NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES
   1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by The Racing Rules of Sailing, and the current rules of the Thistle Class Association, except as any of these are altered by the sailing instructions.
   1.2. Racing rules will be changed as follows:
       1.2.1. Rule 61.3 is changed so that “A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the Race Committee finish boat of her intention as soon as possible after finishing, including the boat identification number of the boat(s) being protested”.

2. ELIGIBILITY
   2.1. This regatta is open to any Thistle Class Sailboat.
   2.2. A liability waiver must be signed by participants when paying for registration during Check-in.

3. REGISTRATION and ENTRY
   3.1. Eligible boats may register online using: https://www.clsasailing.org/thistleregattas
   3.2. Registration will also be available at the regatta site on Saturday.
   3.3. The regatta entry fee is $50 (cash or check) per boat.
   3.4. We are planning to offer a Coach TCA Style Clinic (registration fee is $50 per boat).
   3.5. Payment will be collected at the regatta.

4. SCHEDULE
   4.1. Friday Sept. 9
       10:00 AM  Coach TCA Style Clinic (optional)
       12:00 PM  Boat set up and tuning assistance
       12:45 PM  Complementary Lunch
       1:00 PM   On-The-Water activity briefing
       1:00 PM   First warning (practice racing, drills, and on the water coaching)
       4:00 PM   Debrief
       6:00 PM   Dinner and Sailing videos
   4.2. Saturday Sept. 10
       10:00 AM  Pre-racing chalk talk over bagels/coffee
       10:30 to 11:30 AM  Registration
       11:30 AM  Complementary Lunch (Brats, chips and fruit)
       12:00 PM  Competitors meeting
       12:30 PM  Harbor gun
       1:00 PM   First Warning signal with back to back races
       After racing  Post-race chalk talk
       6:00 PM   Dinner: Steak Barbeque $15 per person
   4.3. Sunday Sept. 11
       8:30 AM   Complimentary breakfast: coffee, Doughnuts and fruit
                    with pre-racing chalk talk
       9:00 AM   Harbor gun
       9:30 AM   First Warning signal with back to back races
                 (No races will start after noon on Sunday)
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1:00 PM (Approx.) Awards (following races)
1:00 PM (Approx.) Complementary lunch: leftover Brats, chips, and fruit

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
   5.1. The sailing instructions will be available at registration.

6. Radio Communication:
   6.1. Competitors may receive radio transmission from the Race Committee in accordance with Thistle Class CMR 74. The Race committee may communicate safety or race related information on a designated channel. Competitors are encouraged to monitor the safety channel throughout the race when conditions warrant.

7. VENUE
   7.1. The regatta will be sailed in the main basin of Clinton Lake. Launching will be at the Clinton Lake Sailing Association boat ramp or at the nearby Clinton Lake Marina boat ramp. While boats are being launched, they may be rafted at the CLSA dock, due to limited space. Please bring a boat fender in case they are needed to protect your boat.

8. SCORING
   8.1. The Low Point System of 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.

9. SUPPORT & SPECTATOR BOATS
   9.1. Spectator boats may be available via sign-up at the venue on Race Days.

10. PRIZES
   10.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 skippers and crews.

11. Directions
   11.1. Clinton Lake is located roughly 35 miles from Champaign/Urbana or Bloomington/Normal, IL. The CLSA pavilion is best reached from Route 10 south of the lake. When traveling east from Clinton IL, find White Pigeon/Marina road and drive north. Take the entrance to Clinton Lake Marina and look for the CLSA facility just north (to your right) of the marina grounds.

12. Our intention is to conform to the Governor's virus guidelines:
   12.1. Sailors who are fully vaccinated against the coronavirus no longer need to wear a mask outdoors when in small gatherings.
   12.2. People who are not fully vaccinated should continue the previous recommendations on mask-wearing, social distancing, hand-washing, etc.
   12.3. If you are not feeling well, please let us know, it’s ok to stay home.
   12.4. It is up to each participant to decide what their acceptable level of risk is.

13. Lodging
   13.1. There are numerous hotel/motels in the area within 45 minutes from the lake in Bloomington/Normal, Champaign/Urbana. There are also a few motel rooms in Clinton (10 min) and Farmer City (20 min) near the marina.
   13.2. Primitive camping will be available on site. Regular camping amenities are also available nearby at the Clinton Lake State Recreation Area.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION
   14.1. For further information please contact:
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