. Fees

The Entry Fee is \$250.00 per boat, for boats registering on or before February 13, 2019. The entry fee from February 14th 2019, until the close of registration on Friday February 24 is \$275.00 per boat. The entry fee includes 5 race days, 1 night hosted keg party, 3 Tiki Deck Cookout tickets, 3 Awards Banquet tickets, regatta trophies, 7% FL Sales Tax.

4. Schedule

Sunday February 24th

1300 – 1600 Registration and Competitor Check-in SPYC Sailing Center

1800 SPYC Tiki Deck Cookout

Monday February 25th

0830 Competitors Meeting at SPSC

1000 Warning, 1st Race of the day

Tuesday February 26th

1000 Warning, 1st Race of the day

Wednesday February 27th

1000 Warning, 1st Race of the day

Thursday February 28th

1000 Warning, 1st Race of the day

Friday March 1st

1000 Warning, 1st Race of the day

There will be no warning after 1430

1800 Awards Banquet SPYC

5. Sailing Instructions will be available online and at check-in.

6. Venue

Boats will be launched from SPSC on Demen's Landing, 250 2nd Avenue SE. The racing area will be on Tampa Bay, east of the St Petersburg Pier.

7. Courses

The courses to be sailed may be Windward Leeward or Windward Leeward Triangles.

8. Scoring

8.1 The scoring system will be the low point scoring system of Appendix A, except that no score will be excluded.

8.2 Three races will constitute a regatta.

9. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crews placing first through fifth in the A fleet (A Fleet includes skippers who have placed eighth or higher in a chevron event), and first through third in the B Fleet. The following perpetual trophies will be awarded: Miami Sunshine Regatta Trophy (top finisher overall), Sunshine Trophy (top finisher from Florida), Ol' Thistlin' Tom Trophy (top skipper 50 years or older).

10. Electronic Communications

10.1 RRS 41 is changed to allow 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.

10.2 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.

11. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority, the sponsors, the race committee, officers and board of directors of SPYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept any responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after this regatta.

12. Further Information

12.1 For further information contact John Deermount at jdeermount@gmail.com and George P. Pennington at epennin09@earthlink.net

12.2 For Accommodations please visit the SPYC website at www.spyc.org - Click drop down menu "Sailing," then "Regattas" and scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on "For Hotel Accommodations."

12.3 Guest Cards for SPYC are available by clicking on "Sailing" and then "SPYC Guest Card." Fill out your information and your card will be available at the front desk upon your arrival. SPYC requests that you do this at least 48 hours before the event.

12.4 Access to the SPYC Sailing Center will be available beginning Saturday February 24th at 1200 hours. Any boats, vehicles or trailers left in the SPSC for more than 24 hours after termination of the regatta may be towed at the owner's expense unless prior arrangements have been made with SPSC Waterfront Director, Shawn Macking.