



2016 Dixie Regatta Notice of Race

Thistle Fleet 48 cordially invites you to attend the 67th Dixie Regatta to be held on
May 28 & 29, 2016
The Atlanta Yacht Club on Lake Allatoona - Acworth, Georgia.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. Junior Regatta: At least four boats must be registered by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, in order for the Junior Regatta to be held.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1. Participation is open to registered Thistle Class yachts and dues-paid members of the Thistle Class. R&D cards are required - a \$5.00 fee will be required for all non-USSA members.
- 2.2. Eligible boats may enter by properly filing the registration form and paying all fees.
- 2.3. Early Registration may be completed online at: <http://www.atlantayachtclub.org/dixie>
- 2.4. By Registering for the regatta, all competitors agree to be bound by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and by all other *Rules* that govern this event.
- 2.5. The Junior event is open to any skipper who has not reached his or her 19th birthday. One crew may be an Adult, a second crew member must be a Junior.

3. Fees

- 3.1. Regatta fees are as indicated on the registration form and do not include Thistle Class Association Dues.
- 3.2. There are no fees associated with the Junior Event.

4. Series

- 4.1. At the time of Registration, Attendees will be asked to self-designate either Purple Fleet or Green Fleet. The Purple Fleet is to include more experienced and competitive sailors, while the Green Fleet is an option for those who prefer a less intense regatta experience, but still want the excitement of racing in a big fleet.
- 4.2. At the discretion of the Race Committee, three races are scheduled for each fleet.
- 4.3. If there are *fewer than 40 boats* electing to sail in the Purple Fleet, there will be two starts for each race, one for the Purple Fleet and one for the Green Fleet. In this case, competitors will be provided a Purple or a Green colored pennant at the competitors' meeting, to be flown from the vicinity of the lower batten on the mainsail leech. The sequence of starts will be: Purple, Green.
- 4.4. If there are *40 or more boats* electing to sail in the Purple Fleet, this group will be split into four sub-fleets (Black, Orange, Yellow and Blue), designated with corresponding colors of pennants to be attached to the mainsail as above. In this event, there will be two starts for all races in the Purple Fleet. Each start for these boats will include two of the subgroups, rotated after every race, so that if all races are completed each group will have competed against all three of the others during the course of the regatta. In this case the sequence of starts will be Purple 1A, Purple 1B, and Green. Placards on the Race Committee barge for the Purple Fleet will *not be purple* but will instead correspond to the sub-fleet colors



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4.5. Regardless of whether Purple Fleet sails with one start or with two, the Green Fleet will sail as one group with its own start, following the Purple Fleet start(s).

5. Schedule

- 5.1. Registration: Saturday, May 28
8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Junior registration at the Point
9:00 a.m. – Noon Dixie registration at the clubhouse
- 5.2. Racing: Saturday, May 28
9:25 a.m. Junior race Warning signal;
2nd and 3rd races to follow
12:00 Noon Competitors' meeting at the Point
1:00 p.m. Gather horn
1:25 p.m. 1st race Warning signal:
Second race to follow
- Sunday, May 29
9:00 a.m. Gather horn
9:25 a.m. Warning signal for subsequent race(s)
- 5.3. All races will be scored.

6. Sailing Instructions

6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available at the Registration table in the AYC Clubhouse and will be posted online at <http://www.atlantayachtclub.org/dixie>

7. Prizes

7.1. Trophies will be awarded to the top five finishers of Dixie Regatta Purple Fleet, the top three finishers of the Dixie Regatta Green Fleet, and to the top three finishers of the Junior Regatta.

8. Disclaimer of Liability

8.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race of the RRS. 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.

9. Further Information

9.1. For further information, please visit <http://www.atlantayachtclub.org/dixie>

Please note: No pets, motorcycles, or firearms are permitted on AYC property