

NOTICE OF RACE

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA

THE SAN JACINTO REGATTA

Hosted by Bay Access at LAKEWOOD Yacht Club
2425 Nasa Parkway, Seabrook, Texas 77586

April 21 - 22, 2012

1. RULES:

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2** "The Texas Youth Racing Circuit Conditions" apply and are available on the web site at <http://www.txsail.org/> . A copy will also be available at the regatta site.
- 1.3** The rules for all classes are altered so that membership in a class organization is not required.
- 1.4** Racing Rules 61.1(a), Protest Requirements and Appendix A2, Scoring Systems are modified for this series. Racing Rule 49.1 is changed to allow the use of hiking pants.

2. ADVERTISING:

- 2.1** Advertising is restricted per ISAF Regulation 20.1 and Table 1 to Event Advertising only.
- 2.2** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.1** *The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist, Laser (Full, Radial and 4.7) and Double-Handed (Club 420 and FJ classes). All classes are "bring your own boat" except FJ class being offered for charter by Bay Access, limited to 18 boats. A minimum of three boats is required to form a class. All boats shall have identifiable sail numbers. Sail numbers meeting class standards are encouraged.*
- 3.2** The regatta is open to all junior sailors who are less than twenty years old and who do not turn twenty years of age during this calendar year.
- 3.3** Optimists are sailed in four fleets:
 - 3.3.1** Green Fleet: Open to all novice sailors under age 15 and through 12/31 of the calendar year in which they turn age 15
 - 3.3.2** White Fleet: Age 10 and under
 - 3.3.3** Blue Fleet: Age 11 – 12
 - 3.3.4** Red Fleet: Age 13 – 15
 - 3.3.5** For Optimist White, Blue and Red fleets, skipper's age on the first day of the regatta determines his or her fleet. Skippers move fleets on their 11th and 13th birthdays. Those turning 15 may continue in Red fleet through 12/31 of that year.

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- 4. ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee is **\$50.00** for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats. **FJ charter will be in addition to the entry fee and will be \$10.00 per sailor, plus a valid credit card deposit required to cover any damages to**

the charter vessel. Your credit card will not be charged except in the event of damage to the vessel that occurs during the charter period. The entry fee includes one regatta T-Shirt and the following meals for each sailor: breakfast and lunch Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Meal tickets will be available for non-competitors for an extra charge of **\$25.00**. Make all registration checks payable to **Bay Access**.

5. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

5.1 Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be done online at the TSA website www.txsail.org.

5.2 Registration and check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Saturday, April 21, 2012, between 8:00 am and 10:00 am in the Seahorse Youth Sailing Facility. Execution of a **Liability Release Agreement** as set forth in the Registration Form shall be required. Parents are urged to provide a signed **Medical Consent Form** to enable other adults to obtain emergency medical services in the event of the parents' unavailability during the regatta.

5.3 All sailors are **required to check in** by 10:00 am on Saturday at the registration table, even if the sailor pre-registered by mail or other means.

6. SCHEDULE:

6.1 Subject to the decisions of the Race Committee, six or more races are scheduled. One or more races will constitute a regatta. If five or more races are completed, there will be one throw out race for scoring purposes. If ten or more races are completed there will be one additional throw out – two total – for scoring purposes.

6.2 The schedule for the regatta is:

Friday, April 20, 2012

12:00pm – 9:00pm The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats.

Saturday, April 21, 2012

8:00am 10:00am	Breakfast
8:00am 10:00am	Registration at the Seahorse Youth Sailing Facility
10:45am	Skipper's Meeting at the Seahorse Youth Sailing Facility (Attendance Mandatory)
11:15am – 12:00	Lunch will be served at Seahorse Youth Sailing Facility
12:30pm	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

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Sunday, April 22, 2012

8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast
10:00am	Preparatory Signal for the first race, additional races to follow

6.3 No warning signal for a race will be given after 1:00pm on Sunday.

6.4 Attendance at the **Skippers' Meeting** held at 10:45 am on Saturday of the regatta at the Seahorse Youth Sailing Facility is mandatory.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Sailing Instructions will be provided at registration and at the Skipper's Meeting. If published in time, they may also be posted on the TSA website

8. VENUE: Races will be conducted on the waters of Clear Lake, TX (RC may at its' discretion chose to hold races on Galveston Bay for any fleet.)

9. SAFETY: A U.S. Coast Guard approved personal buoyancy device will be worn by all competitors while on the water. Wet or Dry suits are not considered adequate buoyancy devices for this purpose. All buoyancy devices shall be worn on the outside of all clothing. RC has authority to DSQ any competitor and remove them from the course if PFD is not Coast Guard approved.

10. DISCIPLINE :

10.1 Per US SAILING Regulation 5.03 no contestant shall use, either on or off the water, during any Texas Sailing Association Junior event: marijuana or any other controlled substance (as defined in 21 U.S. Code 802) the possession of which is unlawful under 21 U.S. Code 841, or alcoholic beverages (distilled spirits, wine and beer, each as defined in chapter 51 of the U.S: IRC Code and intended for beverage use). This regulation is in effect from date and time of arrival through date and time of departure from the locale. The penalty shall be that the contestant after a proper hearing, be immediately removed from the regatta venue and, where practical, sent home.

10.2 All competitors, coaches and parents are expected to maintain the highest level of conduct throughout the entire event. When the Protest Committee, from its own observation or a report received from any source believes that a competitor may have committed a breach of a rule, good manners, or sportsmanship, or may have brought the sport into disrepute, it may call a hearing. After a proper hearing the penalty may range from a reprimand to dismissal from the regatta and additional action may be taken under RRS 69.

10.3 Hearings will be held generally in accordance with the recommendations of Appendix M5 of the RRS. The officers for hearing a violation will consist of the Chief Judge, acting as chairman of the hearing, the Protest Committee and the Chairman of the Texas Sailing Association Junior Committee or his or her designee in the event he or she is not present. The regatta chair shall serve ex officio as a nonvoting member of the panel and will have an open right to express his or her views during the course of the hearing process.

11.TROPHY PRESENTATION: Trophy presentations will be held on Sunday afternoon approximately one hour after the last race or when protest hearing(s) are completed.

12.LODGING:

Springhill Suites	281-474-3456	(directly across from Club)
Quality Inn	281-326-7200	(.5 miles from Club)
Hampton Inn	281-326-5600	(1 Mile From Club)

13.DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB: Google Map "2425 NASA Rd 1 Seabrook, TX 77586

14.FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information please contact Diane Livingstone, at 713-320-6971 or Diane.G.Livingstone@usdoj.gov
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