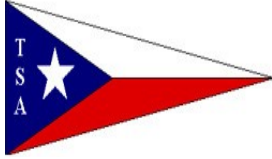


NOTICE OF RACE

TEXAS SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CIRCUIT REGATTA
KICK-OFF REGATTA
ORGANIZING AUTHORITY



Hosted by
Lakewood Yacht Club
2425 NASA Parkway
Seabrook, Texas 77586
February 28, 2015 and March 1, 2015

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:

This regatta is classified as a Category A Event in accordance with RRS Appendix 1, Regulation 20 – ISAF Advertising Code.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the *Optimist, Laser (Radial and 4.7) and Double-Handed (420 Club and International 420) classes*. All classes are “bring your own boat”. 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.

4. ENTRY FEE:

4.1 The entry fee is \$65.00 for each sailor, whether in single or double-handed boats. The entry fee increases to \$75.00 on Monday, February 23, 2015. The entry fee includes the following meals for each sailor: breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Lunches will be available for pick-up by sailors before launching on both days. Lunches will not be delivered on the water. Meal tickets for the Saturday dinner will be available for non-competitors for an extra charge of \$15.00. Entry fees are payable online at www.tx sail.org. Registrations paid by check should be made payable to Bay Access.

5. REGISTRATION AND CHECK IN:

5.1 Pre-Registration is encouraged and may be done on-line at www.tx sail.org

5.2 Registration and check-in at the regatta will be conducted on Friday, February 27, 2015, between 1700 hrs and 1900 hrs, and Saturday, February 28, 2015 between 0730 hrs and 0900 hrs, at the Seahorse Youth 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 0900 am on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the registration table, even if the sailor pre-registered on-line.

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, February 27, 2015

All day	The Club will be open to allow unloading of boats.
1700-1900	Registration

Saturday, February 28, 2015

0730-0900	Registration at the Seahorse Youth Facility
0800-0845	Breakfast
0900	Skipper's Meeting at Seahorse Youth Facility (Attendance Mandatory)
1000	Harbor Start all fleets – excluding Green Fleet
1030	Harbor Start – Green Fleet
1100	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
Between Races	Box Lunch
1800	Dinner – Seahorse Pavilion Area or Ballroom, TBD

Sunday, March 1, 2015

0730-0830	Breakfast
0845	Skipper's Meeting at Seahorse Youth Facility (Attendance Mandatory)
0900	Harbor Start, all fleets - excluding Green Fleet
0930	Harbor Start - Green Fleet
1000	Warning Signal for the first race, additional races to follow
Between Races	Box Lunch
1400	No warning signal after this time
Following Protests	Award Presentation (1530 appx. Time)

6.3 Attendance at the Skippers' Meeting held at 0900 am on Saturday and at 0845 am on Sunday of the regatta at the Seahorse Youth 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 Galveston Bay and Clear Lake, at the discretion of the Race Committee. The location of each Fleet's races will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting.

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, with the exception of pinnies.

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 and one-half hour after the last race, or when protest hearing(s) are completed. The number of trophies will be determined by the number of entries in each fleet at the discretion of the Race Committee. A minimum of three (3) participants is required for a trophy in a particular class. Participation awards will be given to all green fleet sailors.

12. LODGING:

There are several national hotel chains and motels nearby, as well as Bed & Breakfast accommodations. Please see <http://www.seabrooktourism.com>

13. DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB:

Take I-45 South to NASA Road One. Go East on NASA Road One. Turn right at 7th Street (just past KO Sailing and next to the O'Reilly's Auto Parts Store), then right on Lidstone to the Lakewood Yacht Club main entrance. Check in with gate guard - directions to the Seahorse Youth Sailing area of the Club will be provided to you.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION:

For further information please contact Leigh Zittler at (713) 446-8873 or larz@cjmlaw.com