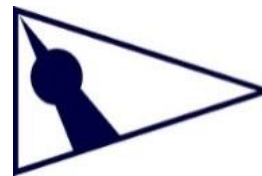




Thistle Oyster Roast Regatta

October 7 & 8, 2023

A Thistle East Coast Fall Series Event



Hosted by Thistle Fleet 34 and Severn Sailing Association
311 First Street • Annapolis, Maryland 21403

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: The Thistle Oyster Roast is organized by Thistle Fleet 34 and Severn Sailing Association.

1. Rules:

1.1. This regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1.1. the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as modified
- 1.1.2. the 2021-2024 US Sailing Prescriptions
- 1.1.3. the requirements of the Thistle Class Association
- 1.1.4. the Thistle Oyster Roast Sailing Instructions
- 1.1.5. this Notice of Race.

2. Sailing Instructions:

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on the online registration page at www.severnsailing.org under Racing > Upcoming SSA Races at least one day prior to the event.
- 2.2. The Sailing Instructions will also be posted on the official notice board located under the SSA deck.
- 2.3. Any change to the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions resulting from questions at the competitors' meeting will be posted ASAP.

3. Communications:

- 3.1. The official notice board is located under the SSA deck.
- 3.2. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the SSA deck.
- 3.3. The RC may transmit via VHF radio (channel 65A) information concerning safety, OCS boats, and general information to assist in the management of the event. The use of any other electronic communication devices, including cellular phones, is prohibited except in an emergency.
- 3.4. Except in an emergency, a participating boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all participating boats.

4. Eligibility and Entry:

- 4.1. This regatta is open to all members of the Thistle Class Association who meet the eligibility requirements of class rules.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form (available at www.severnsailing.org under Racing > Upcoming SSA Races) and paying the required fee, no later than 0930 on Saturday, October 7, 2023.
- 4.3. Registration will be online only.

5. **Fees:**

5.1. The entry fee is \$80 through October 2 / \$90 after October 2.

5.2. The entry fee includes racing, continental breakfasts each day, and appetizers Saturday evening for three people.

6. **Schedule:**

6.1. The schedule of events is as follows:

Saturday

0830	Check-In & Continental Breakfast
1000	Competitors' Meeting
1030	Harbor Start
1130	Warning signal for Race 1, additional races to follow as conditions permit
~1700	Appetizers and Happy Hour (Cash Bar)
~1800	Dinner (separate ticket)

Sunday

0815	Continental Breakfast
0900	Harbor Start
1000	Warning Signal, additional races as conditions permit (no start after 1400)
	Awards to Follow

6.2. The number of races each day may vary as weather conditions permit. The total number of races for the regatta shall not exceed seven (7); one (1) completed race shall constitute a regatta.

7. **Venue:**

7.1. Races will be sailed on the Chesapeake Bay off Greenbury Point or Bembe Beach, both approximately a 45-minute sail from SSA.

7.2. Launching and boat storage 5 days prior and after the event is available at Severn Sailing Association, 311 First Street, Annapolis MD 21401. Contact the club office to make arrangements. office@severnsailing.org

8. **Courses:**

8.1. The courses to be sailed will be specified in the Sailing Instructions. Courses will be windward-leeward and/or triangles using drop marks.

9. **Equipment Inspection:**

9.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time by the Organizing Authority for compliance with Thistle Class Association rules.

10. **Scoring:**

10.1. Scoring will be the low point system.

10.2. A boat's regatta score shall be the total of her race scores, with no races excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.

11. **Penalty System:**

11.1. RSS/US Appendix V1 and V2 shall be in effect.

11.2. An arbitration hearing according to RRS Appendix T will be conducted if agreed by both parties.

12. Prizes:

- 12.1. The Thistle Oyster Roast perpetual trophy will be awarded to the skipper and crew placing first in the regatta.
- 12.2. Prizes will be awarded to skippers and crew placing first through fifth in the regatta.

13. Risk Statement:

- 13.1. 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.**

14. Insurance:

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

15. Further Information:

- 15.1. For regatta information, please contact Cairn Krafft (cairnkrafft@comcast.net or 443-975-0220).
- 15.2. PRO: Steve Podlich (stevepodlich@gmail.com or 410-320-7810).

ADDITIONAL REGATTA INFORMATION (Not part of the Notice of Race)

COVID 19: All participants and their guests are expected to follow CDC, State of Maryland, Thistle Class Association, and Severn Sailing Association guidance as appropriate.

Clean Regatta:

- We have registered as a Clean Regatta with Sailors for the Sea (www.sailorsforthesea.org).
- Please bring and use refillable water bottles and beer/coffee cups, reef-safe sunscreen, non-toxic boat wash (or water-only), and reusable bags for regatta provisioning. Also, please dispose of waste in the proper receptacle (compost/landfill/recycle).
- Sail Drive. We are again sponsoring a sail drive to upcycle or recycle old sails. Sails must be mostly white but can be from any type of sailboat (not just Thistles) and can be in any condition. Thistle sails in relatively good condition may be swapped in for older sails currently available with the Thistle hulls that Ed John has rehabbed. These older sails and any other sails donated will be transferred to Sea Bags (a partner in the TCA Clean Class Initiative) to be made into future trophies and other items, thus keeping them out of the landfill.



Breakfasts: Continental Breakfasts for three people are included with registration.

Appetizers and Oysters Party:

- Oysters and appetizers for three people are included with registration.
- Additional tickets for oysters and appetizers can be purchased online or Saturday morning for \$9 per person. (Cash only on Saturday morning.)
- Cash Bar

Dinners:

- Dinner tickets can be purchased online for \$19 per person. Cash Bar.
- Menu: BBQ chicken, pulled pork, coleslaw, potato salad, baked beans, garden salad, and dessert.
- **To guarantee dinner, payment must be received online by Monday, October 2.** Only a limited number of dinners will be available for purchase after this time.
- Please contact Cairn Krafft for information regarding vegetarian or children's dinners.

Crew Clearinghouse:

- Please contact Bill Krafft (bkrafft@triconmail.com or 703-906-7650) if you need crew or know of people available to crew.

Housing:

- Many hotels and several camping facilities are located in the greater Annapolis area.
- Limited housing is available with Fleet members. Contact Amy Krafft (amyekrafft@gmail.com or 703-684-6864).

Lunches:

- Lunches will not be available at SSA.
- Two nearby business offer crew lunches: Bread & Butter Kitchen (www.breadandbutterkitchen.com) and Leeward Market (www.leewardmarketcafe.com).

United States Boat Shows:

Please note that the Powerboat Show coincides with our event this year. The Sailboat Show is October 12-15.

Fleet 34 looks forward to welcoming you to Annapolis!