



# Atlanta Yacht Club Championship Regatta (Thistles)

Organizing Authority: Atlanta Yacht Club  
September 17-18, 2022  
7120 Yacht Club Drive, Acworth, GA 30102

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

### 2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water by hail from the Signal boat in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The Signal boat will display code flag L with one sound, and communicate the changes to each boat before the next warning signal. A list will be maintained to help ensure that every boat received the information.

### 3. Communication with Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

### 4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat alongside the dock.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 20 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

### 5. Schedule of Races

9/17 Competitors Meeting 0900, First Race Warning Signal 1000  
Lunch 1200 – 1300, Warning – 1315, No warning signal will be made after 1600.  
9/18 0900 First Warning Signal, No Warning Signal after 1300, Awards following Racing.

### 6. Class Flags

Thistle Class Flag

### 7. The Courses

- 7.1 The diagrams show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be rounded or passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2 The identifying letter(s) of the course will be displayed on the Signal Boat
- 7.3 The Thistle Fleet Class Placard will be displayed on the Signal Boat

### 8. Marks

- 8.1 Rounding Marks 1, 2 & 3 and Gate Marks will be yellow Tetrahedrons. Offset marks, if used, will be red balls. New Rounding Marks when used in accordance with SI 10.1, Change of Course, will be yellow Tetrahedrons with a black band.
- 8.2 In the absence of one gate mark, boats shall round the remaining gate mark to port.
- 8.3 The starting and finishing marks will be a Race Committee boat with an orange flag (for starts), blue flag (for finishes) and a nearby orange cylinder or orange ball.

### 9. The Start

- 9.1 Races will be started using RRS26.
- 9.2 Thistles will be the 2022 Championship class. All participating skippers will be scored their finishing position.

9.3 A Boat starting more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

9.4 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Boat and the course side of a nearby orange cylinder.

9.5 The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, the hail of some but not all OCS boats, the untimely hail of some or all OCS boats, or failure to hail any or all boats shall not be grounds for a redress request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

9.6 A next starting sequence will begin once all Thistles have completed their race.

### 10. Change of the next leg of the course

10.1 To change the next leg of the course the Race Committee will lay a Black-banded Mark and remove the original Mark as soon as practicable. In the event that the windward mark is changed, there will not be an Offset mark. When in a subsequent change a black-banded mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

### 11. The Finish

The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee Boat and the course side of a nearby orange cylinder or orange ball.

### 12. Penalty System

12.1 RRS Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, will apply.

### 13. Time Limit

13.1 The Mark 1 Time Limit is 30 minutes. The Race Time Limit is 90 minutes. The Finishing Window time is 15 minutes.

13.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.

13.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This is added to RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

### 14. Protests and Request for Redress

14.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee Finish Boat of her intention and receive acknowledgement. This is in addition to Rule 61.1(a)

14.2 Protest forms are available on the Signal Boat and protests will be delivered there no later than 30 minutes after docking time.

14.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and where the hearings will be held.

- 14.4 Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

**15. Scoring**

15.1 Rule A5.3 applies.

**16. Safety Regulations**

- 17.1 It is suggested All competitors wear, a U.S. Coast Guard Approved PFD.
- 17.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

[DP] means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

**Course Diagrams**

