



NOTICE OF RACE

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Savannah Yacht Club Thistle Wild Turkey Regatta September 23-24, 2023

Organizing Authority (OA):
Savannah Yacht Club (SYC) 730 Bradley Point Rd, Savannah, GA 31410

COVID-19 Risk Statement

The safety of our members, guests and staff are very important. With new COVID-19 variants continuing to evolve, we will follow the CDC, State of Georgia and local recommendations during this event. Competitors shall not come to SYC grounds or compete in the event if they have a fever, cough, or any other symptoms of COVID.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the rule is subject to a discretionary penalty which can be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and Thistle Class rules, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 [DP] [NP] All coach and support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the driver at all times while the engine is running.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available on or before September 22nd on the website and emailed to all pre-registered competitors.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio, including courtesy broadcasts. The channel will be announced at the competitors meeting.
- 3.2 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or to inform race committee that a boat is retiring before finishing, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that is not available to all boats.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats of Thistle Class that are registered with the

Thistle Class Association (TCA) Skippers must be active members in good standing of the TCA.

- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter the event by registering online at: [2023 Thistle Wild Turkey Regatta Registration](#)
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.4 All competitors must check in onsite to complete registration.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee is \$70 per boat which includes coffee/juice/pastries on Saturday morning, beer for adult after racing Saturday, dinner on Saturday evening, coffee on Sunday morning, water on the course and chicken wings with trophies on Sunday.
- 5.2 Early registration closes on September 20 at 23:00 EDT. \$15 late fee will be added at this time.
- 5.3 Extra dinners and box lunches for Saturday can be ordered online. The deadline for extra food orders is Wednesday September 20 at 23:00 EDT.
- 5.4 Event website and registration : [2023 Thistle Wild Turkey Regatta Registration](#)

6 SCHEDULE

Friday, September 22

1400 – 1800 Club open for boat drop off in designated areas.

Saturday, September 23

0830 Coffee, Juice and Pastries
0930 - 1030 Check in
1030 Competitors Meeting
1100 Harbor Start
1200 First Warning Signal
1800 Dinner SYC Dock House/Tent

Sunday, September 24

0800 Coffee
0900 Harbor Start
1000 First warning signal
1400 No warning signal will be made after this time
After racing Awards & wings at SYC Dock House

7 VENUE

- 7.1 Savannah Yacht Club is a full-service Club, we welcome all sailors and their supporters to enjoy the club and facilities. Please make sure you adhere to the designated boat parking areas.
- 7.2 Competitors can obtain guest cards to order food/beverages during your stay. The guest cards can be arranged during check-in or prearranged by contacting the club office.

- 7.3 Limited camping will be permitted in designated areas at SYC, please contact Adam Young for details and check notice board when you arrive for location and specifics.
- 7.4 The racing area will be the Wilmington River and/or Skidway River near the Savannah Yacht Club. See Attachment A for general location.

8 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be windward-leeward using inflatable dropped marks. Courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) shall apply.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The scoring system in RRS Appendix A4 will be used.
- 10.2 5 races are scheduled.
- 10.3 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.4 All races sailed will be scored.

11 SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

[DP] [NP] Coach vessels shall remain a minimum of 100 yards from the course area except when asked to assist by a race official. All coach and support vessels are required to monitor the course channel on a VHF radio and be ready to assist with safety when requested.

12 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be given to the top finishers.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

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Attachment A

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