

Savannah Yacht Club

Notice of Race

Savannah Yacht Club Thistle Wild Turkey Regatta September 21-22, 2024

Organizing Authority (OA):

Savannah Yacht Club (SYC) 730 Bradley Point Road, Savannah, GA 31410

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 20th 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 the 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 are not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The event is open to all boats of the 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 regattanetwork.com

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 \$75 per boat which includes coffee/juice/pastries on Saturday morning, beer for adults after racing Saturday, dinner on Saturday evening, coffee on Sunday morning, and chicken wings with trophies on Sunday.

5.2 Extra dinners for Saturday night and Sunday lunch can be ordered online. The deadline for extra food orders is Wednesday, September 18 at 23:00 EDT.

6. Schedule

Friday, September 20

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

Saturday, September 21

0830 Coffee, Juice, and Pastries

0930-1030 Check In

1030 Competitors Meeting

1100 Harbor Start

1200 First Warning Signal

1800 Dinner at SYC Sail Loft

Sunday, September 22

0800 Coffee

0900 Harbor Start

1000 First Warning Signal

1400 No warning signal will be made after this time

After racing awards and wings at SYC Sail Loft

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 pre arranged 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 the notice board when you arrive for location and specifics.

7.4 The racing area will be the Wilmington River and/or Skidaway River near the Savannah Yacht Club.

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. 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/or 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.**

12. Prizes

Prizes will be given to top finishers.

13. Further Information

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