



**40th Annual Orange Peel Regatta
March 21-23, 2014
THE FLORIDA YACHT CLUB - Thistle Fleet 133
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

We have many great activities planned beginning Friday afternoon with a clinic. Whether you've been racing Thistles for 30 minutes, or 30 years we plan to have valuable information on the latest go-fast techniques. There will be several class veterans on hand to share their knowledge. Following the clinic, we'll have a Sunset Party and Oyster Roast on the Waterfront at FYC. Racing will feature MWE style courses set by our top-notch Race Committee. There will be a Southern Buffet for dinner Saturday night with our now famous door prizes from our many sponsors. Lunch and awards will follow the morning races on Sunday. This regatta will be the culmination of the eighth year of Thistle Southern Circuit and the first regatta of the Southeast Spring Series.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

- 2.1 This regatta is open to any Registered and Dues Paid Thistle Class Dinghy.
- 2.2 Registration in advance can be completed on the website at: www.orangepeelregatta.com. Entry must be completed at the no later than March 14th, 2014. Entry forms received after this date will incur a late entry fee.
- 2.3 A waiver must be signed when paying for registration during Late Registration/Check-In.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014

Coach TCA Concentrate (Rig/Tuning in Boat Park)	1030
Late Registration/Check-In (Captain's Walk)	1100-1200
Coach TCA Concentrate Classroom Session/Lunch	1200
Late Registration/Check-In (Captain's Walk)	1500-1700
Oyster Roast and Welcome Party (Waterfront)	1800

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2014

Late Registration/Check in (Captain's Walk)	0900-1030
Skipper's Meeting (Fleet Center)	1100
Warning Signal Race # 1	1225
(Race #2 thru #3 to follow if time permitting)	
Cocktail Hour (Astor Room)	1830
Southern Buffet (Grand Ballroom)	1930

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014

Coffee and Doughnuts	0800
Warning Signal Race #4	0925
(Race #5 if time permitting. No race will start after 1200)	
Awards Presentation & Lunch (Fleet Center)	ASAP

4. FEES:

Regatta Entry (Before March 14th)	\$50.00(US Sailing Members) \$60.00 (Non US Sailing Members)
SESS Fee	\$3.00
Late Entry (March 14 th and after)	Add \$15.00
Lunch Friday (Per Person)	\$7.00
Friday Oyster Roast (Per Person)	\$20.00
Bag Lunch Saturday	\$7.00
Dinner Saturday (Per Person)	\$28.00
Lunch Sunday (Per Person)	\$12.50

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COURSES: The Sailing Instructions will be available at Late Registration/Check In. The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

6. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: The following additional stipulations apply to the Thistle Class Association's Chief Measurer's Rulings (CMR) 65 and 74: VHF Radios may be utilized to monitor weather channels at any time. The Race Committee may communicate safety or race related information on a designated channel (channel TBA at Competitor's Meeting). Competitors are encouraged to monitor this channel throughout the race when conditions warrant. Communication between competitors regarding any race information not related to safety is expressly prohibited.

7. SCORING: The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used except that each yacht's series score will be the total of all her scores. A minimum of one race will constitute a regatta.

8. PRIZES: Prizes will be awarded to the top five skippers and crews.

9. LODGING/HOUSING: There are several motels within ten minutes of the club including: Country Inn and Suites (904-772-7771) (Mention Orange Peel for \$81/night on a King Studio or \$99/night on a King Suite). Courtyard by Marriott (904-854-1500), the Comfort Inn (904-264-3297), the Days Inn (904-269-8887), Parkside Motel (904-264-2221) and the Hilton Garden Inn (904-458-1577). Housing may be arranged with local fleet and FYC members by

contacting Greg Griffin (thistle3976@gmail.com).

10. DIRECTIONS: NORTHBOUND on I-95, exit south on Jacksonville to I-295. After Crossing St. Johns River, exit I-295 to US 17 northbound for 4.5 miles, turn right on Yacht Club Rd. to FYC. EASTBOUND on I-10, take I-295 south to 103rd St. Turn left on 103rd(east) and follow for 2.7 miles to US 17. Stay in the right of the two left turn lanes as you will be veering right immediately on to SR 211. Follow to Yacht Club Rd(about .5 mile) and take a right. SOUTHBOUND on I-95, exit I-10 westbound. After a half mile, exit US 17 South(left exit). Continue on US 17 South to Yacht Club Rd(5.6 miles from I-10). Turn left to club. Follow Yacht Club Rd. to the end.

11. PARKING: There is shaded parking available on the grass in front of the Grimes house approaching FYC. Vehicles must be parked outside the dry storage fence area except when launching or retrieving boats. **Trailers must not be parked in front of dry stored boats.**

12. SOCIAL: Friday night there will be the Sunset Cruise to LYC Racing for dinner and music. Saturday night there will be cocktails and dinner at the Club with door prizes and photos from JH Peterson. There will be lunch served at the Sailing Center after the races on Sunday.

13. Guest Cards: Competitors can obtain guest cards in order to utilize the dining facilities and bar outside of the organized functions during your stay. These should be obtained during the Late Registration/Check-In periods if at all possible. If you will arrive after 7 on Thursday or Friday and want to be able to purchase something at the club, you can pre-arrange your guest card by contacting the front office at 904-387-1653.

14. BABY SITTING: Details of the babysitting are still being determined and will be posted on the regatta website. Contact Greg Griffin if you need babysitting.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION: Greg Griffin (904) 226-0770 or thistle3976@gmail.com.