

## NOTICE OF RACE

**2010 Thistle Midwinter West Regatta  
February 3-6, 2010  
and  
Larry Klein Match Racing Championship  
February 7, 2010**

**Thistle Fleet 13  
Mission Bay Yacht Club  
San Diego, CA**

**Organizing Authority:** Thistle Midwinter West Regatta (MWW) and The Larry Klein Match Racing Championship (LK) are organized by the Thistle Class Association (TCA) in conjunction with the Mission Bay Yacht Club, and have been sanctioned in accordance with the By-Laws of the TCA.

**Rules:** The Regattas will be governed by the "rules" as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012 Racing Rules (RRS), and the rules governing the (TCA) including the Constitution, By-Laws, and Specifications "class rules", except as modified in the Sailing Instructions (SI) or Appendices to the sailing instructions.

**Eligibility and Entry:** The Regattas is open to boats and competitors meeting the eligibility requirements as described in the (TCA) rules. **(All Skippers must be TCA members; all boats must be Registered and Dues Paid).** Eligible participants may enter in advance for both or either regatta by completing the Official (MWW) and (LK) Entry Forms, and completing registration as described in this Notice of Race. Entries should be sent with entry fees to the below address postmarked no later than January 22, 2010. The (MWW) entry fee is \$165.00 (\$140 for US Sailing Members). The (LK) entry fee is \$35.00(\$25.00 for US Sailing Members). Late entries will be accepted with a \$40 late fee. (US Sailing discount not available for late entries).

**Make checks payable to:**       **Thistle Fleet 13**

**Mail to:**                               **Thistle Midwinter West Regatta  
Mission Bay Yacht Club  
1215 El Carmel Place  
San Diego, CA 92108**

### **2010 Race Schedule:**

February 3, 12 00 – 16 00 hours Sailing Clinic and Practice Races

February 4, 10 00 hours (MWW) Skippers Meeting

February 4, 11 30 hours (MWW) Warning Signal for Race One (up to three races)

February 5, 11 30 hours (MWW) Warning Signal for first race of the day (up to three races)

February 6, 11 30 hours Warning Signal for first race of the day (up to three races)

February 7, 09 30 hours (LK) Skippers Meeting

February 7, 10 30 hours (LK) Warning Signal for Race 1 (Qualification races and Match racing to follow)

The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule and area to suit weather conditions.

**Sailing Instructions:** The preliminary sailing instructions will be available online at [www.mbyc.org](http://www.mbyc.org). These preliminary sailing instructions may be modified or amended.

**Racing:** The sailing area for the (MWW) will be on the Pacific Ocean. *In the unlikely event of weather conditions preventing safe competition on the Ocean course, the race committee may substitute Mission Bay as an alternate location. We have every intention of holding all MWW races on the ocean.* The sailing for the (LK) will be on Mission Bay San Diego, CA.

(MWW) The scores of the first three races are totaled, determining a 50% split of the competitor boats into two fleets. The top half is known as the Championship Fleet and the bottom half the Presidents Fleet. Following the split of the fleet, **the Championship Fleet's competitor's scores will carry 50% of their scores from the first 3 races on for the remaining races to determine the championship.**

The Presidents Fleet competitor's scores will be erased and the boats will begin the series with the highest finishing boat after the split receiving 1 point the second boat receiving 2 points and so on to start the scoring for the remaining races and begin a new scoring series with the remaining races. Before and after the split, all boats will race together as one fleet. 1 race constitutes a regatta.

(LK) Three Qualification Races will be held with the top eight finishers advancing to the match racing. The top eight competitors will be seated and begin the match races as soon as possible. At least 2 qualification races must be held to create pairings for the Match Racing pairings.

**Registration and Measurement:** At the time of measurement, valid certificates as required by Class Rules, and specifications must be completed. Measurement will include but not be limited to be all up weight, J measurement, and safety equipment (flotation, paddle, PFDs, anchor and line, throwable, bailing bucket, whistle).

Regatta volunteers will make efforts to help register in person entries. Regatta volunteers will make efforts to complete measurement of entries. Please cooperate by trying to accomplish measurement during the approximate schedule.

Wednesday February 3 08 00 hours until the start of the clinic and practice races

Thursday February 4 08 00 hours until the start of the competitors meeting

**Scoring:** (MWW) The Low Point Scoring System of the RRS Appendix A will apply, as modified by the Class Rules and this notice of race. **There will be no throw-outs.**

(LK) In accordance with RRS Appendix C10

**Prizes** Prizes will be awarded to the top 5 finishers in both Championship and Presidents Fleet (MWW) and the winner of the (LK).

### **Insurance and Damages:**

A. The Organizing Committee does not assume any responsibility of any sort regarding the participants and boats. Competitors should have their own insurance covering all risks.

B. RRS 68 DAMAGES is altered as follows. The following provisions shall govern the question of damages arising from a breach of any rule:

(a) a boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of "assumption of risk" for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

**Additional Information:** David Bloomberg, Regatta Chairman; [mailto:dave\\_bloomberg@yahoo.com](mailto:dave_bloomberg@yahoo.com)