



THISTLE CLASS ASSOCIATION
2026 WOMEN'S & JUNIOR
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday July 26, 2026
Eugene Yacht Club
Eugene, Oregon
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



The notation (NP) in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The US Sailing prescription to RRS63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3. The prescription to RRS 63.1 is deleted

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions shall be posted by 0900 on the day it shall take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races shall be posted by 2000 on the day before it shall take effect.
- 2.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water will be communicated to each boat before her warning signal by flying the L flag from the Signal Boat

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on Clubspot <https://theclubspot.com/regatta/TuAzHWxjky>
- 3.2. There will be a competitors' meeting at Eugene Yacht Club's Youth Sailing Building on the north side on Sunday, July 26 at 1100 hrs.
- 3.3. Radio communications between boats and the Race Committee will be on VHF 72
- 3.4. [NP] The following communications may be made by the race committee using the designated VHF Channel in addition to any Race Signals (this changes RRS 29, 32, 33 and 41): Courses, including the bearing and distance to the first mark; postponements and abandonments; boats identified as OCS and general recalls; changing courses or marks and identify marks; shortening the course; time limits.
- 3.5. [DP] A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones. Exception - competitors are encouraged to inform the race committee of a retirement or safety issue.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [NP][DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be on the flagpole on east side of the EYC Clubhouse
- 5.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Sunday, July 26 – Race 1 warning signal at 1300 hrs with additional races to follow.
- 6.2. A maximum of seven races are scheduled.
- 6.3. Women's and Junior competitors will sail together, in a single fleet.
- 6.4. Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

7. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a green, purple and white pennant with the Thistle logo or numeral pennant one.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be on Fern Ridge Reservoir approximately 1 nautical mile (NM) south east of EYC.

- 9. COURSES**
- 9.1. The diagrams in Addendum A show the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 10. MARKS**
- 10.1. Mark 1 will be an orange inflatable mark.
10.2. Mark 1a (the offset mark) will be a small yellow inflatable mark.
10.3. Marks 4S and 4P (the gate) will be orange inflatable marks.
10.4. New mark, as provided in instruction 12, will be a yellow inflatable mark.
10.5. The start / finish mark will be a red ball.
- 11. THE START**
- 11.1. The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of a mark.
11.2. [NP] After a postponement, general recall or abandonment is signaled by the RC Signal Boat, an RC Mark Boat may, as a courtesy, display code flags AP, 1st substitute or N to facilitate boats returning to the starting area. Only the signals displayed by the RC Signal Boat will govern the conduct of racing. This changes RRS race signals.
11.3. A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
11.4. The Signal boat may trail a substitute mark which will be considered part of the Signal boat
- 12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
- To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark(s) (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 13. THE FINISH**
- The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel and the course side of a mark. This changes Race Signals.
- 14. TIME LIMITS**
- 14.1. In accordance with RRS 35, the time limit for each division in each race is 60 minutes.
14.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.
- 15. HEARING REQUESTS**
- 15.1. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC Signal Boat docks at the end of each racing day or 30 minutes after the RC signals 'No more racing today' ashore, whichever is later.
15.2. Hearing request forms are available in the Office of EYC
15.3. Notices shall be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings shall be held in the Office of EYC.
15.4. Notices of Race Committee or Protest Committee protests shall be posted on the official notice board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16. SCORING**
- 16.1. The series scores for boats will be the total of all their race scores with no races excluded.
16.2. A boat scored DNS, DSQ, DNC or OCS shall be scored points of one more than the number of boats registered. This changes RRS A5.2.
16.3. A boat scored DNF, RET or TLE are scored by adding the number of registered boats to the number of finishers, then divided by 2 (any resulting fraction shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number). This changes RRS A5.2. For the purposes of this calculation, boats scored UFD or BFD will be excluded from the number of finishers.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP][DP]

- 17.1. Upon arriving in the starting area, boats shall check-in with the race committee by sailing past the stern of the RC Signal Boat on starboard tack, hailing their sail number and receiving confirmation from the RC.
- 17.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 17.3. When a race committee vessel displays flag “Y” afloat, RRS 40.1 applies at all times (except temporarily while adding or removing clothing), not just when racing. This changes RRS 40.2(a). When flag “Y” is removed afloat, RRS 40.1 no longer applies.

18. AWARDS

Trophies will be awarded at the Opening Ceremonies on Sunday, July 26.

19. RISK STATEMENT

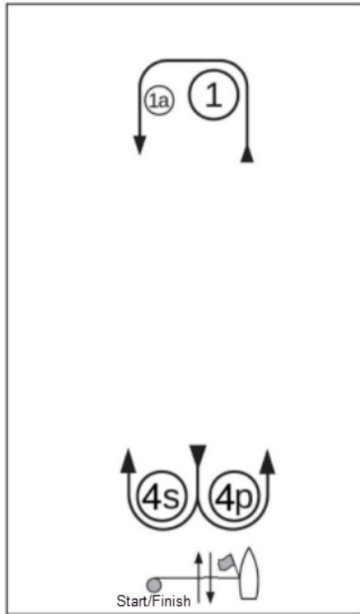
RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough 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.” Each competitor shall be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage, or injury to persons or property incurred in connection with the Regatta that occurs as a result of a competitor’s actions.

20. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum value of \$100,000 USD. Registrants must show proof of insurance at Registration.

ADDENDUM A – Course Illustrations

Not to Scale

Course 1 – Windward/Leeward					
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