



Lake Erie Thistle District Championship

A Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta

June 1-2, 2024

*Pymatuning Yacht Club Thistle Fleet 31
5228 Bush Rd., Jamestown, PA 16134*

Notice of Race (NoR)

Revised 05/20/2024

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 The rules and bylaws of the Thistle Class Association (TCA) will apply.

1.3 Appendix V, Alternative Penalties will be in effect.

1.4 RRS A4 and A5 are amended to add: A boat that has not met the definition of *start* five minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

1.6 RRS 35 is amended to add: Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).

1.7 RRS A4 is amended to add: The score for TLE is 2 points more than the number of boats that finished within the time limit.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available online at [HERE](#) by May 30, 2024.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The event is open to all registered boats of the Thistle class that possess a valid measurement certificate.
- 3.2 Current membership in the Thistle Class Association is required for all skippers in the event.
- 3.3 Registrations will be accepted through the event website [HERE](#) until 1000 hours on June 1.
- 3.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. Payments must be submitted on the Regatta Network site by credit card. An entry is not complete until payment has been received.
- 3.5 This event is a Thistle Class National Championship qualifier for the Lake Erie District.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 The official notice board will be on the porch wall of the PYC clubhouse.
- 4.2 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 4.3 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of each day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The registration fee is \$60 if received by May 24, 2024. The fee for teams whose skipper's age is under 22 is \$30, provided it is received by May 24, 2024. The registration fee is \$75 if received after May 20. The registration fee includes (for three team members): beverages, light breakfast on Saturday, hors d'oeuvres on Saturday, and light breakfast on Sunday.

This is a Sailors for the Sea Clean Regatta. Please bring your own reusable water bottles, coffee cups and beer cups. Water refill stations will be located on the clubhouse porch. Bottled water will not be provided.

- 5.2 Additional Fees (PLEASE PRE-PURCHASE ALL MEALS)
 - 5.2.1 Saturday BBQ (pulled pork or vegan sloppy joes) dinner: \$15
 - 5.2.2 Saturday Lunch (hot ham sandwiches): \$8

5.2.2 Sunday Lunch (hamburgers): \$8

5.2.2 Access to light breakfasts, refreshments and hors d'oeuvres for family members and guests may be purchased for \$5 each.

6 SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 1

0900 - 1000: Breakfast, Registration/Check-in

1000: Competitor's Meeting

1100: First Warning Signal, two races planned

~1300: Lunch on shore, to follow morning races

~1430: Warning Signal, two races planned, first race no sooner than 30 minutes following shore cannon

~1700: Hors d'oeuvres and dinner, signaled by the clubhouse bell

Sunday, June 2

0800: Breakfast available

~~0830~~ 0900: On-shore hour gun

~~0930~~ 1000: First Warning Signal, two races planned, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hours **unless for the first race of the series.**

Lunch following racing, signaled by clubhouse bell

Awards following lunch, signaled by the clubhouse bell

7 EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 Boats and equipment must be compliant with current TCA rules.

7.2 Boats may be inspected at any time during the event for measurement and safety compliance.

7.3 Boats shall carry a functional tow line.

8 VENUE

The regatta will be sailed from the Pymatuning Yacht Club on the waters of Pymatuning Reservoir, to the east and north of the club harbor.

9 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be specified in the SIs. The courses will be windward – leeward, triangles, or combinations thereof.

10 SCORING

The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A, will apply. One race will constitute a series. No race scores will be excluded.

11 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, illness, disease or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12 INSURANCE

The organizing authority recommends that each competitor shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

13 AWARDS

Prizes will be given as follows:

- Top five overall finishers
- Lake Erie Perpetual Trophies
- Other awards may be given at the discretion of the Regatta Coordinators.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

Event website [HERE](#)

Pymatuning Yacht Club website [HERE](#)

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Additional Information

The following information is not a part of the Notice of Race but may be helpful in planning your participation:

Per the terms of the PYC lease from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, camping and RV parking is only permitted as guests of PYC members. Request guest camping arrangements on the regatta registration site [by requesting “housing”](#).

The Pymatuning area is a popular vacation destination and yet relatively isolated. Both Ohio and Pennsylvania State Parks are quite close to PYC and offer top notch camping and cabins with recently renovated facilities. Make arrangements early to avoid being shut out. Conventional hotels may be found in Meadville, PA, a 30 minute commute. AirBnB and cottage facilities may be found on-line. For those looking for a higher end overnight experience, consider the Peter Allen Inn in Kinsman OH. Restaurants, fast food and groceries can be found in Andover, OH and Jamestown, PA.

Like most inland lakes, Pymatuning is at war with invasive species. Please ensure your boat is well rinsed and clean from wherever it last floated. Rinse well before you go home.

If you have never been to Pymatuning Reservoir, your visit will not be complete without visiting the famous carp at the Linesville Spillway, the second most visited State Park location in Pennsylvania, after the Liberty Bell. Plan to swing by 12318 Hartstown Rd., Linesville, PA on your way home. Your life will never be the same.